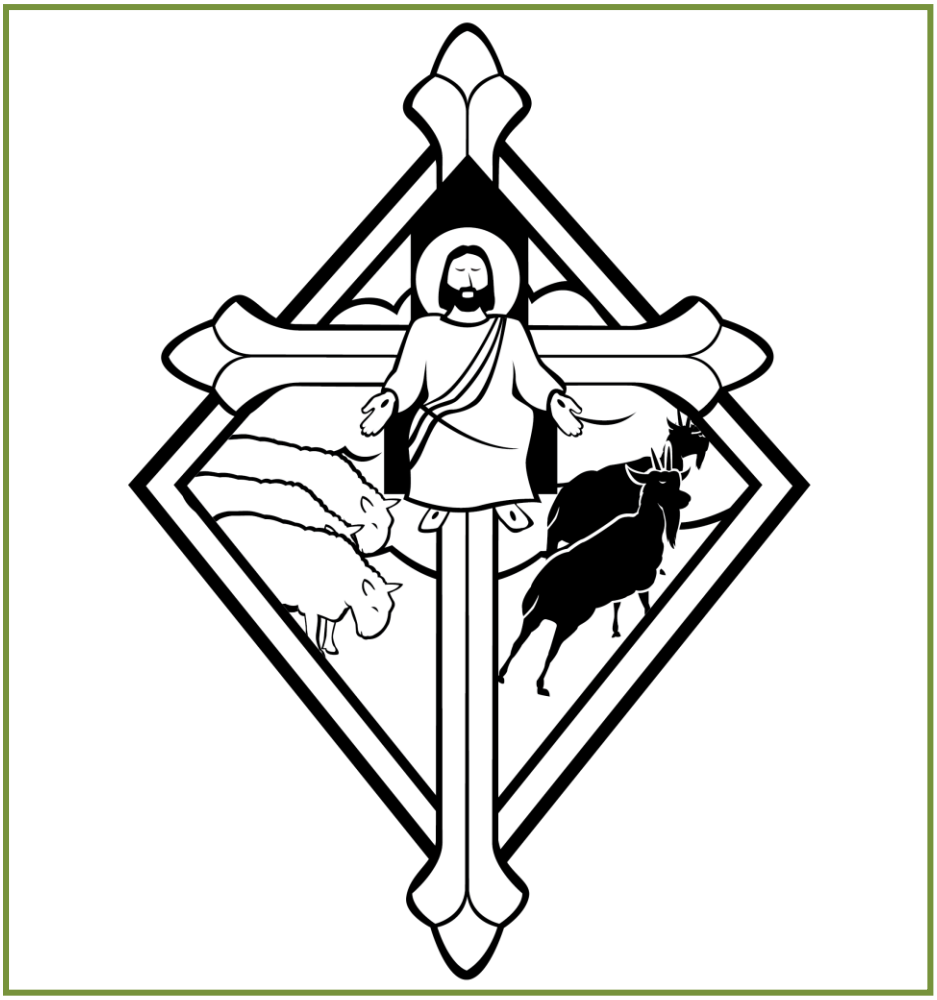
SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2026



SERVING THIS WEEK

Pastor Tony Pittenger
Accompanist Kelli Gracia
Acolytes Megan Evans, Noah Gerace, Samuel Pasillas, Daniel Nantz
Ushers Chris Denney, Brian Burdick
Elder on Duty Doug Seals
November 16th-22nd

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday
Join with us as we use The Matins Service starting on page 109.

Monday
The Office of Compline, page 128.

HYMNS

534: 7, 10-11	**534: 3-4, 14**	**177**	**538: 1-2, 5-7**
Jerusalem the Golden	Brief Life is Her Our Portion	I Am Jesus' Little Lamb	*The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

EPISTLE LESSON

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. [4] Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring. [5] This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— [6] since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, [7] and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels [8] in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. [9] They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, [10] when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.
2 Thessalonians 1:3–10 (ESV)

GOSPEL LESSON

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. [32] Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33] And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. [34] Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. [35] For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36]I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' [37]Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? [38] And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? [39] And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' [40] And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' [41] "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. [42] For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' [45] Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46]And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." . *Matthew 25:31–46 (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.

Awake, O Lord, and heal the wounds of Your people. Strengthen those You have redeemed, that they may lead worthy and fruitful lives in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You give us the gift of each other. Renew our fellowship as the Body of Christ. Grant all things beneficial for husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friends and family. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

King of kings, raise up godly and humble rulers in our land. Teach Your people to honor them while reserving all fear for Your Christ, who has made us and accomplished our redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, remember in kindness all who cry out to You in affliction *[especially _____]*. Grant that they would rejoice in Your faithfulness and await deliverance from their suffering with patience. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, we know that neither life nor death can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We thank You for all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and we ask You to grant us also our inheritance with the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

YOUTH ACOLYTE COMMISSIONING

Today we are Commissioning four new Acolytes who are joining our Guild of 18 serving acolytes, in service to God through their places in the Worship Team. They have completed several hours of training in Church history, the acolyte ministry, and in the performance of their duties. The Team serving today is composed entirely of these new acolytes, performing duties normally undertaken by older and more experienced young people.

The acolyte ministry is not just a commitment by the young people themselves: Their families share in that commitment, helping with training, ensuring church attendance, and overall support. In this particular case, all of our new acolytes have siblings who are serving or have served in the past. It is a privilege to work with such bright young people! When you see them, please thank them for their service!

Conrad Plyler

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Please welcome Robert and Estelle Thompson into Membership.

COUCIL CHANGES:

Sunday School: Mike Enstad
Evangelism and Youth is currently Vacant

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK CLUB
Book club today. We will be going over chapters 4-5 from the "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life," by Tish Harrison Warren.
All book club times are Sundays at 3pm at Bethany.

THANKSGIVING EVE, 11/25
Church service begins at 6pm. Pie-A-Palooza to follow. Please sign up to bring a Pie on the Purple bulletin board next to the bathroom.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS are available in the narthex.

HOLIDAY BASKETS/GIVING TREE
If you know a family who could benefit from our Holiday Food Baskets and Giving Tree, please contact Rosemary for more information.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING, 11/29
Sunday, November 29, Bethany's Youth Group will be decorating and putting up the Christmas tree after Bible Study

CHRISTMAS CAROLING, 12/6
Christmas Caroling will start at 2:00pm, leaving from Bethany. Followed by Pastor's open house.

CAMP LUTHERHAVEN dates are set for July 10-15, 2027

CALENDAR

Operation Christmas Child Collection Week

SUNDAY, 11/15
Second To Last Sunday
9:00am Worship
Grades 1st-4th Sing
10:15am Sunday School for all ages
3:00pm Book Club

MONDAY, 11/16
7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 11/17
1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

THURSDAY, 11/18
9:00am Power Hour

SATURDAY, 11/21
9:00am Men's Fellowship

SUNDAY, 11/22
Last Sunday of the Church Year
9:00am Worship w/Communion
10:15am Sunday School for all Ages
Art Fair Judging

Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by Audrey Amiling in celebration of Raynette and Joshua's Birthdays

SERVING NEXT WEEK, November 22-29
Organist: Cathy Sharrett
Acolytes: Colton Denney, Brennan & Tristan Monaghan, Audrey Pasillas
Ushers: Larry Sharrett, Isaac Sharrett
Elder on Duty: Jeremy Gracia
Communion Assistants: Doug Seals, Shu-Ting Lai