



# Last Sunday

November 23, 2025

**our throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**  
***Psalm 45:6-7a***

## SERVING YOU TODAY

**Preacher:** Pastor Pittenger

**Organist:** Roberta Highfill

**Acolytes:** Ethan and William Nantz,  
Kayson Crew, Dominic Monroe

**Elder this week:** Jeremy Gracia

*~Communion is offered on the*

*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

**543**

*Rejoice,  
Rejoice,  
Believers*

**534:**

**7, 3, 4, 14**  
*The World is  
Very Evil*

**Distribution**

**511**

*Lord Jesus  
Christ, with  
Us Abide*

**Distribution**

**517**

*If God  
Himself Be  
for Me*

**530**

*I Fall Asleep  
in Jesus'  
Wounds*

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God  
by Mary Erickson in loving memory of her son and mother.*

**INTROIT:** I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

**COLLECT:** Lord God, heavenly Father, make us watchful and heedful in awaiting the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that when He shall stand at the door and knock, He may find us not sleeping in carelessness and sin, but awake and rejoicing in His appearance; through the same. Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**M**y heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. <sup>2</sup> You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. <sup>3</sup> Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! <sup>4</sup> In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! <sup>5</sup> Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you. <sup>6</sup> Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; <sup>7</sup> you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; <sup>8</sup> your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; <sup>9</sup> daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. <sup>10</sup> Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, <sup>11</sup> and the king will desire your beauty. Since he is your lord, bow to him. <sup>12</sup> The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts, the richest of the people. <sup>13</sup> All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold. <sup>14</sup> In many-colored robes she is led to the king, with her virgin companions following behind her. <sup>15</sup> With joy and gladness they are led along as they enter the palace of the king. <sup>16</sup> In place of your fathers shall be your sons; you will make them princes in all the earth. <sup>17</sup> I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever. *Psalms 45 (ESV)*

**GRADUAL:** Alleluia! O Lord, Blessed by the Lord God of our fathers; praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

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### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**T**he revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." <sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup> saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." <sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup> his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup> Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup> As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. *Revelation 1:1-20 (ESV)*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For the Church, Christ's Bride, that He would lead her home to enter with all the company of the redeemed into His eternal wedding feast, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the gifts of our Baptism may abide with us; and that we may be strengthened by the Word and the Sacraments of Christ until He comes, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For faithful vocations in the home, the church and the world that build up and cultivate God's creation according to His will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the nations of the earth, especially our country, its inhabitants and all who are in authority, that God's truth, righteousness and peace would abound; and for God's blessing on all who serve in our armed forces, that they would do so with integrity and honor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick, the mourning and all who cry out to God in the midst of suffering, [especially \_\_\_\_\_], that God would heal them according to His will, comfort them with His steadfast love, and strengthen them to bear their crosses as they follow Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who travel, that God would preserve them as He once preserved Abraham and Sarah throughout the days of their pilgrimage; and that He would bring them safely home again, so their homecomings would be joyful, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end, receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*"The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."*

*2 Corinthians 9:6*

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## HOLIDAY BASKETS

### FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for your generous contributions to our food drive. With your help, we collected enough to support 6 Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, stock our sharing shelf, and make a donation to Kitsap Helpline. We are still accepting cash donations to purchase meat, fresh fruits, and vegetables.

\*(Please make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran.)"

*If you have any questions, please reach out to the church office.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆ OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If you haven't done so already, please return your boxes no later than 9:00 on Monday Morning. Nancy will be loading them up and taking them after that.

### ◆ THANKSGIVING EVE, 11/26

This Wednesday! Church service begins at 6pm. Pie-A-Palooza to follow. Please sign up on the purple bulletin board.

### ◆ CHRISTMAS DECORATING AND TREE SET UP, 11/30

Sunday, November 30, Bethany's Youth Group will be decorating and putting up the Christmas tree after Bible Study.

### ◆ ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the narthex.

### ◆ PAJAMA DONATIONS for foster children can be dropped off in the narthex through 12/6.

### ◆ YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE Sunday December 14, 8:30-9:00am/10:00-11:00 am. Please see the flier on the bulletin board for more information.

### ◆ CAMP LUTHERHAVEN dates are set for July 11 – July 16, 2026!

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, 11/23 *Last Sunday*

9:00am Worship w. communion

*(livestreamed)*

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

3:00pm Junk Drawer Jesus

Pgs. 35-56

### MONDAY, 11/24

7:00pm Worship w/communion

### TUESDAY, 11/25

8:25am Chapel

*Art Fair Awards*

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, 11/26

*No School*

*Office Hours 9:15am-12:15pm*

6:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Service

*Pie-a-palooza!*

### THURSDAY, 11/27

*No School, Office Closed*

## THANKSGIVING

### FRIDAY, 11/28

*No School. Office Closed*

### SUNDAY, 11/30 *Advent One*

9:00am Worship *(livestreamed)*

10:15am Bible Class/Sunday School

11:00am Christmas Decorating

11:15am Confirmation B

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*Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am; Monday 7:00pm*

*Sunday School for all ages 10:00am (Sept-May)*

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