

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2026 ~ SEPTUAGESIMA



SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Pittenger
Pianist	Mrs. Kelli Gracia
Acolytes	Emilie Circelli, Ethan & William Nantz, Dominic Monroe, Jaden Ballentine
Elder on duty this week	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, pg. 128**

HYMNS

226: 1-2 <i>By Grace I'm Saved</i>	197 <i>My Hope Is Built</i>	198 <i>O Christ, Our True and Only Light</i>	226: 4-5 <i>By Grace I'm Saved</i>
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INTROIT: The pangs of death encompassed me, the sorrows of hell surrounded me. The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. In my distress I called upon the Lord, And He heard my voice from His temple.

COLLECT: Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your holy Word You have called us into Your vineyard: Send, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may labor faithfully in Your vineyard, shun sin and all offense, obediently keep Your Word and do Your will, and put our whole and only trust in Your grace, which You have bestowed upon us so abundantly; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we might obtain eternal salvation through Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,³ and all ate the same spiritual food,⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness

1Corinthians 9:24–10:5 (ESV)

GRADUAL: Christ humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

GOSPEL LESSON

For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Matthew 20:1–16 (ESV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For joy at those who enter Christ’s salvation, from every nation and in all hours of life, that with them we may praise our Master’s holy generosity, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of God, built on Christ and ordered according to His will, that Her pastors and teachers may know His Holy Word thoroughly, and Her people wait patiently on His heavenly provision, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, parents and children, our community schools and our congregation's school, that they may be disciplined and self-controlled in their duties, run their course in this life, and continue to the end in the holy Christian faith, ready to receive the imperishable wreath of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the world, that our almighty God would suppress evil and injustice in every place and establish His peace, so that the poor would be comforted and suffer no lack, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, [especially _____,] that our Great Physician would bring them healing, hope and peace at the last, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we who have come to faith in the later hours of this world may follow the examples of those who labored before us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray. Grant that we would look to You for every blessing and to Your Son for our salvation. Deliver us from all adversity, and preserve us in faith until the last. To You alone be all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

EVERGREEN SUNDAY

We are looking forward to having the choir and campus pastor from Evergreen Lutheran High School with us next Sunday, February 8th, at the 9:00am service! There will be treats and refreshments after the service. Holy Communion for the month of February will be available Monday, February 9th; Sunday, February 22nd; and Monday, February 23rd; and as arranged with Pastor.

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH

WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP 2:30pm & 7pm

SOUP SUPPERS 5:30-6:30pm

During Lent, join us before the Wednesday evening service for food & fellowship.

Help is needed each week to make these meals enjoyable and delicious!

Sign ups will be on the purple bulletin board by the restrooms next week to serve, bring soup, bread, etc.

No charge; free-will donations for the supper welcome to help defray costs of the Youth Groups travel to Youth Convention.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN SERVICE

Ladies of Bethany, please join us next Sunday following Bible Class to discuss upcoming events and opportunities to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Arin Starkel.

STAGE HELP

Please stay after the service next Sunday, February 8th, to help set up the stage for the school's Winter Play. Many hands make light work!

YOUTH CONVENTION

There will be a parent meeting following the service on February 15th. For more information, contact Dave Humphrey.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 2/1 *Septuagesima*

9:00am Worship

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:15am Sisters in Service

MONDAY, 2/2

11:00am Bethany 55's Brunch

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 2/3

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

6:00pm Sunday School Meeting

7:00pm Board of Education

WEDNESDAY, 2/4

6:15pm Choir

THURSDAY, 2/5

9:00am Power Hour

SATURDAY, 2/7

9:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, 2/8 *Evergreen Sunday*

9:00am Worship

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Confirmation "B"

