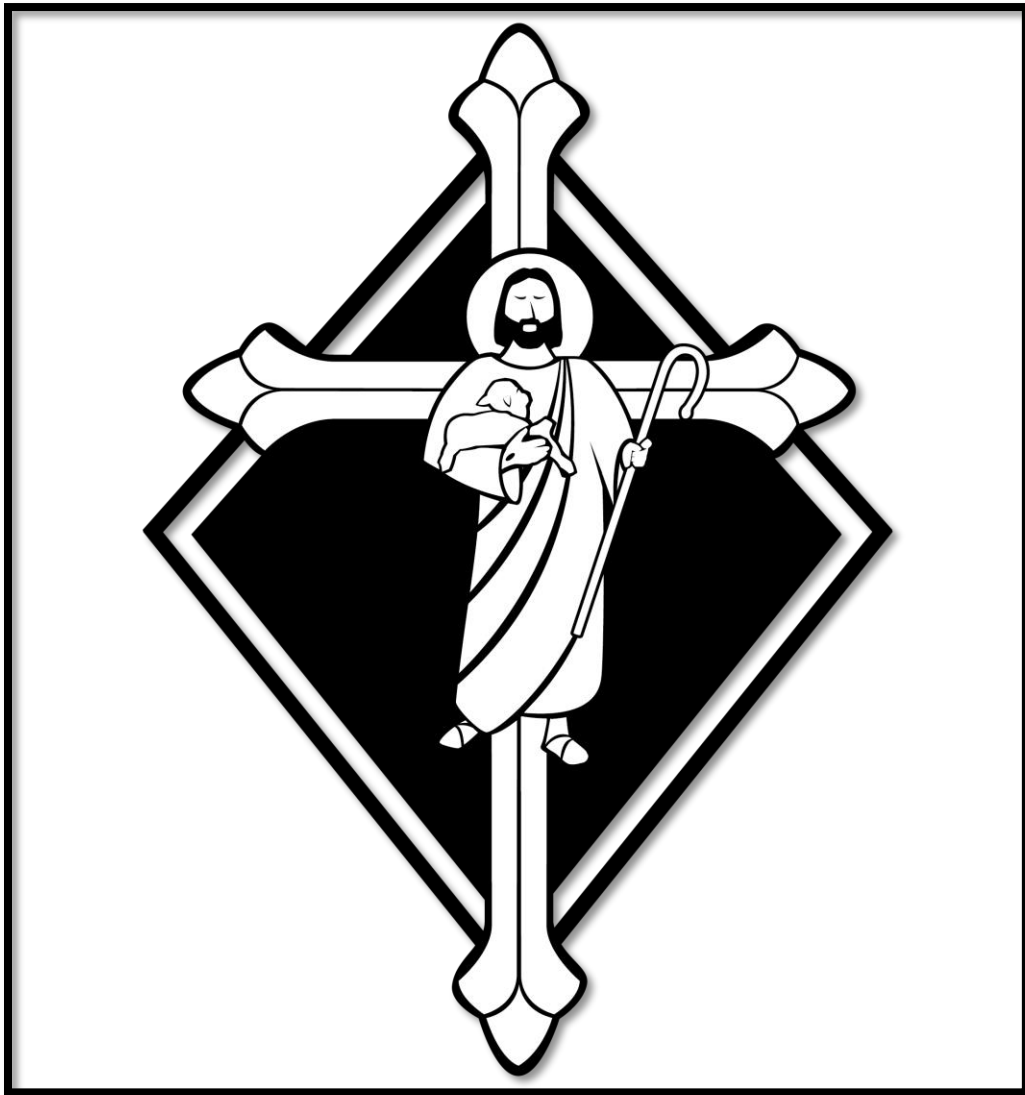

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EASTER THREE

April 14, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP



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!

OFFERING

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.



PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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.

FIRST-TIME VISITOR

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.

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

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Tony Pittenger
Organist/Accompanist	Mrs. Barb Mantey
Communion Assistants	8:30am Dave Roembke 11:00am Shu-Ting Lai
Acolytes	8:30am Pittenger, M/D Denney 11:00am Evans
Elder on duty this week	Henry Shadbolt

**Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays & Mondays of the month.*

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 on the screen.

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1. PROCESSIONAL HYMN: # 371

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

INTROIT

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord, Alleluia! By the Word of the Lord the heavens were made. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.

COLLECT

O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world: Grant to Your faithful people perpetual gladness, and those who You have delivered from the danger of everlasting death, make partakers of eternal joys; 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.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. *Ezekiel 34:11–16 (ESV)*

EPISTLE LESSON

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. ²³ When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. ²⁴ He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. *1 Peter 2:21–25 (ESV)*

GRADUAL

Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one Shepherd. *John 10:11–16 (ESV)*

CHIEF HYMN: #367

Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the increase of faith in Christ, who bore our sins; and for inspiration to follow His example, who suffered and did not threaten, who was judged and did not condemn, and who commended His Spirit to the Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that God would send faithful shepherds to care for His flock here and scattered throughout the world; keeping them devoted to Christ and His truth, dutifully serving His people; sparing us from hirelings who serve ego, belly or the world's poisonous teachings; and that He would give discerning ears to His sheep to listen for the voice of Christ, our Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the gift of good government, that as the Paschal Lamb has wrought peace between man and God, so He would grant peace and good days also to our citizens and between the nations of the world; and that we and all our neighbors may lead quiet lives in godly contentment, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for our risen Christ, the firstfruits from the dead, who has secured forgiveness for our troubled consciences, that He would also bless with temporal health those who suffer [*especially _____*]; and that He would grant us aid not only in this moment, but also true, immortal health in the world to come, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful reception of holy Communion, that God would give us the Holy Spirit so that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the fellowship of the Church, that our Shepherd would bring us at last with all His saints to share in the feast that has no end, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, out of Your fatherly goodness You have remembered us poor, miserable sinners and given Your beloved Son to be our Shepherd — not only to nourish us by His Word, but also to defend us from sin, death and the devil. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that even as this Shepherd knows us and helps in every affliction, we also may know Him, trust Him, seek help and comfort in Him, heartily obey His voice, and obtain eternal salvation; 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.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. *Psalm 23 (KJV 1900)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: #351

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

27. RECESSIONAL HYMN: #177

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9: 10-11

GREETERS NEEDED

*Can you Smile? Can you make eye contact with others?
Can you say Welcome(and mean it)? Can you talk to others easily?*

Then you could be a greeter!

The Evangelism Committee is on a quest for some help in this area. We would like to have greeters before and after church services. If you have questions, or need more information, please contact Jolynda Miller or Rick Pasillas, or talk to us in person at church.

NOTES FROM MEMBERS

Laurie Walton would like to express a heartfelt thank-you to our Bethany family and friends for the thoughts, prayers, and compassionate words. There will be a memorial for Travis in June.
More details soon.

Please keep Dave Humphrey and his family in your prayers as they mourn the death of his mom, Charlotte.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERE IS A SNIPPET OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS

EVERGREEN EAGLES

Summer Programs
announced!
More details on page 8



BETHANY BOBCATS

16th Vision and Hearing
Testing Select grades
18th School Forensics
5th-8th grade



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

This week's learning
activity is making our own
sandwiches-yum!

CEREAL COLLECTION FOR SK HELPLINE CONTINUES

Thank you for all of the boxes of cereal that have been coming in!

We have one more week of collection.

On April 19th, all boxes will be placed in formation down the halls. We will show students the power of giving, as well as chain reaction as a "domino effect". All donations will then go to SK Helpline. Volunteers will be needed to help set up the "domino chain" on **Friday, April 19th**. Please contact Kristen Alas if you can assist for the end of the day demonstration.

OLYMPIC LUTHERHAVEN SPRING WORK PARTY SATURDAY APRIL 20, 9AM-2PM

This work party will be for cleaning up the camp after winter. Meet at the camp side; coffee and donuts will be provided along with a hearty lunch. Hope to see lots of Bethany folks there! Questions? Ask representatives Paul Hokanson/Connie Lovelace.



On the agenda: Clean and put out mattresses into cabins, Sweep and mop all floors, Clean walk in refrigerator, General grounds cleanup, Rake and clean up trails, Pickup up debris that has fallen all around camp, Clean off cabin roofs, Weed play structure area at camp and picnic side, weed beaches, Cut up fallen tree behind cabin 8, chain saw needed.

Needed tools: Rakes, shovels, gloves, blowers, chain saw, line trimmers (weed eater), elbow grease!



PIONEER BOYS HIKE

Sunday, April 21st, following first service.

Boys 12 and older are invited to come hike the lower Gray River Hike, located near Sequim. The 8.4 round trip hike will take the better part of the day, returning to Port Orchard

in the early evening. Bring your boots and pack filled with water, snacks, sunscreen, etc.



BETHANY SPRING FLING

Spring is here and our “Spring Fling” is coming!

Its like a giant picnic...only **better!**

Mark your calendar: **Sunday, May 19th at 12:30ish.**

We will provide grilled hot dogs, chips and water.

We ask that you bring a salad to share and a lawn chair for yourself.

There will be games and contests!

Our dessert will be cupcakes from the “**Cupcake Contest**”.

Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship!

Please sign up! The signup sheets are by the bathrooms. We need to know how many people, so we can know how much food to prepare and have games prepped with prizes ready.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/14 *Easter Three*

8:30/11:00 am

Worship w/communion

(8:30 livestreamed)

9:45 am

Sunday School

MONDAY, 4/15

7:00 pm

Monday Worship

TUESDAY, 4/16

1:00 pm

Juanita’s Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, 4/17

8:25 am

Chapel

THURSDAY 4/18

9:00/10:45 am

Power Hour

SATURDAY, 4/20

9:00 am

Men’s Fellowship

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Spring Cleaning at Lutherhaven

SUNDAY, 4/21 *Easter 4*

8:30/11:00 am

Worship

(8:30 livestreamed)

11:00am

5th-8th Grade Sing

9:45 am

Sunday School

Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Matt and Katie Hoefler in celebration of Ashton’s 21st birthday.

blockfest

Where young children learn math and science through block play.



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2024 ELHS

SUMMER CAMPS

REGISTER NOW AT ELHS.ORG

JUNE 10-13

VOLLEYBALL • \$50

Girls entering grades 3-9 • 9:00-11:30 AM

JUNE 17-20

CHEER • \$135

Girls entering grades 1-8 • 9:00-2:00 PM

JULY 15-18

BASKETBALL • \$75

Boys & Girls entering grades 3-5 • 9:00-11:30 AM

Boys & Girls entering grades 6-9 • 12:30-3:00 PM

JULY 22-26

JULY 26 PERFORMANCE AT 5:30PM

DRAMA • \$80

Boys & Girls entering grades 6-9 • 12:30-3:30 PM

JULY 29-31

FLAG FOOTBALL • \$50

Boys entering grades 4-9 • 9:00-11:00 AM

JULY 29-31

SCIENCE DISCOVERY • \$50

Boys & Girls entering grades 5-9 • 12:00-3:00 PM