Behold, your king is coming to you.



Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2026

SERVING YOU TODAY	
Pastor	Tony Pittenger
Accompanist	Megan Enstad
Acolytes	Scott Amiling, Isabel Gracia, Gabe & Noah Gerace
Ushers	Jory Kitchens Don Evans
Elder on Duty	Larry Sharrett
November 30-December 6	

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use The Divine Service, *Rite Two*, starting on page 60. *Please follow along in the hymnal or above the altar*.

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

HYMNS

90	**87**	**99**	**101**
Savior of the Nations, Come	*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*	*The Advent of Our King*	*The King Shall Come*

INTROIT: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, I trust in You. Let me not be ashamed; let not my enemies triumph over me. Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, we bless and praise You forever, that You sent Your Son to rule over us poor sinners, who for our transgressions justly deserved to remain in the bondage of sin and Satan, and that in Him You gave us a meek and righteous King, who by His death became our Savior from sin and eternal death. We beseech You so to enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may ever remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior, and not, after the manner of the world, be offended by His humbled form and despised Word, but, firmly believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. [12] The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13] Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14] But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Romans 13:11-14 *(ESV)*.

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies: for they have been from of old. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2] saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. [3] If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." [4] This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, [5] "Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, Your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.' " [6] The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7] They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. [8] Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9] And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" *Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a Righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.' "For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever. *Jeremiah 33:14–18 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For unashamed hope in the Lord's return, that sustained by His Holy Spirit, we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who await the second advent of Christ, that their shouts of "hosanna" might be answered now through Word and Sacrament and soon by Jesus' return, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the whole Church, that as we wait for the coming of our King, our hearts may be filled with His joy and our lips with His praise, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian homes, that God would defend the single, husbands and wives, and all children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them instead with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in authority, that they would be given wisdom and insight until the day when Christ comes again in glory to usher in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

And for the sick, the suffering and those in need, *[especially _____,]* that our Father in heaven would ease their pain, increase their faith, and grant them healing and peace in accordance with His own wisdom and will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise You forever that You have sent Your Son to reign over us poor sinners, who for our trespasses deserve rightly to remain in bondage to sin and Satan. Enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by His humble appearance or despised Word. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Matthew 6:33 (ESV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

2027 ENVELOPES

If you have received envelopes in the past, and give by a different method, or if you have never received annual giving envelopes, please let Rosemary or Shawn Wibe know and you will be assigned a number.

Boxes will be out the first week of December.

Please check your boxes regularly.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

ALTAR CARE FOR 2027

Ladies, please prayerfully consider assisting with 2027 Altar Care. Monthly teams of 2-3 are needed. Training is available if you're new or want a 'refresher'. If you have any questions, ask the office, or contact the current Altar Care Chairman Arin Starkel.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD We collected **70 boxes**! Thanks to all who participated to send the love of Jesus to children all over the world

You are awesome!

Nancy Busek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVING TREE

Keep an eye out for our annual Giving Tree that will be up after Sunday's service to sponsor a child/family in our community.

Please select a tag, shop, wrap and return the present, with tag attached, and place under the tree. **Deadline to return is Monday, December 14th.**

If you would like to add a family in need to the tree, please let the office know.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

It's not too early!

If you know a family who could benefit from a Christmas Food Basket, please let the office know.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS AND NEWS

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the narthex.

SEMINAR, 12/5

Messiah Lutheran Church, in Lacey, is hosting a free seminar (breakfast and lunch are included) on Saturday, December 5, about sharing the good news of Jesus as Savior with Mormon friends and neighbors. Please let Pastor know if you plan on attending so that he can give them a headcount.

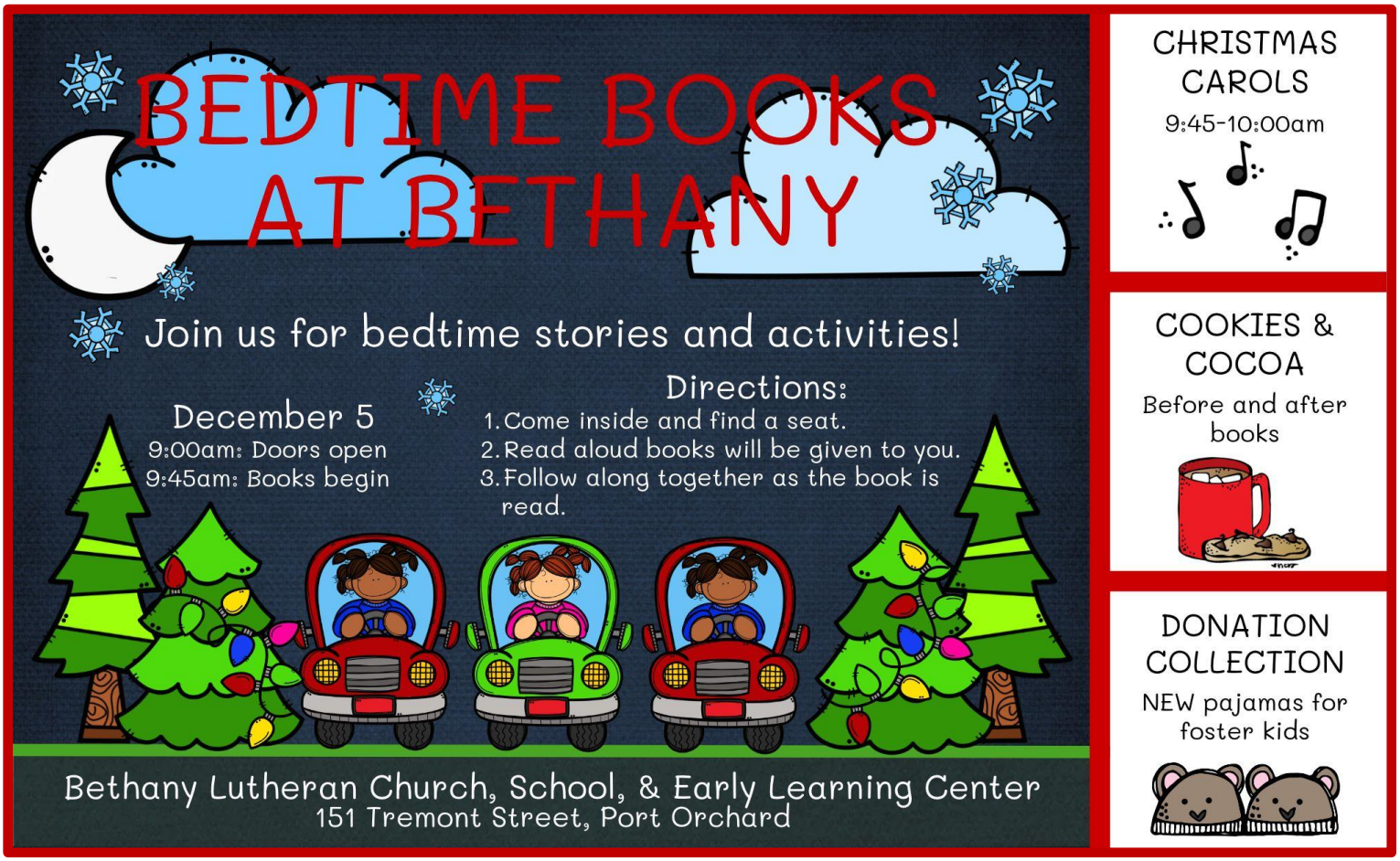
BEDTIME BOOKS AT BETHANY, 12/5

Join us for bedtime stories and activities. Singing starts at 9:45am. Cookies and cocoa are available before and after the stories. We are collecting new pajamas for foster kids. Donations of cookies and cider are warmly welcomed! We will also need volunteers, sign up sheets in the Narthex. Please see Melissa for more information.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, 12/6

Christmas Caroling will start at 2:00pm, leaving from Bethany. Pastor's will be having an open house starting after 5:30.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN dates are set for July 10-15, 2027.



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 11/29 *Advent One*
9:00am Worship
10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School
11:00am Christmas Decorating
11:15am Confirmation B

MONDAY, 11/30
7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 12/01
1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study
6:00pm Sunday School mtg
7:00pm School Board mtg

SATURDAY, 12/05
9:00am Men's Fellowship
10:00am Bedtime Books

SUNDAY, 12/06 *Advent Two*
9:00am Worship
10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School
2:00pm Christmas Caroling
5:30pm Pittenger Open House

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Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am, Monday 7:00pm.


Christmas Services
Christmas Service
ELC-Kindergarten
Fri. 12/11, 6:30pm
Christmas Service
1st-8th Grade
Thu. 12/17, 6:30pm
Sunday School
Christmas Service
Sun. 12/24, 5:00pm
Christmas Eve
Candlelight
Thu. 12/24, 11:00pm
Christmas Day
Festival Worship
Fri. 12/25 10:00am
New Year's Eve
Service with Communion
Thu. 12/31, 6:00pm

