



**ONE FAITH/ONE LORD**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity

# Bethany Lutheran Church | Port Orchard, WA

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

September 23, 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

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Tony Pittenger
<b>Liturgist</b>	Pastor David Locklair
<b>Organist</b>	Mrs. Roberta Highfill
<b>Ushers 8:15</b>	<u>Team 2</u> (Ronholt)
<b>Ushers 11</b>	<u>Team 13</u> (Dahlke)
<b>Acolytes 8:15</b>	Jack/Nika Pittenger; Rory Alonzo; Eileen Lee
<b>Acolytes 11</b>	Audrey Amiling; Zach/Levi Baur; Ethan Sickler
<b>Greeters 8:15</b>	Jayson & Dawn Elliott
<b>Greeters 11</b>	Jerry & Karanne Harless
<b>Elder on duty this week</b>	Conrad Plyler

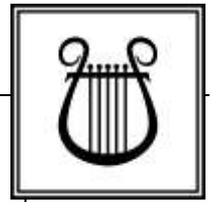
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# THE DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite II, Responses II, page 60-72, 85-87 in *The Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)



(please stand)

## PROCESSIONAL

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It* | **ELH 246**

1. God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized in - to  
 2. Sins, dis - turb my soul no long - er; I am bap - tized in - to  
 3. Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized in - to  
 4. Death, you can - not end my glad - ness; I am bap - tized in - to

Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, Gave my  
 Christ. I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'  
 Christ. Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion, I am  
 Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness To in -

full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures  
 cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science  
 not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've  
 her - it Par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and

man - y? I have one worth more than an - y That brought  
 seize me Since my Bap - tism did re - lease me In a  
 trav - elled, All your might has come un - rav - elled, And, a -  
 ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism

me sal - va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 dear for - giv - ing flood, Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 gainst your ty - ran - ny, God my Lord u - nites with me!  
 has the strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.

5. There is nothing worth comparing  
 To this lifelong comfort sure!  
 Open-eyed my grave is staring;  
 Even there I'll sleep secure.  
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
 Still my soul continues praising:  
 I am baptized into Christ;  
 I'm a child of Paradise!

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## CONFESSION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy on us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**C: Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.**

*be seated*

## INTROIT:

P: Reward them who wait for You, O Lord, and let Your prophets be found faithful. Hear the prayer of Your servants and of Your people Israel. I was glad when they said to me, "let us go into the house of the Lord."

## GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

## KYRIE

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**C:**   ♩ **Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,  
we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For You only are holy. You only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION:

**P:**   The Lord be with you.  
**C:**   ♩ **And with your spirit.**

## COLLECT:

**P:**   Let us pray:  
**P:**   O Lord, because without You we are not able to please You: Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

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### CATECHISM EXPLANATION

**P:**   Why do we say that we believe in "the holy Christian Church?"  
**C:**   **We say the holy Christian Church because only those who believe in Jesus are the one body of which Christ is the head.**  
*[proof passage: Ephesians 4:4-6, today's sermon text]*

*please stand*

### Rite of Confirmation

**P:**   What is the rite of confirmation?  
**C:**   **Confirmation is a rite in which individuals confess the faith into which they have been baptized and show that they are properly instructed to receive the Lord's Supper.** *(Questions #199 & 298 from the ELS Catechism Explanation: 2001 Edition)*

P: The Holy Gospel for today is written in the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 41<sup>st</sup> verse.

C: ♪ **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Luke 2:41-52 (ESV)*

**N**ow His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup> and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. <sup>48</sup> And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress." <sup>49</sup> And He said to them, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?" <sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. <sup>51</sup> And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P: This is the Holy Gospel of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ **Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## GRADUAL

P: Alleluia! Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers: praise Him and highly exalt Him forever. Alleluia!

C: ♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## APOSTLES CREED

C: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of Sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

*be seated*

## SERMON HYMN

*Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain | 288*

## EPISTLE LESSON & SERMON TEXT

*Ephesians 4:1-6 (ESV)*

therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

- *DEUTERONOMY 4:9 (ESV)* “Take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.
- *DEUTERONOMY 6:6–7 (ESV)* And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
- *LUKE 18:16 (ESV)* But Jesus called them to Him, saying, “Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.
- *ROMANS 10:17 (ESV)* So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- *2 TIMOTHY 3:15 (ESV)* From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.
- *3 JOHN 4 (ESV)* I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

## SERMON

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*please stand*

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.**

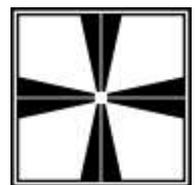
*be seated*

## 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.*

*please stand*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: For all believers, God's saints who offer their worship and praise, that they and we would walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we've been called, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church throughout the world, that She would be eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His vineyard, and that those Church workers would be kept steadfast in the Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all parents, that they would love and nurture their children as our own heavenly Father loves us and provides for all our needs, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our Sunday schools, catechism classes, and Bible studies, that the Word of God would be taught faithfully and children young and old would grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the nations of the world, that those who have been placed in authority would serve with wisdom, seek to preserve life and work for peace, for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick, suffering, mentally ill, lonely, depressed and all who have requested our prayers, *[including \_\_\_\_\_,]* that they would receive healing and patience according to God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who mourn, that they would receive the comfort of the Holy Spirit and so rejoice in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**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.**

**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.**

*be seated*

**COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****BENEDICTION**

P:     The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you †peace.

**C:**     ♩ **Amen, amen, amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*I am Jesus' Little Lamb* | **648**

## CALENDAR

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<b>SUNDAY 9/23</b>	8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship
	9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
	5:00 pm Bible Information Class
<b>MONDAY, 9/24</b>	7:00 pm Worship
<b>TUESDAY, 9/25</b>	5:00 pm -7:00pm <u><i>Twin Creeks Café (formerly BluBerry Yogurt) Takeover</i></u>
<b>WEDNESDAY 9/26</b>	8:20 am BLS/ELC Chapel
	3:30 pm Jr. Confirmation
	6:30 pm Choir practice (note new start time)
<b>THURSDAY 9/27</b>	9:00 am -2:00pm Preschool PowerHour (A, B, C)
<b>SUNDAY 9/30</b>	8:15 am & 11:00 am Worship
	9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
	5:00 pm Bible Information Class

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

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*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.”* II Corinthians 8:9

## THE RECORD

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**Flowers on the altar today** are given to the glory of God by Sam & Penny Bell in honor of family birthdays.

**Last Sunday** 197 of God's people came to worship and hear His holy Word. 68 attended Sunday School and Adult Bible Study.

**Baptisms this Week:** May God bless and keep these little lambs of His now and always:

Sunday 9/23

**Hudson Eamon Hoefler**, son of Matt & Katie Hoefler. Hudson was born August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday 9/22:

**Lilian Jo Hagadone**, daughter of Daniel & Schelsey Hagadone, Lilian was born March 18, 2017

**Bryce Lucas Booth**, son of Dustin & Schayna Booth. Bryce was born December 17, 2014.

### Note of Thanks:

*The Caretti and Killgore families thank you for your prayers, kind words and concerns over Donna's passing. We are at peace with Donna's being with her Lord and Savior and free from the earthly pains she was enduring. Your sharing of our pain helped immensely.*



### Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918–2018

The opening service for Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary was conducted on September 24, 1946. Five students were enrolled during the first year. Norman A. Madson, Sr., the first dean of the seminary wrote, "Our own seminary is no longer merely a child of our fond desires, but has become a living reality." The seminary shared classroom space with Bethany Lutheran College, and in a practice still in existence today, professors often taught both in the college and the seminary.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS BEGINS TONIGHT

**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!

### EAT FRO-YO, HELP OUR SCHOOL

**Tuesday, 9/25 | 5-7pm**

Bethany's P.A.T.T. (Parents And Teachers Together) is having a "Takeover" of the Mile Hill Twin Creeks Café (formerly BluBerry Frozen Yogurt) THIS Tuesday evening from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. A portion of all sales in that timeframe will be donated to the school. Stop by for a yummy bowl of frozen yogurt with your choice of tasty toppings or other assorted goodies; it's a fun night of fellowship for a good cause.

### EVERGREEN FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER AT BETHANY

**Wed, 10/10 | 6:15-7:45 pm**

Join the ELHS Eagles as they serve you a delicious spaghetti dinner 'on the house'. A free-will offering will be available to help cover supplies. Meet your 2018 Eagle Football and Cheer teams; spin the wheel for a chance to win Eagle Gear or season passes to ELHS home games!

### OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

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.

### 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