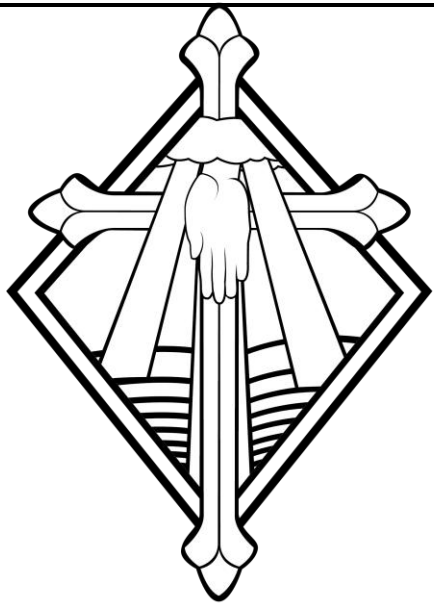
Bethany Lutheran Church

THANKSGIVING

November 25, 2026



SERVING YOU TONIGHT	ORDER OF WORSHIP
Preacher: Pastor Pittenger **Organist:** Roberta Highfill **Acolytes**: William Nantz Audrey and Sam Pasillas **Elder**: Jeremy Gracia	Join with us as we use Vespers, pages 120-121, with modifications. *(Please follow along in the hymnal or above the altar as announced)*

HYMNS:

63	**464**	**461**	**466**
Now Thank We All Our God	*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*	*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*	*We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer*

PSALM 107

[1] Oh give thanks to the Lord!
For He is good, His mercy endures forever!
[2] Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble [3] and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

[4] Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in;
[5] hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. [6] Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.
[7] He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
[8] Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!
[9] For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

[10] Some sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, prisoners in affliction and in irons, [11] for they had rebelled against the words of God, and spurned the counsel of the Most High. [12] So He bowed their hearts down with hard labor; they fell down, with none to help.
[13] Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.
[14] He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and burst their bonds apart. [15] Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man!
[16] For He shatters the doors of bronze and cuts in two the bars of iron.

17 Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because
of their iniquities suffered affliction; 18 they loathed any kind
of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.
19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He
delivered them from their distress.
20 He sent out His word and healed them, and delivered
them from their destruction. 21 Let them thank the Lord for
His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of
man!
22 And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of
His deeds in songs of joy!

23 Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on
the great waters; 24 they saw the deeds of the Lord, His
wondrous works in the deep. 25 For He commanded and
raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the
sea. 26 They mounted up to Heaven; they went down to the
depths; their courage melted away in their evil plight; 27 they
reeled and staggered like drunken men and were at their
wits' end.
28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He
delivered them from their distress.
29 He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were
hushed. 30 Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and He brought them to their desired haven. 31 Let them
thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wondrous
works to the children of man!
32 Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty
ground, 34 a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the
evil of its inhabitants.
35 He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land
into springs of water.

[36] And there He lets the hungry dwell, and they establish a city to live in; [37] they sow fields and plant vineyards and get a fruitful yield. [38]By His blessing they multiply greatly, and He does not let their livestock diminish. [39] When they are diminished and brought low through oppression, evil, and sorrow, [40] He pours contempt on princes and makes them wander in trackless wastes;

[41] but He raises up the needy out of affliction and makes their families like flocks.

[42] The upright see it and are glad, and all wickedness shuts its mouth. [43] Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

[1] Oh give thanks to the Lord!

For He is good, His mercy endures forever!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." [42] They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" [43] Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. [44] No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. [45] It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— [46] not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. [47] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. [48] I am the bread of life. [49] Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. [50] This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. [51] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:41–51 *(ESV)*



www.catechesisbooks.com

A Litany *of* Thanksgiving

from the Book of Common Prayer

Let us give thanks to God our Father
for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation,
in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink,
our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think,
and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work,
and time to rest and worship,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who are patient in suffering
and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all who earnestly seek after truth,
and all who labor for justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is good and gracious
in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints,
in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for
the great mercies and promises given to us
in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you,
O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.
Amen

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 EVENTS 11/30-12/14	
Church Decorating	*Sun. 11/29 11:00 am*
Bedtime Books	*Sat. 12/05, 10:00am*
Christmas Caroling	*Sun. 12/06, 2:00pm*
Pittenger Open House	*Sun. 12/06, after 5:30pm*

GIVING TREE

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

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

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, 11/25

Thanksgiving Eve Service *with Communion*

Pie-a-palooza!

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, 11/26-27

No School, Office Closed

THANKSGIVING BREAK

SUNDAY, 11/29 *Advent One*

9:00am Worship*(livestreamed)*

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Christmas Decorating

11:15am Confirmation B



CHRISTMAS CAROLS

9:45-10:00am



COOKIES & COCOA

Before and after books



DONATION COLLECTION

NEW pajamas for foster kids




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