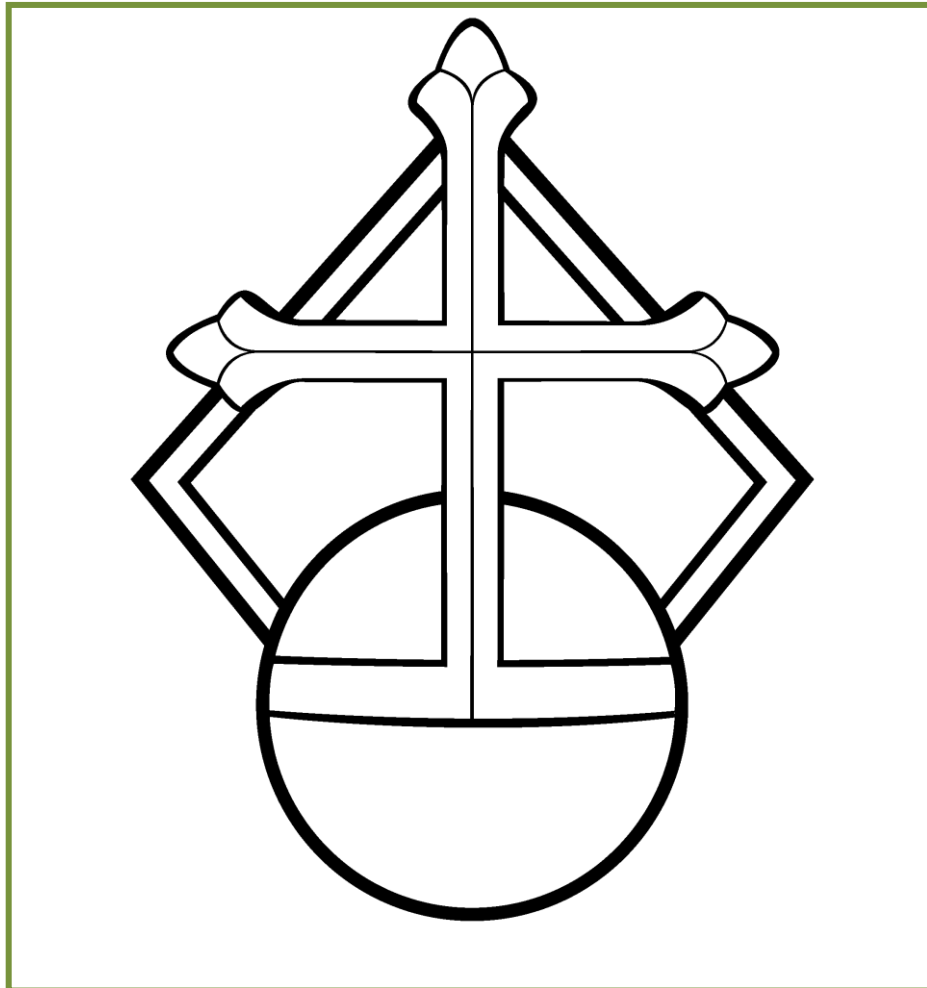

MICHAELMAS THREE

October 18, 2026



SERVING THIS WEEK

Pastor Tony Pittenger
Accompanist Cathy Sharrett
Acolytes Brennan/Tristan Monaghan,
Colton Denney, Audrey Pasillas
Ushers Chris Denney,
Elijah Enstad
Elder on Duty Larry Sharrett
October 19-25

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

418:1-4

*How Fair the Church
of Christ Shall Stand*

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*God Bless Our Native
Land*

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539:1-3

*Jerusalem, My
Happy Home*

EPISTLE LESSON

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in Heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself. *Philippians 3:17–21 (ESV)*

GOSPEL LESSON

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Him in His words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone’s opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show Me the coin for the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away. *Matthew 22:15–22 (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.

Receive, O Lord, our praise and thanks for every good gift of Your grace. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we might walk wisely and redeem the time You give us on this earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May Your name be held and seen and heard as “holy” in all that we do in this life; in our worship and teaching; in our day-to-day in the world; in our homes and in our witness to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to know and to do Your will in all that we do, just as the angels in Heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Preserve Your Church, the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth, with faith that is fed and nourished by Your holy Word, Your promises of grace and mercy in our Savior Jesus Christ and let the nations and kingdoms of this world be faithful in their service to their people, protecting life and preserving all that is just and good. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give us bread that satisfies and everything needful not for our sakes, but graciously on account of Christ. Provide, we pray, for every need of body and soul [*especially for _____*]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to forgive those who sin against us as fully and freely as You have forgiven us. Spare us from all temptations, Lord, and deliver us from evil and finally welcome us into Jesus' everlasting wedding hall by grace; through the same, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP

Recurring Giving

Want an easy way to make regular offerings or gifts to Bethany? **Zelle®** lets you schedule recurring payments directly through your bank's app or website—no separate app needed!

Simply find Zelle® in your banking app, add Bethany using bethanytreasure@gmail.com or the QR code, enter your amount, and select “**Recurring**” or “**Schedule**” to choose your giving frequency.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK CLUB

Book club today. We will be going over chapters 2-3 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.

REFORMATION FEST | Sunday, October 25

Join us following worship for our Reformation Fest! Please bring a hot dish to share, they can be placed in the warmer in Mrs. Pasillas's classroom.

BEDTIME BOOKS | Halloween Fun!

We need candy donations and volunteers for our Halloween Bedtime Books event! After the reading, children will trick-or-treat around the classrooms. Interested in helping pass out candy? Sign up on the purple bulletin board.

FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS, Sunday, 11/1

On Sunday, November 1st, Bethany will observe the Festival of All Saints, a special time to honor and remember all Bethany members and loved ones who have entered the church triumphant in heaven since the last All Saints Day. If you would like to include the name of a loved one who was not a Bethany member, please provide their information to Pastor Pittenger no later than Thursday, October 29th.

VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE, Sunday, 11/8

Each year we pay tribute to our military with a **Veteran's Day Remembrance**. Please get any rank updates/soldier additions onto our list of Bethany veterans by Sunday, October 25th. The current list is posted in the hallway. Present/past members as well as spouses/children of members may be included. **ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE or RETIRED MILITARY** would be welcomed to post the colors on Sunday, November 8th. Please speak to Pastor Pittenger or Rosemary.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 10/18 Trinity 23

9:00am Worship

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

3:00pm Book Club

MONDAY, 10/19

7:00pm Worship

TUESDAY, 10/20

1:00pm Juanita's Bible Study

SUNDAY, 10/25 Reformation

9:00am Worship w/Communion

10:15am Reformation Fest

*Flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God
by Conrad and Candy Plyler in celebration of Candy's Birthday*

SERVING NEXT WEEK, October 25-31

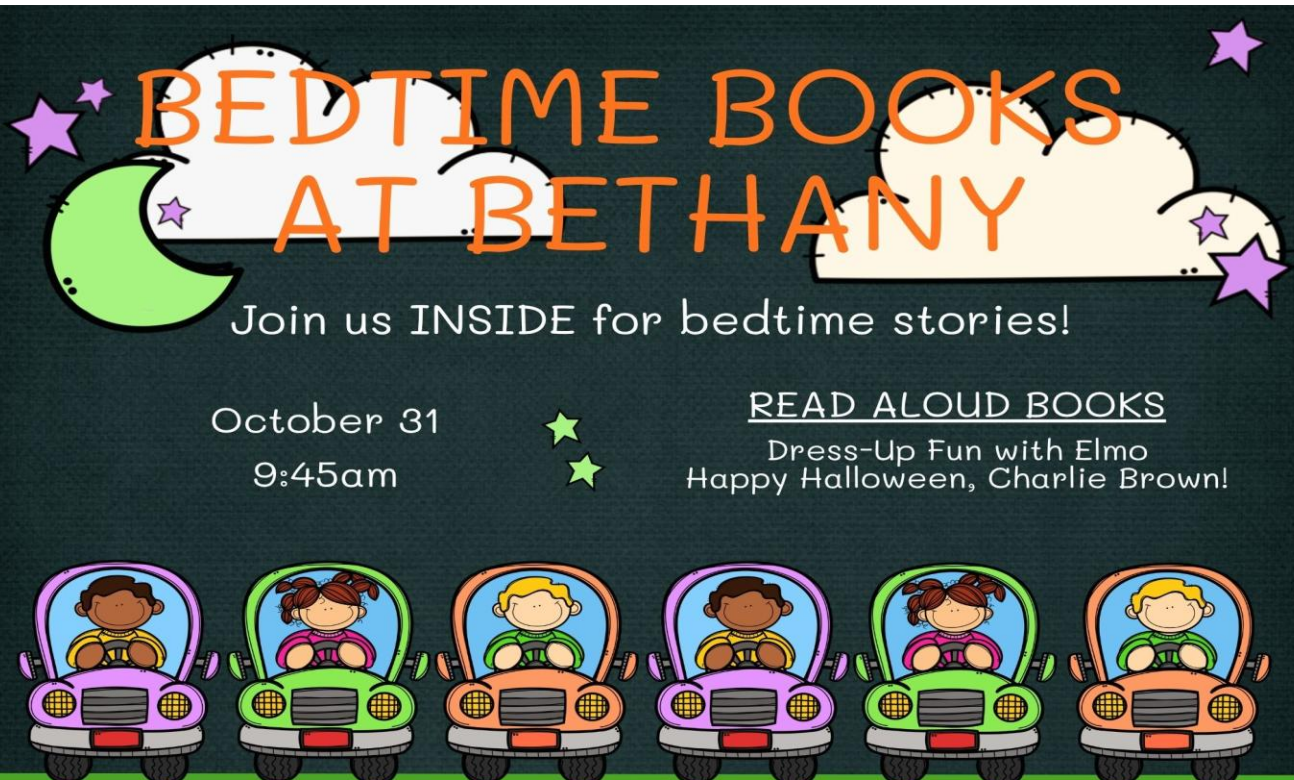
Organist: Roberta Highfill

Acolytes: Donovan & Grant Singleton, Salvador Alas

Ushers: Larry Sharrett, Isaac Sharrett

Elder on Duty: Bo Boucher

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