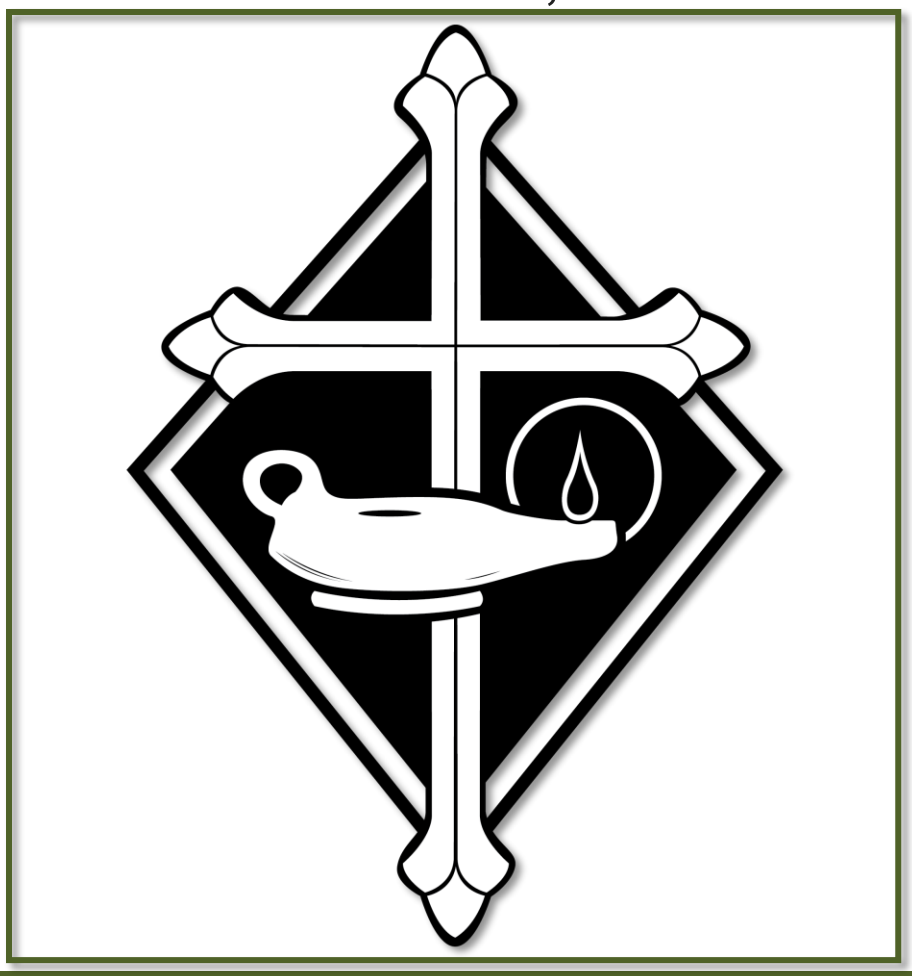
LAST SUNDAY IN TRINITY

November 22, 2026



SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor	Tony Pittenger
Accompanist	Cathy Sharrett
Acolytes	Colton Denney, Tristan & Brennan Monaghan, Audrey & Sam Pasillas
Ushers	Larry Sharrett, Isaac Sharrett
Elder on Duty	Jeremy Gracia

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Monday: The Office of Compline, page 128.

HYMNS

		Distribution		
96	**544**	**539**	**100**	**543**
Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!	*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*	*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*	*The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*	*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

INTROIT: I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, make us watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He shall stand at the door and knock, He may find us not sleeping in carelessness and sin, but awake and rejoicing in His appearance; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything
written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then
sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
they will not escape. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a
thief. [5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For
those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8] But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we
might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you
are doing. *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the
foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with
their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at
midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ [7] Then all those
virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your
oil, for our lamps are going out.’ [9] But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be
enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ [10] And while they
were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the
marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord,
lord, open to us.’ [12] But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ [13] Watch
therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour. *Matthew 25:1–13 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the Church, as she eagerly awaits the return of her Bridegroom, that we would not grow weary, but that God would strengthen us through His Word and Sacraments to ever hold fast to His promise of salvation won by Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors, teachers, and other servants in the Church, that trusting Christ, our only hope, they would proclaim Him in boldness and clarity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful vocations in the home, the church and the world that build up and cultivate God's creation according to His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who govern us, our president; our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that God would grant them wisdom, humility and integrity, so that the work of their hands would be of benefit to all whom they serve and in accordance with His will; and that God would bring peace to our troubled world, so that all would hear the message of the Gospel and rejoice in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For the suffering, *[especially _____,]* that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would comfort them by the sure and certain hope we have in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For hope in the Lord of the living and the dead, who will unite His whole Church at last in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS AND NEWS

THANKSGIVING EVE, 11/25
Church service begins at 6pm. Pie-A-Palooza is to follow. Please sign up to bring a pie on the purple bulletin board in the hallway.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the narthex.

GIVING TREE
If you know a family who could benefit from our Giving Tree, please contact Rosemary for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING, 11/29
Sunday, November 29, Bethany's Youth Group will be decorating and putting up the Christmas tree after Bible Study.

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, 11/22
Last Sunday of the Church Year
9:00am Worship with Communion
10:15am Sunday School for all ages
Art Fair Judging

MONDAY, 11/23
7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 11/24
1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 11/25
6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service
7:00pm Pie-A-Palooza

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, 11/25-27
Office Closed
Thanksgiving Break

SUNDAY, 11/29 Advent 1
9:00am Worship
10:15am Sunday School for all ages
11:00am Christmas Tree Decoration

Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God
By Mary Erickson in remembrance of her son Michael and her mother.

SERVING NEXT WEEK, November 29 – December 6
Organist: Cathy Sharrett
Acolytes: Scott Amiling, Isabel Gracia, Gabriel and Noah Gerace
Ushers: Jory Kitchens and Don Evans
Elder on Duty: Larry Sharrett