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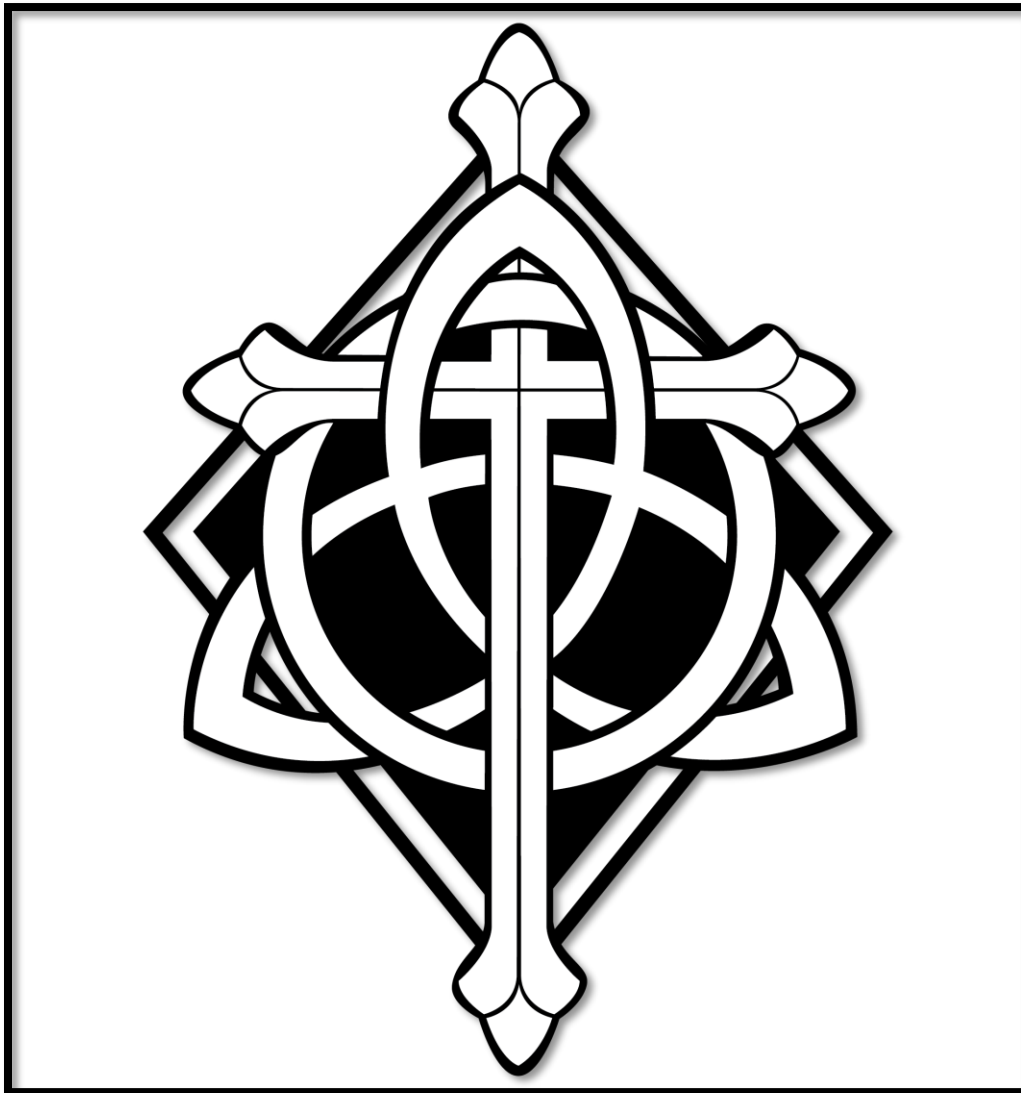
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**TRINITY**

May 26, 2024

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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# Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

We greet you in Jesus' name!

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## OFFERING

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During our worship service members and friends of Bethany Lutheran have the opportunity

to respond to God's good news with gifts to support His saving work.

You can also donate online at any time.

Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.



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## PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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Bethany encourages young children to worship with their parents in the sanctuary. Though children can be restless, God's Word is intended for them as well as adults. If your young one should become too restless during worship, a "cry room" is available just outside the sanctuary to the left.

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## FIRST-TIME VISITOR

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**Restrooms** - to your right as you exit sanctuary (*changing tables available*)

**Hearing Assistance Available** - please ask for a receiver at the usher station

Please consider emailing your name, address and phone number to [Bethany.lutheran@wavecable.com](mailto:Bethany.lutheran@wavecable.com).

We would love to follow up with you to see how we can best serve you with the good news of Jesus.

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## SERVING YOU TODAY

**Preacher**

Pastor Tony Pittenger

**Organist/Accompanist**

Mrs. Cathy Sharrett

**Communion Assistants**

Dennis Morrison

**Acolytes**

Pittenger, M/D Denney

**Elder on duty this week**

Bo Boucher

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Jeremy and Kelli Gracia in celebration of their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*\*Communion is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays & Mondays of the month.*

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP:**

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

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### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN: # 602**

*God Bless Our Native Land*

#### **INTROIT**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity; let us give glory to Him because He has shown mercy to us. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, by Your grace alone we are called into Your kingdom, to confess the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the true Unity: We beseech You, that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, live and reign, and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

 *Amen*

#### **EPISTLE LESSON**

**O**h, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! <sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?” <sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup>For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. *Romans 11:33–36 (ESV)*

#### **GRADUAL**

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

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**N**ow there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak of what We know, and bear witness to what We have seen, but you do not receive Our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you Heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into Heaven except He who descended from Heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. *John 3:1–15 (ESV)*

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**CHIEF HYMN: #403**

*God Loved the World So that he Gave*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

For the protection and guidance of the Holy Spirit, that we may not grow weary nor lose sight of the goal before us; and that the Spirit would work in us to display the good works of Him who has called us from darkness into His marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who deny the new birth of water and the Spirit to infants and children, that the Lord of hosts would open their eyes and hearts to the fullness of His grace; and that these little ones would no longer be hindered from being born again and seeing His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents and children, that they would be given the courage to love as God has loved us and be united in their common life by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him; and that the Lord would bless the single with chastity, protect the orphan and defend the helpless, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed officials, that in their stewardship of the nation and state they may be faithful and serve honorably for our benefit, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security and served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [                     and] all who suffer in our midst, that the Lord of hosts would uphold them in the truth that, since He is at their right hand, they cannot be shaken; and that He would gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit—the gift of faith, that all churches may confess truly and faithfully the Word and live in harmony of doctrine and life, in anticipation of that day when we shall kneel together at the Lord's altar, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:**

*Most Glorious Holy Trinity*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

*The Armed Forces Hymn*

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## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

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*“The Devil wants us to view our offerings as an obligation, rather than as a joyful response to the Gospel.  
God wants us to give in response to  
His gift of Jesus Christ.”*

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### GATHER-GROW-GO

**Gather** to hear God’s Word.

**Grow** in our faith and love for one another.

**Go** and serve neighbors as God enables us.

Scan this QR code to access our SignUPGenius page, where you can volunteer for worship roles, BedTime Books, and property beautification.



Not sure how? Stop by the office or find Pastor and Rosemary and we can show you.

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10.*

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### LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP AMMO CAN CAMPAIGN

As Memorial Day approaches, Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is seeking donations in support of our military men, women, and their families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS and WELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the ammo can located in the (insert location), you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, workshops, retreats, scholarships and grants, and so much more. To find out more about this organization, please visit [lutheranmilitary.org](http://lutheranmilitary.org). Thank you for helping us stand shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!

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### ATTENTION FIRST RESPONDERS AND MILITARY VETERANS!

Long shifts, poor sleep, and a dangerous work environment are not the only experiences shared by Veterans and First Responders. Both are significantly more likely to experience trauma related to their job. These experiences can impact us, our families, and our faith.

Join us as we focus on the impacts of trauma and how God has prepared us for peace.

Bring a friend and join us for a morning workshop and lunch

**Saturday, July 20, at Parkland Lutheran Church in Tacoma.**

**This event is sponsored by Lutheran Military Support Group.**

**For more details and registration information, please visit [LutheranMilitary.org](http://LutheranMilitary.org).**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## BEDTIME BOOK HELP

Do you have strong arms, a good back and want to get your steps in? Bethany desperately needs some muscles, after the service today, to help bring down around 100 boxes of books from the balcony and taken to the Power Hour/Sunday School classroom.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Pittenger.



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## BETHANY BRIDGES

Bethany Bridges is starting up again. We are looking for people who are willing to host a small group for fellowship and study to enhance connections within our Christian Community. Sign up on the bulletin board just passed the restroom.

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## BETHANY BEACON: SUMMER EDITION

The Summer Beacon is available today in your church mailboxes and will be emailed next week. It's packed full of events and information, you might need a whole cup of coffee or tea to read it! Regarding the recipe on page 8: You will need to use a King James Bible for best decoding success - and the 'spice' according to Bible historians is most likely cinnamon.

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Girls 12 and older are invited to attend Friends In Faith adventures!  
Questions? See Becky Bergemann or Carrie Grey.

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## HERE IS A SNIPPET OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

### EVERGREEN EAGLES

**MAY**

31<sup>st</sup> Pop Concert



### BETHANY BOBCATS

**MAY**

28<sup>th</sup>: Field Trips

29<sup>th</sup> Field Day

30<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten

Graduation, 6:30 pm

31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of School,

All School Picnic at

Lutherhaven

*\*office closed*

### EARLY LEARNING

**CENTER**

**MAY**

30<sup>th</sup> Preschool Graduation,

6:30 pm



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## CALENDAR

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### **SUNDAY, 5/26 Trinity**

**9:00 am**

Worship w/communion

*(livestreamed)*

### **MONDAY, 5/27**

*Memorial Day-Officed Closed*

**7:00 pm**

Monday Worship

### **THURSDAY 5/30**

**8:25 am**

Chapel

End of Year Awards

### **FRIDAY 5/31**

*Last Day of School*

*Office Closed*

**7:00 pm**

ELHS Choir and Band Pop Concert

### **SUNDAY, 6/2 Trinity 2**

**9:00 am**

Worship

Eighth Grade Graduation

First-Eighth Grade sing

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*Next week is the eighth-grade graduation, and we are expecting many visitors. To ensure there is adequate parking space for everyone, please consider parking in the field, weather permitting. Thank you for your cooperation.*

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## LUTHERHAVEN CAMP

**Counselors: Saturday July 6-12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Campers Sunday July 7-12<sup>th</sup>**

Staff, Counselor, and Camper Application forms are in the Narthex.  
 Please fill out and return **with payment** to the office by June 17<sup>th</sup>.  
 Please contact Alan Nesselth or Kris Nieland for more details..

## VBS -DIVINE NATURE ADVENTURE

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**9:00-2:00pm**

Bethany is gearing up for VBS. July 31st - August 2nd. Please register and pay at the front office. If you are able to volunteer, please sign up in the hallway or contact Kristen Alas. Youth volunteers, please sign up as well, so we can make a schedule and get shirt orders completed. Looking for ways to donate? We have an Amazon wish list and the front office can accept monetary donations or a Thrivent grant.

Register here: <https://rnantz.breezechms.com/form/0eb12b>

