
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

TENTH SUNDAY IN TRINITY

August 17, 2025



Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. Psalm 54:4

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher: Pastor Tony Pittenger

Organist: Roberta Highfill

Acolytes: Denney, Monaghan

Elder on duty this week: Larry Sharrett

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Sunday: Join with us as we use

The Matins Service starting on page 109.

*(Please follow along in the hymnal
or above the altar as announced by Pastor)*

Monday: The Office of Compline, pg. 128

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by
Jeff and Diane Sievers in celebration of their 28th Wedding Anniversary.*

HYMNS:

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*All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name*

346

*Death is Dead, the
True Life is Liveth*

444

*Take My Life and Let
It Be*

588

*Lord, Dismiss Us
with Thy Blessing*

PSALM OF THE DAY

O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might. ² O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. ³ For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. *Selah* ⁴ Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. ⁵ He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them. ⁶ With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good. ⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies. *Psalm 54 (ESV)*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. ³⁴ And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. ³⁵ And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. ³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise."

And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner. Acts 9:32-43(ESV)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, by Your Holy Spirit help us always to be good and faithful stewards of all that You so graciously provide. Especially grant that we may generously speak of the salvation that You provide for all through Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of justice, deliver our common life from all cheating, swindling and robbery. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that each would seek not his own advantage, but the good of others. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. Give true wisdom to the people of our nation and humility to those who act and decide for our governance, and let the lamp of Your perfect Word and way enlighten their faith and deeds. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, preserve those who are suffering temptation and any affliction [*especially _____*]. Make clear to them the way of escape, that they may be able to endure it and stand firm through faith in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give us patience in tribulation and restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Comfort the weeping with Your lovingkindness, console the grieving with the hope of the resurrection, and help us to live in harmony with one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus. Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us with Your saints in glory around Your throne; through 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	39583.33	51980.94
February	39583.33	30075.62
March	39583.33	37817.33
April	39583.33	29675.35
May	39583.33	39798.12
June	39583.33	26798.65
July	39583.33	41018.38
YTD	277,083.31	257,164.39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bless our teachers this school year—visit their Amazon Wish List to donate supplies and show your support!

Please use the links below, the wish list covers ELC-8th Grade.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3NLSATNTZN1MF?ref=list_d_wl_ys_list_1



LUTHERAN MILITARY
SUPPORT GROUP
Shoulder to Shoulder in Service

The Lutheran Military Support Group is holding their annual meeting here at Bethany from September 11-13. They will take part in our Bedtime Books event on Saturday, Sept. 13 and some will stay in town to worship with us on Sunday, Sept. 14.

Additionally, LMSG Vice-Chair, retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Dwight Johnson will be performing a short play based on the life of Martin Luther. He presents this all across the country and has generously offered to do it here in our little corner.

Because this will be a “school night” for families and families are certainly invited, the show will be on Sunday, Sept. 14, starting at 3:00pm.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

TACOMA RAINIERS TICKETS!

It was announced at Bedtime Books last Wednesday that Bethany is getting access to free tickets to the Tacoma Rainiers, the nights of Sept. 2, 3, & 4.

Stay tuned for more details.

WOMEN’S MISSION RALLY

Dear Ladies of Bethany,

To sign up please use the link, QR code or contact Rosemary in the office. This is your RSVP so that we can know how many ladies will be gathering together.

Saturday, 9/27: 2025 Rally 8:00am-3:45pm

Continental Breakfast, Luncheon, and travel snacks included

Rally Pastors/Topics:

Rev. Thomas Heyn

“The 3-D Gospel in Peru”

Rev. Timothy Bartels

“Peru, A Hidden Treasure”

Rally Registration Fee is \$10 per person (pastors free)

To RSVP please follow this link or scan the QR Code.

<https://rnantz.breezechms.com/form/5c1fd0>



BETHANY'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY


Bethany's 80th Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate **80 years of God's faithfulness** at Bethany!

Reconnect with old friends, enjoy a look through the years with photos and memories, and share in a delicious catered meal together.

We're thrilled to welcome **Andrew Ronholt**—a former ELC preschooler, now in his final year of seminary—as part of the celebration. Andrew, Bethany's first pastor raised within our fellowship, will be joined by his wife, Mercedes.

 **A catered meal**, from **My Four Son's** will follow the service, sponsored by the congregation.

 To help us plan, please RSVP at the link below or by scanning the QR code.

<https://rnantz.breezechms.com/form/f0bb09>



Help Us Fill the Gaps!

The Archives Committee is creating a video slideshow of Bethany life from 1945–2025 but is missing photos from 2006–2012. Do you have pictures from special events during those years?

Please scan and email JPEG (or better) images to Lori Harms Weber at her business email; pixologieNWM@outlook.com.

Physical photos are not needed. Images will be stored securely and used only for the slideshow.

Thank you

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 8/17

Trinity Nine

9:00 am Worship

*Women's Mission Retreat Mtg following
the service.*

MONDAY, 8/18

7:00 pm Worship

WEDNESDAY 8/20

3:00-7:00 pm Back to School Night

SUNDAY, 8/24

Trinity 10

9:00 am Worship w. communion

(livestreamed)

2025 Summer/Fall Dates:

August 26th First day of School

September 27th Bethany Hosts PNW Mission Rally

September 28th Bethany Celebrates 80th Anniversary*

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*Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am; Monday 7:00pm
Sunday School for all ages 10:00am (Sept-May)*
