

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery

While not yet staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

As We Gather:

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Variation on "Lo, How a Rose"

Alan F. Spear

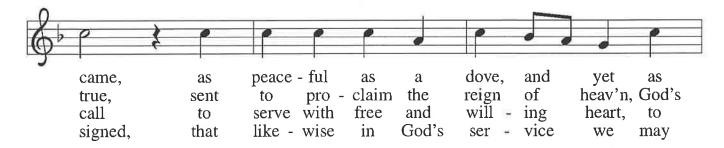
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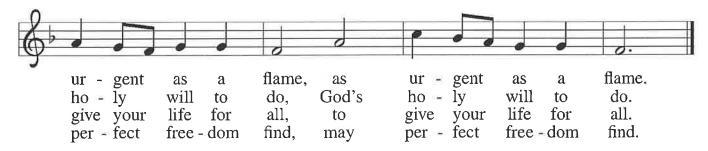
GATHERING HYMN: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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- 1 Christ, when for us you were bap tized, God's Spir it on you
- 2 God called you, "My be lov ed Son"; you are God's ser vant
- 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un til death you then o-beyed the
- 4 Bap tize us with your Spir it, Lord; your cross on us be





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Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit

and revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1–7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

6I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth —

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⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Robert Hobby

The choir sings the Antiphon once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing as indicated.

ANTIPHON:



Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

ANTIPHON:

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; he makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

ANTIPHON:

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

ANTIPHON:

SECOND READING: Acts 8:14–17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit

¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

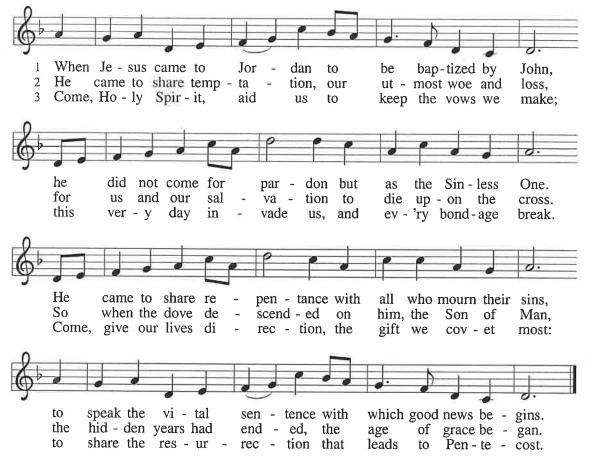
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

HYMN OF THE DAY: When Jesus Came to Jordan



NICENE CREED

- A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

- A By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (*especially*). God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.
- A You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*especially*). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,
- C Hear our prayer.

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- 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.

+ MEAL +

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC:

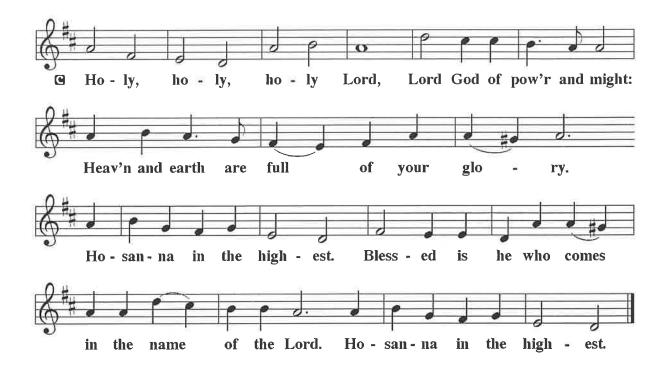
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his preaching and healing,

his dying and rising,

and his promise to come again,

we await that day when all the universe

will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,

that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- 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;

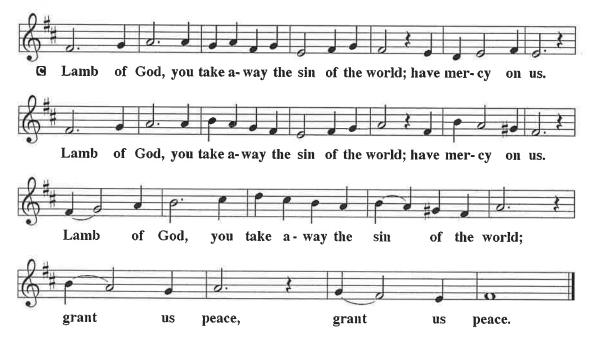
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- P The gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.
- A Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,

and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

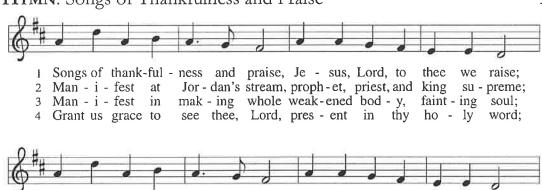
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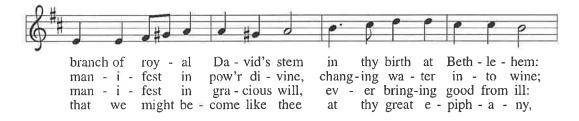
- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Let All Things Their Creator Bless

and may praise thee,

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Allison Mikyska, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist JoAnn Sargent, Reader Norma Pieratt, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild Graham Gustafson, Abbigail Harmon, Acolytes Fred Holch, A/V Festival Choir

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LET US PRAY

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Prayers of thanksgiving:

We celebrate the birth of baby girl, Paige Elise Holch, parents are David and Lisa Holch, grandparents Fred and Ann Holch

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Carlene Altman, Keith Altman, Doug Andrews, Mary Bradtmueller, Bill Dahlman, Rich Franzen, Michelle Golden, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Doug McVey, Mary North, Bob Novy, Hershel Pruitt, Louise Pruitt, Beth Richard, David Richard, Judi Spear, Joyce Stran, Shirley Striedl, Gretchen Van Kempema, Marion Youngquist

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in need of a care facility:

Helen AndersonMichaelsen Health Center, HolmstadMark AndersonSilverado Memory Care, St CharlesDorothy CarlsonMichealsen Health Center, HolmstadNita ChevalierMichealsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL

Marilyn Georgeson Park Manor, Holmstad Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Walt Meinert Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Joan Olson Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Judi SpearArden Courts of Geneva, GenevaJoyce StranGreenFields of Geneva, Geneva

Please pray for all those serving in the military who are connected to our congregation

Please pray for our family and friends:

Sherry & Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Parents

Owen Garrison Grandson of Debbie & Bill Garrison
Tracey Garrison Daughter-in-Law of Debbie & Bill Garrison
Pastor Paisley LeRoy Pastor at Bethlehem Church, St. Charles

Bill Garrison Husband of Debbie Garrison
Pastor Tim Kohlmeier Brother of Mark Kohlmeier
Charlene Novy Mother of Bob Novy

Bill Parkhurst Friend of Bill and Lynn Drymiller

Family friend of the Coopers

Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother

Linda Bennett Friends of Ken and Judy Henschler

David Ohlson Friend of Kathy Richmond

Paul Mazen

Lynn & Bob Stroh

Baby Thomas

Ed Bonnes

Cousin of John & Karol Clark

Bonnie Palshis

Friends of Jackie Page

Neighbor of Jan Bristow

Cousin of John & Karol Clark

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm

Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher and family, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Teri Figura

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Susan Sheley Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt

Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
DeAnne & Gary Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Laura Friend of Pastor Jeff
Rabbi Margaret Frishklein Friend of Pastor Jeff
Brad Blue Friend of Lois Benson

Megan Campbell Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Diane Ekstam Johnson

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam

Tammy English

Daughter of Shirley Streidl

Friend of Pastor Jeff

Jerry Martin

Father of Nicki McVey

Jan McGowen

Friend of Ann Holch

Tina Motter

Sister of Jackie Page

Teri Prokes

Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Tony Prokes Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Kelli Robertson Daughter of Diane Schalk

Wolfgang Smailus Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Ed Stahl Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Colleen Stephens Kim Carlson's sister

Marion Youngquist

Steve VossFriend of Pastor Jeff and GailMistyPam Klingberg's Sister-in lawEllen TuckerShirley Grant's Sister-in-law

Shirley Fox

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This Week at Bethany

Sunday, January 9		
	Worship	Sanctuary
	Coffee Hour	
	Sunday School	<u> </u>
	Youth Chili Lunch Fundraiser	
	an Guild of Organists 12th Night Event	
Monday, January 10	D 1 W 11 C	25.
	Bethany Walking Group	
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7pm	Marketing Team	Fellowship Hall/Zoom
Tuesday, January 11		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Quilters	
5:30pm	Executive Team	Conference Room
7pm	Fox River Radio League	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, January 12	Pothone Walling Chara	Minister Couts & Cours
	Bethany Walking Group	
-	Youth Bells	
	Confirmation	
7:30pm	Youth 2:19	
Thursday, January 13		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary
7pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center
	-	Gym/Vlahn Room
Friday, January 14	€	
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Food Pantry Serving	
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Saturday, January 15	26-1-1-1-1	3.5
	Men's Basketball	
	Altar Guild	*
	Movie Night	
8pm	AA	Lower Level
Sunday, January 16		
	Worship	
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor
2pm	Noteworthy Acoustic Concerts	Fellowship Hall