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# Bethany Lutheran Church

## Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 15, 2024

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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!

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### ORDER 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.*

**Monday** pg. 128

#### **HYMNS:**

82

474

542

597

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### Epistle Lesson

**S**o I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. <sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:13–21 (ESV)*

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## Gospel Lesson

Soon afterward He went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a great crowd went with Him. <sup>12</sup> As He drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup> Then He came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited His people!” <sup>17</sup> And this report about Him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country. *Luke 7:11–17 (ESV)*

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## Prayer of the Church

With the widow and mother from Nain before us, let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son into the world to put an end to death. Keep us from losing heart in the face of sorrow, strengthen us with faith through Your Holy Spirit, and help us to know the love of Christ, that through Him we may no longer weep. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Great Physician, lend Your own power to the works of mercy done in the name of Your Son, that they may increase faith in the words Your servants speak. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Father, when loss and heartache invade our homes and tempt us to doubt Your divine care, hear our cries and renew our faith and life in You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life and death, You have given all things into the hands of Your Son. Inspire those who bear the sword in His stead to do so in faithfulness and love for their fellow man. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Comforter, You gave aid to the widows of Zarephath and Nain so they would not be left alone. Provide faithful friends and companions to our shut-ins and those who live alone, that they may be encouraged in faith toward You and in love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, You lead us, as St. Paul before us, through many tribulations to know the fullness of Your love. Strengthen [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who suffer, that they may praise You for Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE


*Miserly living isn't what we have been asked to do!*

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**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** is looking to add more members to our team. Come join our team and spread the love of Jesus! If you're interested in joining please contact Ricky Pasillas after service.

**YARD CARE HELP** still needed to maintain our lawn and playfield – not as often in the fall and winter months but still important! Please signup to take a turn by scanning the QR code below on the backside of the bulletin.

## IT'S TODAY!



**BEDTIME BOOKS AT BETHANY**

Join us for bedtime stories in the parking lot!

September 15  
2:45pm

**GUEST APPEARANCES**  
Navy Band  
NJROTC Color Guard  
"Touch a Truck" fire engine  
Police car

Bethany Lutheran Church, School, & Early Learning Center  
151 Tremont Street, Port Orchard 360-876-1300

### GUEST READER



Senior Chief Michael Cabacugnan, SKHS NJROTC

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## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, 9/15 *Trinity 16*

**9:00 am** Worship

*(livestreamed)*

**10:00 am**

Sunday School for all ages

**2:45 pm**

*Bedtime Books Patriot Edition*

### MONDAY, 9/16

**7:00 pm**

Worship

### TUESDAY, 9/17

**1:00 pm**

Juanita's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, 9/18

**8:25 am** Chapel

### THURSDAY 9/19

**9:00 am**

Preschool Power Hour

### SATURDAY 9/21

**9:00 am**

Men's Bible Fellowship

**10:30 am**

TESS Soccer Jamboree @ Bethany

### SUNDAY, 9/22 *Trinity 17*

**9:00 am** Worship w/ communion

*(livestreamed)*

**10:00 am**

Sunday School for all ages

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Mike & Leigh Snyder in celebration of family birthdays.*

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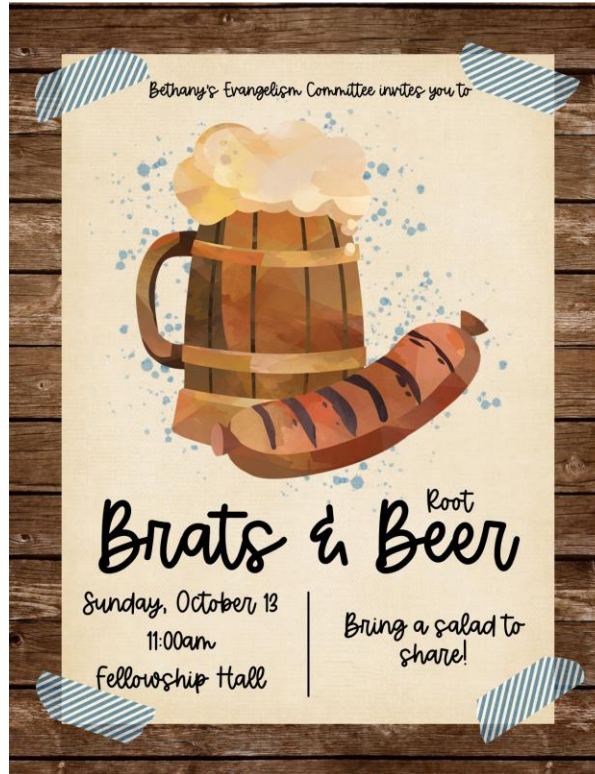
## SAVE THE DATE

Join us outside after Sunday School on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for Brats and Root Beer!

Enter our Cookie Contest!

Sign up coming soon!



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## SERVING YOU TODAY

**Preacher**

**Organist/Accompanist**

**Acolytes**

**Elder on duty this week**

Pastor Tony Pittenger

Mrs. Cathy Sharrett

Pittenger, Denney, Evans

Conrad Plyler

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

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