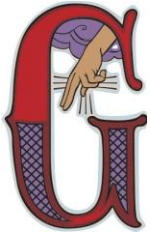

Reformation

October 26, 2025



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SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Pittenger

Organist: Cathy Sharrett

Acolytes: C/E Walsh, Crew, Pasillas

Elder this week: Larry Sharrett

~Communion is offered on the

2nd and 4th Sundays & Mondays of the month~

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: page 128

HYMNS:

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*A Mighty
Fortress Is
Our God*

583

*God's Word
Is Our Great
Heritage*

Distribution

589

*Lord, Keep
Us Steadfast
in Thy Word*

Distribution

227

*Salvation
Unto Us Is
Come*

558

*From All Thy
Saints in
Warfare*

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God
by Isaac and Amy Sharrett in celebration of their 21st wedding
anniversary*

INTROIT: The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our Refuge. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. God is our Refuge and Strength, A very present Help in trouble.

COLLECT: O Lord God, heavenly Father: Pour out, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people; keep them steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of Your Word, and bestow upon Christ's Church militant Your saving peace, through the same. Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

PSALM OF THE DAY

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah* ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. ⁶ The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* ⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire. ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Psalms 46 (ESV)*

GRADUAL: Alleluia! O Lord, deal with Your servant according to Your mercy and teach me Your statutes. I am Your servant, give me understanding: that I may know Your testimonies. Alleluia!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea and greeted Festus. ¹⁴ And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid Paul’s case before the king, saying, “There is a man left prisoner by Felix, ¹⁵ and when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews laid out their case against him, asking for a sentence of condemnation against him. ¹⁶ I answered them that it was not the custom of the Romans to give up anyone before the accused met the accusers face to face and had opportunity to make his defense concerning the charge laid against him. ¹⁷ So when they came together here, I made no delay, but on the next day took my seat on the tribunal and ordered the man to be brought. ¹⁸ When the accusers stood up, they brought no charge in his case of such evils as I supposed. ¹⁹ Rather they had certain points of dispute with him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who was dead, but whom Paul asserted to be alive. ²⁰ Being at a loss how to investigate these questions, I asked whether he wanted to go to Jerusalem and be tried there regarding them. ²¹ But when Paul had appealed to be kept in custody for the decision of the emperor, I ordered him to be held until I could send him to Caesar.” ²² Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I would like to hear the man myself.” “Tomorrow,” said he, “you will hear him.” ²³ So on the next day Agrippa and Bernice came with great pomp, and they entered the audience hall with the military tribunes and the prominent men of the city. Then, at the command of Festus, Paul was brought in. ²⁴ And Festus said, “King Agrippa and all who are present with us, you see this man about whom the whole Jewish people petitioned me, both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. ²⁵ But I found that he had done nothing deserving death. And as he himself appealed to the emperor, I decided to go ahead and send him. ²⁶ But I have nothing definite to write to my lord about him. Therefore I have brought him before you all, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that, after we have examined him, I may have something to write. ²⁷ For it seems to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not to indicate the charges against him.” *Acts 25:13-27 (ESV)*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

That we would be built up in Christ and hold the faith in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace; and for reproof when we are in error, that what is lacking in us would be reformed and that we would grow up into Christ, our head, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful hearts, that we would remain steadfast in the Word of God and never follow false gospels that lead us away from His truth that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For calm hearts that know God and trust Him to remain in control, even when the nations are in uproar and kingdoms fall, and that look to Him to guide all who govern us so that evil is thwarted, righteousness rewarded and all His ways are upheld, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all people in need, [*especially* _____,] that they would not fear though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea; and that they would trust in God and be comforted by His promise to be with them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We especially bless You today for the great reformers of Your Church who call us back to the Gospel and to the righteousness we have in Christ alone. Keep us in fellowship with them, and bring us at last to our heavenly home and the joy of seeing our Redeemer face to face; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

2025	Approved Budgeted Monthly Need	Actual Giving
January-June	237499.98	216146.01
July	39583.33	41018.38
August	39583.33	30293.32
September	39583.33	32166.50
YTD	356249.97	319624.21
YTD Below Budget	36625.75	

A STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Due to our historical income and expenses, years ago Bethany reached a point where we no longer depend on pledge cards to estimate the next year's budget. Thus, the church council has opted to "forego" the usual pledge drive. Nevertheless, Scripture still commands Christians to "give our first fruits, give cheerfully, and to give in proportion to how God has blessed us."

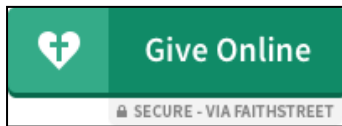
(1 Cor 16:1-2, 2 Cor 9:6-7, Luke 3:11, Acts 2:42-47, etc.)

If you would like a pledge card, to help keep yourself on track with your own offerings, please see the office.

GIVING OF YOUR OFFERING

If you find yourself using your checkbook less and less, consider these alternatives to your continued act of worship, service, trust, and sacrifice (i.e. “offering”) to the Lord:

1. Bethany has contracted with a service called “Faithstreet”.
 - a) From their website you can make a one-time-gift or set up a regular (weekly, monthly, etc.) offering. Look for a button like the one to the right of this paragraph on our church’s website or Facebook page (www.BethanyLutheranPortOrchard.org) or www.facebook.com/Bethany.Kitsap).
 - b) Use *Faithstreet* to give by text: Save this # to “Bethany Offerings”: **646-832-4848**. Send a text to that number with the amount you want to give as the content of the text. (i.e. “25”, twenty-five dollars will be sent to Bethany.) You will receive a link asking for a quickcode. Enter “**bethany**” and finish this setup form. (You only have to do this once.) Next time simply text the amount to the number. Your gift will be processed immediately.
2. When you are doing your online banking, consider making your offering a part of your online bill pay (either by electronic transfer or by having your bank cut the check and send it to Bethany). This helps remedy the “forgetfulness factor.”



HOLIDAY BASKETS AND GIVING TREE

With Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner, Bethany is blessed to offer ways to help ease the burden of the holidays. If you or someone you know could use a little support this season, here’s how we can help:

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Each basket includes a turkey for Thanksgiving or a ham for Christmas, along with traditional sides, staples, and dessert.

Baskets are assembled the week before each break and delivered in time for the holidays.

If you or someone you know would benefit, please contact the office with:

- Point of contact
- Family size
- Any dietary restrictions

GIVING TREE

When Bethany’s Youth Group decorates our Sanctuary and Narthex for the holidays. Our annual *Giving Tree* will go up—to be filled with Christmas wishes from local families. Names and needs can be submitted between this Sunday and December

12th. Please provide:

- Point of contact
- Ages, sizes, and color preferences
- Clothing needs and a couple of “want” items

More details to come! If you have any questions, please reach out to the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS, Sunday, 11/2

Next Sunday, Bethany will observe the Festival of All Saints, a special time to honor and remember all Bethany members and loved ones who have entered the church triumphant in heaven since the last All Saints Day

◆ LMSG AMMO CAN DONATIONS

As Veterans Day approaches, our congregations' Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is asking for donations in support of our military men, women and their families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS & 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 narthex, you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS European chaplain program and global broadcasts of *Time of Grace* to our military. Questions? Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org. THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!!

◆ VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE, Sunday, 11/9

Each year we pay tribute to our military with a **Veteran's Day Remembrance**. Please get any rank updates/soldier additions onto our list of Bethany veterans by Sunday, October 26th. The current list is posted in the hallway. Present/past members as well as spouses/children of members may be included - blue information forms are in the Narthex- please leave in the office on the desk. **ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE or RETIRED MILITARY** would be welcomed to post the colors on Sunday, November 10th. Please speak to Pastor Pittenger or Rosemary.

◆ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Hi Bethany Friends!

Its time once again to help spread the message of Christmas love and joy to children around the world. Please join millions of Christians who participate in the annual Operation Christmas Child effort of Samaritan's Purse. It is simple to fill a shoe box with gifts and messages from your family and it means so much to children who have so little. Supplies and information will be available the first week of November on display in the Narthex. Boxes will be collected at Church the week of 11/16 through 11/23.

For more information google Operation Christmas Child. Thanks!

Nancy Busek



Bethany Lutheran Youth Group's

TACO NIGHT

Friday,
November 14 | 6:00–7:30pm

Build your own tacos or taco salad!

\$7

Per plate

Pre-purchased between
October 19–November 9

\$10

Per plate

Purchased at the door



All proceeds go towards Youth Group summer convention costs

*Bethany Lutheran
Read-A-Thon*



Bethany will be hosting our third annual Read-A-Thon from November 1st to 21st. This is the last school fundraiser of the year. Funds raised will go toward school athletics uniforms. This year, classrooms have added requested books to the school general Amazon Wishlist that they would like to add to classroom libraries. Link below. We are still looking for an available Thrivent grant to give students a pizza party as well as volunteers to serve lunch on 11/21. Please let the front office or Kristen Alas know if you can assist.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NLSATNTZN1MF?ref=list_d_wl_lfu_nav_3

JUST THE SIDES

On November 21st, baskets will be distributed to Bethany faculty as a show of thanks from Bethany families. We still have many items needed. Please see the sign-up genius or Walmart link. Reach out to Kristen Alas with questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA828A4FE3-59342765-thanksgiving>

<https://www.walmart.com/lists/shared/WL/489a4f1e-6d46-4236-a2c5-7f9201021c03>



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 10/26 *Reformation*

9:00am Worship w. communion

(livestreamed)

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

MONDAY, 10/27

7:00pm Worship w/communion

TUESDAY, 10/28

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 10/29

8:25am Chapel

6:15pm Choir

THURSDAY, 10/30

9:00am Power Hour

FRIDAY, 10/31

Eagle Day

SATURDAY, 11/01

9:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, 11/02 *All Saints Day*

9:00am Worship*(livestreamed)*

5-8th grade sing

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

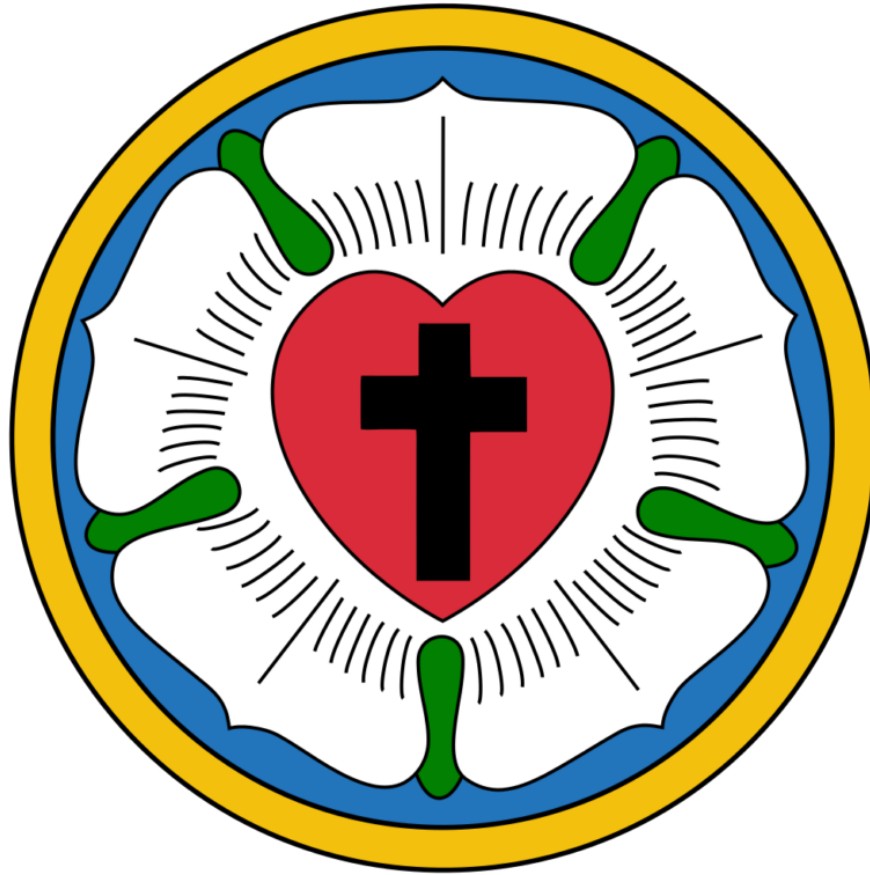
11:00am Voters Meeting

3:00pm Junk Drawer Jesus

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QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd at 11:00am

LUTHER'S ROSE EXPLANATION



Black Cross		Symbolizes Jesus' death and pain and reminds us that faith in Jesus is what saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" –Rom 10:10
Red Heart		Even though the cross is black, it does not kill our hearts, but makes us alive. "The just shall live by faith" – Rom 1:17
White Rose		Faith in Jesus brings true joy, consolation and peace, not worldly joy and peace – John 14:27. White is the color of angels and blessed spirits.
Blue Sky		Symbolizes our hope for the coming joys of heaven, though not yet revealed.
Gold Rim		As a circle is unending, so the joys of heaven will be unending. Its gold color reminds us that the joys of heaven are more precious than any other treasure.