

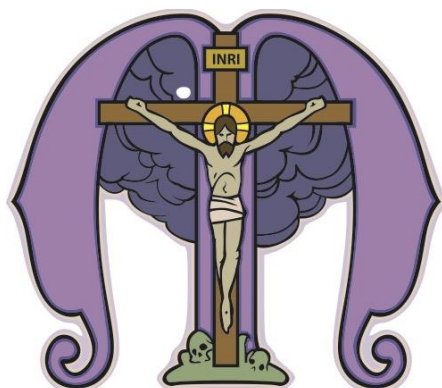
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# Bethany Lutheran Church

## EPIPHANY

January 12, 2025

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May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! (Psalm 72:17)

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### SERVING YOU TODAY

**Preacher:** Pastor Anthony Pittenger

**Organist:** Mrs. Cathy Sharrett

**Acolytes:** Sievers, Alas, Evans, Foss

**Elder this week:** Jeremy Gracia

~Communion is offered on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays & Mondays  
of the month~

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Sunday:** Join with us as we use  
The Divine Service, *Rite Two*,  
starting on page 60, with modifications.

*(Please follow along in the hymnal  
or above the altar as announced by Pastor)*

**Monday** pg. 128

*Flowers on the Altar this week are given to the glory of God by  
Tony & Melissa Pittenger in celebration of Nika's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.*



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### HYMNS:

**173**

*The Star  
Proclaims the  
King is Here*

**153:1,2&7**

*The People That  
in Darkness Sat*

**Distribution**

**324**

*O Jesus, at Your  
Altar Now*

**168**

*As with Gladness  
Men of Old*

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**INTROIT:** Behold, the Lord, the Ruler, has come, and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in His hand. All kings shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him. Give the King Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the King's Son.

**COLLECT:** O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles: Mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may after this life enjoy the fulness of Your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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## PSALM OF THE DAY

### PSALM 72 (ESV)

**O**f Solomon. <sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! <sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! <sup>3</sup> Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! <sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! <sup>5</sup> May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! <sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! <sup>7</sup> In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! <sup>8</sup> May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! <sup>9</sup> May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! <sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! <sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! <sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. <sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. <sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. <sup>15</sup> Long may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! <sup>16</sup> May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! <sup>17</sup> May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. <sup>19</sup> Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! <sup>20</sup> The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

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**GRADUAL:** Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord, all you nations! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Alleluia!

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## GOSPEL LESSON

**N**ow after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. *Matthew 2:1-12 (ESV)*

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## Prayer of the Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For humble and grateful hearts enlightened by the Gospel, that we would always bow down and worship the King, willingly offering Him the most precious gifts we have to give, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church, that God's people may be united in teaching, live in harmony and peace, so that we may labor together to bring the light of Christ to those still dwelling in darkness and death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of the nations, that God would endow them with justice and fill them with wisdom, compassion and care; and that, unlike Herod, they would seek to uphold life and watch over the welfare of the governed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who need the comfort of the Lord's presence, healing according to His will, relief of suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that He would sustain the weary with His Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

May Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word, that we would embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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## GATHER-GROW-GO

As part of our ongoing stewardship efforts, we invite you to consider giving the gift of your time by serving in key areas of our church community.



*Scan the QR to sign up for ways to serve the church.*

*Questions of comments, see the office*

*2025 Tithe envelopes will be available starting next Sunday. If you have any questions, please see Rosemary.*

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## Questions for Take-Home Psalm Sheets

Please take a Psalm-Sheet home for yourself and those in your home. Read the whole psalm at least once during the week or read the highlighted verses out loud throughout the week. The paragraph on the top back will help you better understand the psalm and the prayer on the bottom can be used all week long. Here are some questions you can ask yourself or parents can ask children. (Questions increase in complexity so that younger children can start while older siblings might finish. Answers may vary, discussion and conversation is the goal.)

1. What do you see in the picture on the front?
  2. What do you think the picture has to do with God's promises to His people?
  3. What words from this psalm do you like the best?
  4. How do you think Jesus is connected to this Old Testament psalm?
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# CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, 1/12

### *Epiphany*

**9:00 am Worship w/communion**

*(livestreamed)*

10:00 am Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am Christmas Take Down

## MONDAY, 1/13

11:00 am Bethany 55's

**7:00 pm Worship w/communion**

## TUESDAY 1/14

5:30 pm Elders Meeting

7:00 pm Church Council

## WEDNESDAY 1/15

8:25 am Chapel

## SATURDAY 1/18

9:00 am Men's Bible Fellowship

## SUNDAY, 1/19

### *Epiphany 1*

**9:00 am Worship**

*(livestreamed)*

10:00 am Sunday school for all ages

**BETHANY 55's:** If you are 55 or better, join them on **January 13<sup>th</sup>** at *That One Place* in Port Orchard for their monthly no-host brunch fellowship.

## 2025 Summer Dates:

**Camp Lutherhaven (campers going into 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

July 6-12<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Convention (grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

July 24-27

**Church Picnic at Lutherhaven**

August 10

**Bethany Hosts PNW Mission Rally**

September 27<sup>th</sup>

**HELP NEEDED-MISSION RALLY PLANNING COMMITTEE/80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

*3 committee members still needed!*

*SIGN UP TODAY on bulletin board next to janitor closet.*

*First meeting must be this month to set overall schedule/divide planning tasks.*

*Q? contact Kathy Seals.*

**Bethany Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

September 28th

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*Worship Schedule: Sunday 9:00am; Monday 7:00pm; Sunday School for all ages 10:00am*