

PRAYER -HELP FOR THE HELPLESS

17th Sunday in Trinity

Bethany Lutheran Church | Port Orchard, WA

September 16, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and 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.

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED

To participate in this service, just follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other. Parts marked P are spoken by the pastor, and parts marked C are spoken or sung (♫) by the congregation.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Tony Pittenger
Liturgist	Pastor David Locklair
Organist	Mrs. Barb Mantey
Ushers 8:15	<u>Team 1</u> (Seals)
Ushers 11	<u>Team 12</u> (Lorette)
Acolytes 8:15	Sarah Overfield, Logan Bowman, Lexi Elliott, Laurey Hoefler
Acolytes 11	Sarah/Emilie Circelli, Ben Patterson, Justin Sievers
Greeters 8:15	Dennis & Dolores Morrison
Greeters 11	Pete & Rachel Bonilla
Elder on duty this week	Mike Overfield

🔊 HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE – please ask for a receiver at the usher station

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Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918–2018

During this centennial year, the ELS holds dear the fellowship which we have with the member church bodies throughout the world in the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC). The thirty-two church bodies consist of about 500,000 souls. The Rev. Gaylin Schmeling, of the ELS, currently serves as the president of the CELC being elected at its latest triennial convention at Grimma, Germany in the summer of 2017. The next international convention will be hosted in 2020 in South Korea.

MATINS

(page 109 in *The Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

please stand



PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare | 459

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Dearly Beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VERSICLES

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore, Amen. Alleluia!

be seated

INVITATORY/VENITE

P: O come, let us worship the Lord.

C: ♪ For He is our Maker.

C: ♪ O come, let us sing to the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In His hands are the deep places of the earth; The strength of the hills is His also.

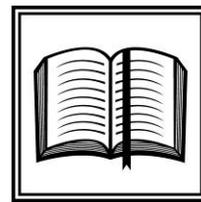
The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land.

O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen.



THE RESPONSIVE PSALM

P: ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C: ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

P: ³ Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases,

C: ⁴ Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: ⁵ Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C: ⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

P: ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

C: ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

P: ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

C: ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.

please stand

Psalm 103 (ESV) Of David.

P: ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

C: ¹⁴ For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.

P: ¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; ¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

C: ¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, ¹⁸ to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

P: ¹⁹ The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

C: ²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word! ²¹ Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

P: ²² Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:14-24 (ESV)

And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Him, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can't! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"

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EPISTLE LESSON & SERMON TEXT

James 5:13-20 (ESV)

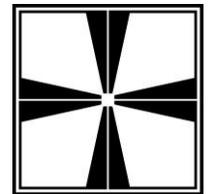
Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us.
 C: ♪ **Thanks be to You, O Lord!**

SERMON

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GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND



OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when members and friends of Bethany Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support His saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

THE POST-OFFERING HYMN

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire | 454

please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:
 P: For all those who have been raised to new life through Baptism into Christ, that they would be strengthened by the Spirit, rooted and grounded in love, know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, and be filled with all the fullness of God, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
 P: For the Church throughout the world, and for an increase in faithful servants sent out into the harvest, that the proclamation of the Gospel would resound in all places, sinners of all nations would hear and believe, and Christ's kingdom would be expanded, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
 P: For all who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, seeking after peace and the common good of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.
 P: For those who live in lands where persecution and poverty are severe, that they would put their trust in Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think and, according to His will, find refuge in other more hospitable places, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and suffering, [*especially _____,*] that God would incline His ear to hear our prayers, heal and restore them according to His will, and keep them in the faith that leads to eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that we would be kept in the faith until we are raised with them on the Last Day to dwell in Christ's kingdom, which has no end, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ † and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪ Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above | 458:8 & 9

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 9/16	8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
MONDAY, 9/17	7:00 pm Worship
TUESDAY, 9/18	6:00 pm Evangelism Committee 7:00 pm PATT meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Guild/CONNECT meeting
WEDNESDAY 9/19	8:20 am BLS/ELC Chapel 3:30 pm Jr. Confirmation 7:00 pm Choir practice
THURSDAY 9/20	9:00 am -2:00pm Preschool PowerHour (A, B, C)
SUNDAY 9/23	8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm Bible Information Class

THE RECORD

Flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Iain & Holly Peterson in honor of Iain & Liam's birthdays.

Last Sunday 184 of God's people came to worship and hear His holy Word. 66 attended Sunday School and Adult Bible Study; 135 received holy communion.

Fall Stewardship Time: As the end of the year approaches, we will kick off our annual Stewardship pledges in October. Your pledge to steward God's gifts allows Bethany to more accurately set the budget for the coming year. As we approach the October kickoff, diligently and prayerfully determine the stewardship pledge that you plan to implement for 2019.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

"Stewardship is the activity of recognizing God as Lord of all."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LADIES CONNECT FALL KICK-OFF PIZZA PARTY

Tuesday, 9/18 | 7:00 pm

Ladies of Bethany, please join your sisters-in-Christ this Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Emmaus Room for our fall planning meeting. Bring your ideas for monthly fellowship/service activities so we can get our October-May activity schedule set up! Pizza & soda will be provided to sustain you. Hope to see lots of ladies with lots of ideas!

JUANITA'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays beginning 9/19 | 1:00 pm

Our class resumes THIS Wednesday at 1:00pm. This would have been Juanita's 90th birthday and would also have been Bob DeLancy's birthday (Doreen Ross's dad)! So, of course, we will have birthday cake!

WOMEN'S FALL MISSION RALLY

Saturday, 9/22 | 8am-4pm

Attention Bethany Ladies!! The 40th annual Mission Rally for the ELS Women's Mission Society, Pacific Northwest Region is coming up next Saturday, Sept. 22nd at Faith Lutheran in Medford, OR. The theme is "Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done!" and registration fee is \$10.00 at the door (includes continental breakfast and luncheon). RSVP to Mission Rally representative Kathy Ronholt ASAP if you are interested, so she can connect you with others who are carpooling. Come be inspired and hear what your Mission Society and the Synod is doing in the world!

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS BEGINS

Sunday 9/23 | 5:00 pm

Future times will be determined by the class members after discussion at this first meeting. This is our general Bible overview class designed for all who want to know more about the Lutheran faith and Bethany membership. Q? Ask the pastors!

HELP NEEDED: *Bethany is in urgent need of a website designer/administrator to keep our church site updated and operating smoothly. Please speak to the pastors ASAP.*

You Are Cordially Invited:

Commending God's Work from Age to Age.

Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church is celebrating its 125th Anniversary on Sunday, October 14, 2018:

Festival Service: 4:00 p.m. (Preacher: Rev. P. Faugstad); Dinner/Program: 5:30 p.m. (Keynote Speaker:

Rev. A. Ring). If you are planning to attend the dinner, please **RSVP by Sept. 30**. Payment: Adults

\$10/Children (2-12) \$5. Make checks payable to Parkland Lutheran Church indicating how many adults and children. Send to: PLC c/o Langseth Environmental, 7517 Portland Ave. E., Tacoma, WA 98404.

Questions: 253-255-6752. (Church location: 120 123rd St. S., Tacoma, WA).



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Worship Schedule: Sunday 8:15 & 11am; Monday 7:00pm; Sunday School for all ages 9:45am