Twenty-fourth Weekend after Pentecost

Saturday, November 7, 2026 - 4:00pm
Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 8:30am

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* *LSB 940*

Invocation, Exhortation, Confession of Sins, Absolution *LSB 151*

Introit: *Psalm 70* **& Kyrie** *On the screens or in front pages of the hymnal & LSB 152*

Hymn of Praise: *Great God, Our Creator* *OAR 233*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *On the screens*

We Honor Our Veterans

Welcome *Saturday – Pastor Tim Eden; Sunday - Pastor Randy Bard*

Children's Time *(Sunday)* *Pastor Tim Eden*

Old Testament Reading Amos 5:18-24 *pg 913 in pew Bible*

Gradual *Responsive reading adapt. from Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5 - found on screens*

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *pg 1173 in pew Bible*

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13 *pg 987 in pew Bible*

Nicene Creed *On the screens or on the back inside cover of the hymnal*

Hymn of the Day: *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* *LSB 741, sts. 1-4*

Sermon: "Encourage One Another", Part! *Pastor Tim Eden*

Hymn Response: *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* *LSB 741, sts. 5-8*

Offering *(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbcs.org)*

Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer *Those for whom we are praying are listed in the bulletin. Each petition of the prayer will end, "Lord, in Your Mercy."* ***The worshipers respond, "Hear our prayer."***

Benediction & Hymn to Depart: *How Great Thou Art* *LSB 801*

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Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests

We are delighted you are with us. We hope you will fill out the connection card in the pew. If you are a first-time guest, we have a mug for you with some Bethel information in them. Please check at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please scan the QR code or go online to our website blcbcs.org to fill out our visitor's survey.

NURSERY AVAILABLE—Nursery Care is available in Rm. 152 for ages 4 and under. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to use the Nursery. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship. You are also welcome to use The Gathering Room, to your left as you walk into the Narthex from the sanctuary. **Children's Activity Bags** are available in the Narthex beside the Elders Credenza.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bethel's Annual Fall Voter's Assembly
November 15 2026 ~ 1:00 PM
Agenda includes board and committee reports, building committee update, and the 2027 Budget. Check with the office if you would like an advanced copy of the pro-posed 2027 Budget. Nursery/Child Care will be provided.
Meal before Voter's Assembly – Bethel's Women in Mission will serve a lunch before the meeting for a free will offering. Proceeds to go to University Chapel's new van.

The Bethel OWLS Thanksgiving Dinner will be on the 2nd Thursday, Nov. 12 at noon. Turkey & dressing will be provided. Just bring a side or dessert to share. These lunches are for any retired people, couples or singles. We will play some Bingo.

Volunteer to help with the Preschool's Thanksgiving Feast on November 19th. preschool@blcbcs.org.

Advent By Candlelight – Dec. 5 at 2pm - Sign Ups are in the Narthex! Sign Up to be a Table Hostess, to Decorate a table or to Attend. All Ladies and girls, 2nd grade and up are invited.

Bethel's Live Nativity will be on December 11, 12, 13. Sign Ups for this are in the Narthex.

Save the Date for Christmas Caroling happening on Sunday, Dec. 5. Sign up in the narthex.

The Christmas Angel Tree is up in the Narthex! We have children from Still Creek Ranch and the BryanISD PRS on it. Pick your child, buy them presents and bring them to the church by Dec. 13.

The November Food Drive for The Brazos Church Pantry is underway! Bring your donations to the box in the narthex.
Hope Pregnancy Vision Dinner Fundraiser, Nov. 17th - Bethel is hosting a table again this year. You can sign up in the narthex.
The BEE Community's Great Gingerbread Gathering is Dec. 1 & 2.
Stop by the Community Service Bulletin Board in the Narthex for Donation Lists and volunteer opportunities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Preschool Thanksgiving Feast – Nov. 19
- Craft Retreat – Nov. 21
- Thanksgiving Worship on Wednesday on Nov. 25 at noon
- Decorate the Sanctuary – Nov. 28
- Advent Bedtime Stories – Nov. 29
- Advent Wed. Devotions – Dec. 2,9,16

Visit Bethel's Website: blcbcs.org.

In Our Prayers This Week

Bethel's Preschool, Teachers, & Students.

Bethel's Building Committee and Governance Committee.

Rev. Chad Bresson, The Table, Los Fresnos
Rev. John Karle, Rev. Daniel Bueckman, & DCE Dorinda Werner, University Lutheran Chapel, American and International Students

Those of our families who are expecting babies.

Those who are struggling with infertility.

Those Blessed with a Hospice Care Team and their families: Daniel Moravec and Deanne Noack.

Those with injuries, Hospitalized, scheduled surgery or recovering from surgery: Sally Coble, Martha Sue Oliver, Shirley Boone, Eric Jones, Robert Helton.

Those who are ill and dealing with chronic health issues and their families: Myrtle Head, Debbie Smith, Jim Sutherland, Scott Humes, Gabe Sanchez, Briley Schoppe, Malinda Klein, Autumn Beard, Vivian Peacock, Trey Schultz, Lynn Stroud, Katie Pivonka, Allie Cleveland, Dorothy Fundum, Charles Simpson, John Zirpel, Austin Bower, Sarah Schriever, Nikki Marth, Jane Neilsen, Wade Bolting, Eric Spence, Don Vogler, Buddy Kaatz, Diana Schneider, Mike Noack, Mike Lawler, Tracy James, Sharon Lang, Brigitte Schmitt, Joseph Edwards, Pr. John Karle, Sherry Schulenberg.

Our Beloved Members: Virginia Becker, Mardell Byer, Gladys Byer, Frances Duchmasclo, Dottie Garrison, Sue Hoffart, Mike Lenz, Gladys Paholek, Lee Price, Berta Ranft, Pearl Symmank, LaRue Welch and Bill & Judy Wieghat.

Those who mourn: Linda Jaetzold & family at the death of her husband Gary Jaetzold. Holly Karcher & family at the death of her husband Wayne Karcher on Oct.14. Wanda Gruhn & family at the death of her husband Pastor Mike Gruhn on Oct. 7. Vivian Peacock & family at the death of her sister-in-law, Mosie Peacock on October 5th.

All of our Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters and First Responders: Tyler Aaron, Mikayla Friemel, Jaxton Zanek, Mike Clark, Roger Simmons, Tim Kappler, Jason Nored, Scott Goodenow, Daniel Goodenow, Waylon Wendler, Bryan Thurston, Ryan Rutledge, Chris Pali, Brett Pali.

Those in the Military and their families:
Air Force – James Ellison at the Air Force Academy (Justin & Katy Ellison's son)
Cullen & Arleene Douget – stationed in Germany (Wade & Terressa Douget's Son & Daughter-I-L)
Joshua Stroud & family (stationed in Germany)
Hayley Sisco (Debbie Smith's niece)
Clay Gober (George/Lynn McIlhaney's grandsn)
Rylee Rutledge (Heather Clark's nephew)

Marines - Vincent Jochen (Barry & Donna Boyd's son-in-law)

Army - Blake Martin (Caroline Klein's friend)
Nick Solymosy (Ellen Solymosy's grandson)
Matthew Sutherland (Reserves)

Navy – Nina Silber – Deployed overseas (Steve & Connie Silber's granddaughter)
Michael Sefcik (John Gerald Sefcik's son)

Please note: *In an effort to keep our prayers updated, please let us know about your friends and family, if you wish them to stay in our petitions.* Prrcb

The Lutheran Hour Sponsors for the month of November: Tim & Elizabeth Donathen
Today's Altar Flowers Sponsor: Irene Luther in loving memory of Marc Luther.

OPPORTUNITIES TO Grow in Christ **Sun., Nov. 8 – Sun., Nov. 15, 2026**

Sunday, **November 8**	**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost & We Honor Our Veterans**	
	*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	Various Rooms
	*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary)	Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. - Living With Grief	Room 105
Mon., **November 9**	9:00 a.m. - Helping Hands Mission Quilters	Room 242
	6:00 p.m. - Safety Committee	Room 105
	7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study	Room 240
Tues., **November 10**	8:30 a.m. - Fit for Christ	Room 238
	10:00 a.m. - Ladies Bible Study	Room 239
	11:30 a.m. - Banners Group	Room 240
	2:00 p.m. - Church Staff Meeting	Room 105
	5:30 p.m. - Bd of Trustees	Room 105
	6:30 p.m. - Bd of Elders	Room 239
Wed., **November 11**	5:15 p.m. - Fun Family Wednesday Meal	Parish Hall
	6:00 p.m. - Bd of Early Childhood Ed	Parlor
	*6:00 p.m. - Financial Peace University	Room 105
	*6:30 p.m. - FFW Activities – Kid's Club, Youth Confirmation, Youth Night, Adult Bible Class,	Various Rooms
Thurs., **November 12**	8:30 a.m. - Fit for Christ	Room 238
	12:00 p.m. - Bethel OWLS Thanksgiving Dinner	Parish Hall
	6:00 p.m. - Handbell Rehearsal	Sanctuary Balcony
	7:00 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
Fri., **November 13**	6:30 a.m. - Men's Bible Study and Breakfast	Room 239
Sat., **November 14**	**Twenty-fifth Saturday after Pentecost with the Lord's Supper**	
	4:00 p.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m. - Adult Bible Class	Room 105
Sunday, **November 15**	**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost with the Lord's Supper**	
	*8:30 a.m. - Divine Service (Traditional)	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	Various Rooms
	*11:15 a.m. - Divine Service (Contemporary)	Sanctuary
	1:00 p.m. - Voter's Fall Assembly	Sanctuary
	3:00 p.m. - Church Council Mtg	Room 240
	4:00 p.m. - Living With Grief	Room 105

***Child Care Available in the Nursery**

For the Hearing Impaired – Bethel now provides a sanctuary audio broadcasting service called ***Auracast Broadcasting***. We have instructions for it at the elder's credenza.

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