

**THE DEARLY DEPARTED:  
NO MORE TO COVER AND  
NO MORE TO HIDE.**

Festival of All Saints

# Bethany Lutheran Church | Port Orchard, WA

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

November 4, 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. Tanya Bessler
<b>Ushers 8:15</b>	Team 1 (Seals)
<b>Ushers 11</b>	Team 11 (Harless)
<b>Acolytes 8:15</b>	Sarah Overfield, Logan Bowman, Lexi Elliott, Laurey Hoefler
<b>Acolytes 11</b>	Sarah/Emilie Circelli, Ben Patterson, Justin Sievers
<b>Greeters 8:15</b>	Greg & Becky Bergemann
<b>Greeters 11</b>	Mike & Vikki Skinner
<b>Elder on duty this week</b>	Conrad Plyler

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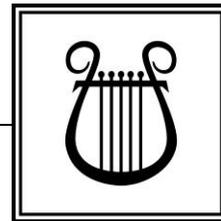
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# THE DIVINE SERVICE, Rite Two

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

(please stand)



## PROCESSIONAL

*Rise, Ye Children of Salvation* | 472

## 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: A great multitude which no one could number stood before the throne and before the Lamb. Clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands. Crying out in a loud voice, saying: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

## **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.**

## **ANTHEM (11AM)**

*First Song of Isaiah* | **Combined Choirs**

*(congregation is invited to join in singing refrain, as indicated by Director) (printed on p. 10)*

## **COLLECT:**

P: Let us pray:

P: O almighty and everlasting God, through Your only-begotten and beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You will sanctify all Your elect and beloved: Give us grace to follow their faith, hope, and love, that we together with all Your saints may obtain eternal life; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**



### THE CATECHISM LESSON

P: The sixth petition, or request we're taught to make in the Lord's Prayer:

**C: And lead us not into temptation.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: God certainly tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our own flesh may not deceive us nor lead us into misbelief, despair, and other shameful sin and vice; and though we be thus tempted, that we may still in the end overcome and retain the victory.**

### Lord's Prayer: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Petitions

P: The seventh petition of the Lord's Prayer:

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: We pray in this petition, as the sum of all, that our Father in heaven would deliver us from every evil of body and soul, property and honor; and at last, when the hour of death shall come, grant us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

*Genesis 3:1–8 (ESV)*

**N**ow the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' " <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

### GRADUAL

*Revelation 7:15a*

P: Alleluia! They are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple. Alleluia!

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

*please stand*

P: The Holy Gospel for All Saints Day is written in the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

**C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 5:1-12 (ESV)*

Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

C: **♫ Praise be to You, O Christ!**

## 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*

## THE SERMON HYMN

*Behold a Host, Arrayed in White | 656*

## EPISTLE LESSON & SERMON TEXT

*Revelation 7:13-17 (ESV)*

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## SERMON

*The Dearly Departed: No More to Cover and No More to Hide*

# ~~GOD'S PROMISES FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2018~~

ON THIS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, WE REMEMBER THESE MEMBERS, FORMER MEMBERS  
& FRIENDS OF BETHANY WHO WERE CALLED HOME OVER THE PAST YEAR:

Wayne Ablitt, Bethany member, husband of Judy, ☩ (*Job 10:9 & 12*)

P: Remember that You molded me like clay.

**C: You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in Your providence watched over my spirit.**

Elizabeth Aselton, godmother of Cyndi Circelli, ☩ (*Psalm 90:12*)

P: So teach us to number our days,

**C: That we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Helen Bailey, friend/'grandma' to the Sievers family, ☩ (*1 John 5:4*)

P: Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world.

**C: And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.**

Pete Bernier, brother-in-law of Nancy Busek, ☩ (*Isaiah 25:8*)

P: He will swallow up death forever;

**C: And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces.**

Harold Bobrofsky, father of Barb Mantey, grandfather of Melissa Pittenger, ☩ (*Psalm 84:2 & 9*)

P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**C: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Danny Burleson, Bethany member, husband of Charly, father of Cayenne & Aengus, ☩ (*Psalm 73:26*)

P: My flesh and my heart may fail,

**C: But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Donna Caretti, Bethany member, wife of Lou, mother of Wendy & Adela, ☩ (*Psalm 116:8-9*)

P: You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

**C: I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.**

Kathleen Daly, sister of Henry Shadbolt, ☩ (*Jeremiah 31:13*)

P: I will turn their mourning into joy;

**C: I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.**

Patricia Downey, former Bethany member, sister of Leigh Snyder, ☩ (*John 5:25*)

P: Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God,

**C: And those who hear will live.**

Glenn Hamann, friend of Rachel & Chad Miller, ☪ (*Romans 8:11*)

P: He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies

**C: Through His Spirit who dwells in you.**

Janet Hayes, sister of Linda Nelson, aunt of Ray Killgore, ☪ (*Psalms 71:6*)

P: Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;

**C: You are He who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of You.**

William Hendry, father of Nancy Busek, ☪ (*Ephesians 2:8*)

P: By grace you have been saved through faith.

**C: And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.**

Douglas Johnson, husband of Deb Johnson, ☪ (*Psalms 6:4*)

P: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me;

**C: Save me because of Your unfailing love.**

Gene Jonas, brother of Rick Sommerfeld, ☪ (*Luke 23:42-43*)

P: And he said, Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.

**C: And Jesus said to him, Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.**

John Kleinhans, friend of Rachel & Chad Miller, ☪ (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*)

P: We shall all be changed, in a moment,

**C: In the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.**

Sean Maples, friend of Rachel & Chad Miller, ☪ (*Micah 7:7*)

P: But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD,

**C: I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.**

Arna Miller, grandmother of Chad Miller, ☪ (*Isaiah 35:10*)

P: The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;

**C: Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy.**

Rev. George Orvick, former president of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod, ☪ (*Isaiah 49:13*)

P: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**C: The Lord has comforted His people and will have compassion on His afflicted.**

Rev. Wilhelm Walther Petersen, former professor & president of our seminary, ☪ (*2 Timothy 4:7-8*)

P: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.**

Helen Price, aunt of Cyndi Circelli, ☪ (*John 11:25-26*)

P: I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

**C: And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.**

Amelia Rasmussen, aunt of Mike McInnis, ☪ (*John 5:24*)

P: I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life.

**C: He will not be condemned: He has crossed over from death to life.**

Madison Meredith Saling, granddaughter of Loren & Meredith Saling, ☪ (*Isaiah 29:18-19*)

P: In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

**C: The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.**

Steven & Terri Standley, friends of Jerry & Karanne Harless, ☪ (*Job 19:25-26*)

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

**C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**

Darryl Stuart, father of Jamie Seals, ☪ (*2 Samuel 22:47*)

P: The Lord lives, and blessed be my Rock,

**C: Exalted be my God, the Rock of my salvation.**

Allan Thompson, friend of Rachel & Chad Miller, ☪ (*Revelation 1:17-18*)

P: Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the Living One.

**C: I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hell.**

SFC Rey Transfiguracion, K.I.A. Afghanistan, friend of Chad Miller, ☪ (*Micah 4:3*)

P: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**C: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.**

Carolyn Wosje, wife of former Bethany pastor Rev. Carl Wosje, ☪ (*Psalms 142:5*)

P: I cry to You, O Lord; I say, You are my refuge,

**C: My portion in the land of the living.**

**-BLESSED BE THEIR MEMORY-**

## HYMN

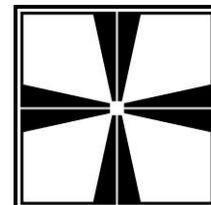
*For All the Saints, Who from Their Labors Rest* | 463

## 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 to the Lord our God, who raised Jesus from the dead.

*Brief silence*

P: Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, ,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Give courage and faith to Your people who pass through difficult and trying times [*especially commending to Your care this day \_\_\_\_\_*]. Give them relief according to Your will and strength to meet the challenges ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and final healing at the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, ,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Remember in Your kindness all entrusted with civil authority among us, and give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who has Himself taught us to pray:

**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*

## ANTHEM (8:15AM)

*First Song of Isaiah* | **Combined Choirs**

*(congregation is invited to join in singing refrain, as indicated by Director)*

### **FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH REFRAIN:**

*Surely it is God who saves me,  
I will trust in Him and not be afraid,  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
And He will be my Savior.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*please stand*

**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.**

**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**

*On My Heart Imprint Thine Image* | **ELH 593**

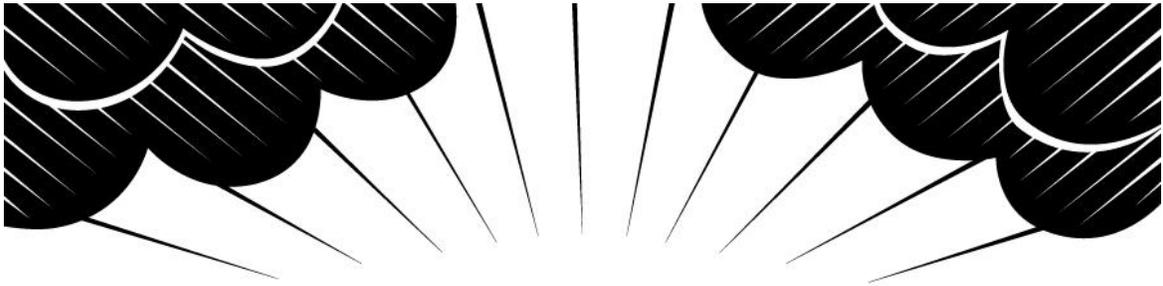
1. On my heart im - print Thine im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,

King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures,

Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face. This the su - per - scrip - tion

be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my

hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.



## CALENDAR

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<b>SUNDAY 11/4</b>	<i>Festival of All Saints; Daylight Savings ends</i> 8:15 am & 11:00am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages 5:00 pm Bible Information Class
<b>MONDAY, 11/5</b>	7:00 pm Worship
<b>TUESDAY, 11/6</b>	7:00 pm School Board
<b>WEDNESDAY, 11/7</b>	8:20 am BLES/ELC Chapel 3:30 pm Jr. Confirmation 6:30 pm Choir Practice
<b>THURSDAY, 11/8</b>	9:00 am -2:00pm Preschool PowerHour (A, B, C)
<b>FRIDAY, 11/9</b>	6:00 pm Ladies in the Library
<b>SUNDAY 11/11</b>	<i>Veteran's Day</i> 8:15 am & 11:00am Worship <b>9:45 am -10:45am Locklair Family Farewell Coffee Fellowship</b> 5:00 pm Bible Information Class

## THE RECORD

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**Flowers on the altar today** are given to the glory of God by Leigh & Mike Snyder in loving memory of sister Patti Downey on her first heaven day.

**Last Sunday** 205 of God's people came to worship and hear His holy Word. 69 attended Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. 139 received Holy Communion.

### **Farewell Coffee Fellowship for Pastor & Kallie Locklair NEXT Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:45-10:45am (no Sunday School)**

Coffee, Juice & fresh fruit provided; Please bring a plate of your favorite sweet breakfast treat to share (donuts, pastries, muffins, coffeecake, nut bread...)

*Join us in thanking Pastor for his faithful ministry here and wishing the Locklair family Gods blessings as they move to Indiana.*



# QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE OF THE WEEK

*“Lord, help me to thank You for your gift of salvation by being a good manager of the earthly wealth You have given me. Make me generous in my giving, so that I might demonstrate to the world and to myself that I have only one Master – my Lord and King. Amen.”*

*from “Meditations”, Oct-Dec 2015.*

## BIBLE CLASS IN YOUR HOME, EVEN ON YOUR PHONE???

Yes. This November and December, I will be conducting Bible study over the internet. Material will be posted twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays, though you can cover the material at your own pace.

In the future I hope to be able to conduct classes with more “give and take” but this Fall 2018 session will be covering the well-known piece of classical music: G.F. Handel’s “Messiah”. From beginning to end it is nothing but God’s Word.

### Requirements:

- 1) a computer/tablet/phone with internet access.
- 2) Headphones (if you are listening on your commute or in a coffee shop).
- 3) A “gmail” address. I will be using “Google Classroom” for the platform and can only include people in the class who have a gmail address. It is free but you do need it. Go to [google.com](https://www.google.com) to sign up and download the app.

What: Again, we’ll be listening to/studying the Bible verses from Handel’s *Messiah*. This is a very famous/well-known piece of classical Christian music, often performed at Christmas time. Everything sung is straight out of the Bible, telling God’s plan of salvation from beginning to end.

Who: The class is a “closed group” on the internet. You are welcome to join and even invite friends from across the country but to “join” each person must be invited by Pastor Pittenger. To do that, use your google email address and send me an email at [pittengertony@gmail.com](mailto:pittengertony@gmail.com) saying “sign me up”. (Don’t have a Google/gmail address? See the “requirements” section above.)

When: Material for the first session will be sent out TOMORROW, Monday, November 5th. Each session should last no more than 30 minutes. Don’t worry if you aren’t free on Mondays or Wednesdays. You will be able to move through the material at your own pace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **CALLING ALL BETHANY LADIES! SERVICE TEAM HELPERS FOR 2019 STILL NEEDED!**

Please add your name to the signup sheets posted next to the office window. Our goal is to have all months covered for the altar care, hospitality, care & comfort teams today! Thanks to all who have responded—we have many blanks filled, but still need more especially on altar care.

### **BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE VISITS**

*today*

An admissions representative from Bethany Lutheran College is here with us today after each service and during the Sunday School hour. Parents/teens, you are encouraged to find out more about our Synod's college!

### **BETHANY 55's**

*Monday 11/5 | 1am*

Ladies & Gentlemen 55 years ('or better') are invited to enjoy a no-host brunch with your friends and peers the first Monday of each month out at the Airport Diner. Questions? Ask Dave Olsen.

### **LADIES IN THE LIBRARY**

*Friday, 11/9 | 6pm-???*

We've got boxes of books to get ready for our students. Bring your own glass & a beverage or snack to share and join us to label, organize and shelve all this literary treasure. Questions? Ask Melissa Pittenger.

### **VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE**

*Sunday, 11/11 | 8:15 & 11*

Next Sunday we pay tribute to our military with a **Veteran's Day Remembrance**. Please get any soldier additions (name & branch of service -rank not needed) onto our list by Wednesday 11/7. The current list is posted in the office window; blue information forms are below the list, you may leave them on the secretary's desk. Present/past members as well as spouses/children of members may be included. **ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE or RETIRED MILITARY** are needed to post the colors at each service. Please speak to either pastor ASAP.

### **LMSG AMMO CAN DONATIONS**

*through Sunday, 11/11*

The Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG) is asking for donations in support of our military men, women and their families. LMSG, a partnership of ELS and WELS veterans, is working to grow awareness of and bring Christian support to military members and their families in our congregations and beyond. By placing your gift in the AMMO can (located in the narthex), you are supporting the work of local congregations that are ministering to nearby military families, the WELS European chaplain program and global broadcasts of Time of Grace to our military. Questions? See Pastor Pittenger or visit [www.lutheranmilitary.org](http://www.lutheranmilitary.org). THANK YOU for standing shoulder to shoulder with those serving our nation!!

### **GOSPEL OUTREACH WITH MEDIA ONLINE CONFERENCE**

*through Monday, 11/12*

Join the discussion online! The 2018 "Gospel Outreach With Media" Conference, hosted by the Christ in Media Institute at Bethany Lutheran College, is now open, entirely online. Active discussion continues until Monday, November 12. Go to <https://GOWM.org> to participate. It's free and all are welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont'd.

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

**November 4<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please join in the annual Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gift program, a Christian Evangelical project delivering boxes of gifts with messages of Jesus' love to millions of underprivileged children in every country on earth. Supplies are in the narthex--Please take a box home to fill on your own or with help from your kids/grandkids (a wonderful example of Christian love!) Return to the narthex by the 18<sup>th</sup>; I will take them to the local drop-off point for shipping. Thanks for your generosity!

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### MEDITATIONS DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

December-March Meditations are in the narthex below the mailboxes. Cost is \$4 each; place payment in envelope provided and leave in the office. NOTE: This will be the last issue available here at church. If you are interested in continuing to receive Meditations, visit the Northwestern Publishing House website, where you may purchase annual subscriptions or individual copies: <https://online.nph.net/subscriptions/periodicals/meditations-daily-devotional.html>. Have an iOS device? download their app at: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/meditations-daily-devotional/id813756034?mt=8>

### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE IS UNDERWAY

**through November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please bring donations of non-perishable items for Thanksgiving/Christmas food baskets to assist those in need this holiday season. A table is in the school entrance for your contributions. Cash for perishables is also welcome and may be left in the office (*or the grey dropbox outside the office door*); clearly mark for 'food baskets' and make checks payable to Bethany Lutheran. Thank you!

### LADIES GUILD CONNECT

**Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

All current and former members are cordially invited to Ladies Guild's last official CONNECT gathering at 7pm on Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack to share and join us for fun, fellowship and reminiscing. Hope to see you all! Our service activity will be assembling 'comfort bags' for Port Orchard's Community & Family Services Foundation; these are given to children in crisis or transition to provide security during a stressful time. **Donations of new items are needed:** small throws (handmade or purchased), small/medium stuffed animals (no 'holiday' animals please) and children's books. Bring on the 20<sup>th</sup> or drop off in the office. Thank you.



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