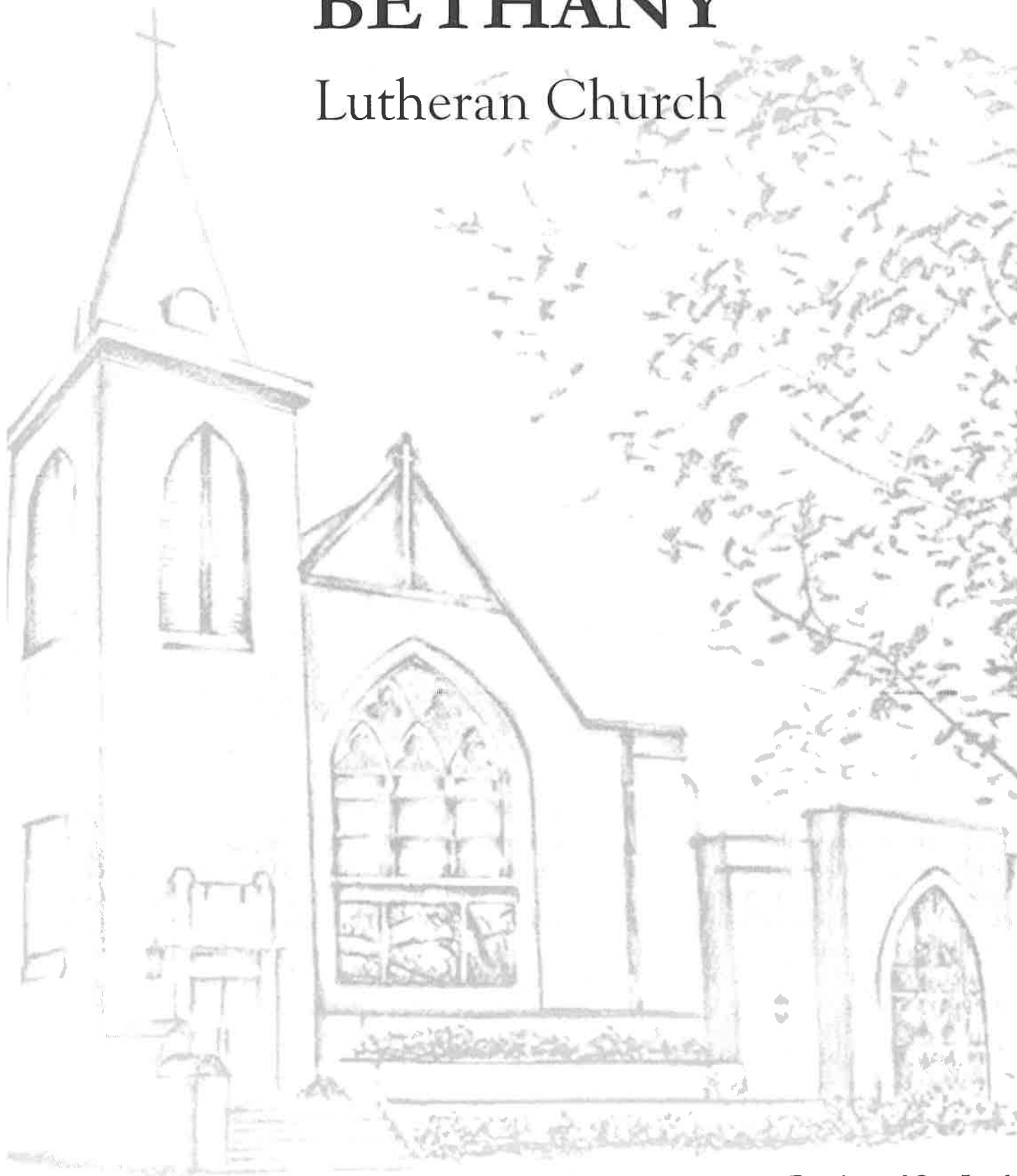


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



Baptism of Our Lord
January 14, 2024

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 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 are invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

As We Gather:

Baptism is about who we are and who we are called to be. This is made abundantly clear as Mark narrates Jesus' own baptism in the Jordan. But the voice ringing out from the heavens speaks not just to Jesus himself, but to all those gathered that day, and even us in this time and place. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am pleased." It is clear that God was pointing out Jesus as the Messiah, but the same sentiment can be said of each of us as well. We are God's beloved today. So while baptism is about God calling us, it is also about God calling us for the sake of the people around us. Baptism propels us from the font into the arms of community. A community that is equipped for ministry in the world that desperately needs to hear the Good News. A community that is the beloved Body of Christ for the world of this day and age.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Lutheran Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word *rubrica* (red) – referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Piano variation on Borning Cry

Alan F. Spear

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW #308



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

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.**

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

P Merciful and most high God, creator and giver of life, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. Grant us grace and bless us. Raise us by your Spirit. Revive us by your word. Form us by your hand. Bring us to the waters of life, and to the bread and cup of blessing, that with all your people we may bear witness to your grace, and praise your Name forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

ELW #308

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, our voices gaily blending! For Christ goes with us all the way— today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!	6 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we love is first and last, the end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace, transport us to that happy place beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning for the day of your returning.
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The prayer of the day, or collect, is appointed for each Sunday and "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus
you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.
Make all who are baptized into Christ
faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.
C **Amen.**

We sit

+ WORD +

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

John Helgen

ANTIPHON: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

L Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,*

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

C **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;***

worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

L The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;*

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

C **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;***

the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

ANTIPHON

L The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;*

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

C **he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,***

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

L The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;*

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

C **The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe***

and strips the | forests bare.

ANTIPHON

L And in the temple | of the LORD*

all are | crying, "Glory!"

C **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;***

the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.

L The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*

the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1–7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — ⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after

me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the day's scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
Mark 1:4-11

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW #305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

NICENE CREED

L 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.**

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L Inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church, God of forgiveness. Uplift leaders (*church leaders may be named*) to share the truth of your word in community. Encourage us to live into the promises of baptism, working for justice and peace in all the world. God of grace,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L Renew your creation, God of thunder and mighty waters. Restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. May fields flourish and grow. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L Give strength to your leaders, God who is present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us, God of strength. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering (*especially*). God of grace,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L Encourage this congregation, God who calls and sends disciples. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors on the margins, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L Trusting the assurance of the Holy Spirit, we remember all who have died and rest in God's care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

We share Christ's peace with each other as a sign of charity and unity in preparation for the Holy Communion.

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

Having confessed our sins, received forgiveness, listened to the Word of God and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering we gratefully offer back to God some of what he has given us, symbolically in the gifts of bread and wine prepared at the table and the money we give.

OFFERING MUSIC: We Saw His Glory

Erhard Mauersberger
Ed. Paul Bunjes

We saw His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.
Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Thou, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C you call us in baptism to live as stewards of your love.

In response 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

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

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. He shared in our broken life, living among us to reveal your glory and love, so that we may in turn live in his divine righteousness through the sacraments and faith. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. You call each of us by name and refer to each of us as your beloved children. You call us to a life in baptismal union with your son, Jesus Christ.

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, that we have been baptized into

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 forevermore.

C Amen.

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has first 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 These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

Echoing both John 1:29 and Revelation 5:6, this song addresses the risen Christ giving himself away at this table as the true Lamb.

AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his holy banquet. 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

HYMN: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW #311



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.



Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
C **Amen.**

L 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.**

Sending reminds us that every Sunday worship gathering is a cycle, existing for a time and then dispersing. We arrive at the "sending" after traveling from the rite of gathering to the word and meal. We heard and proclaimed the Word; we were nourished at the Meal; and now we complete the cycle. We have encountered the living Christ in this place and are empowered for ministry in the world.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forevermore.
C **Amen.**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

DISMISSAL

L As the Body of Christ in this world, Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Dialogue

Couperin

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Mark Waldron, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
John Stoffel, Reader
Becky Klitzkie, Nancy Freedlund, Altar Guild
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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.

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

Mary Bradtmueller, Marilyn Cornwell, Bill Dreymler, Diane Garland, Shirley Grant, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hruby, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Alan Spear, George & Shirley Striedl, Brigitte Winkler

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
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Dolores Hoffman	Heritage Woods
Marie Holtz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Sullivan	Bardwell Residence, Aurora
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Owen Schuster

Please pray for our family and friends:

Mary Dunne & Family	Aunt of Amanda Balsan
Student at Genoa-Kingston Middle School	
Marcia McDugle	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Molly & Mike Updyke	Daughter/Son-in-Law of George & Shirley Streidl
Jim Anderson	Friend of Bob Nelson
Robert & Vicki Johnson	Brother-in-Law/Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
Walt Wille	Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Bob	Uncle of Darlene Hutchens
Marty	Friend of Hutchens' Family
Wesley Schroeder	Nephew of Gail Mikyska
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Pat	Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn
Kristen Benakis	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Pat Pydo	Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber
Todd Streidl	Son of George & Shirley Streidl
Marilyn	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Tracy Clark	Sister of Tara Shannon
Sarah McCarthy	Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond
Mary Lawrence	Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson
Steven & Janice Brown & Grace	Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman
Lee Peterson	Friend of Dottie White
Loda George Ricker	Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Calvin, Diane & Family	Friends of Kathy Richmond
Katie Taylor	Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler
Jane Wirth	Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Michelle Hartzell	Friend of Beth Richard
Rick Gaston	Friend of Ann Holch
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs	Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo
Lizzie Bork	Friend of Julie Howard

Jeffrey Campbell
Kate and Family
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Alice Hendrikson
Maureen Scollon
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Floyd Anderson
Paul Mazen
Bonnie Palshis
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,
Phil
Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Susan Sheley
Bonnie
Carole W.
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Ed Stahl

Nephew of Nan Phillips
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Katie Robertson
Beth Richard's Father

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm
Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard
Lynn Dreymler's brother
Teri Figura
Teri Figura
Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Father of Nicki McVey
Sister of Sue & Bob Novy
Brother in law of Bob & Sue Novy
Daughter of Diane Schalk
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Chuck Novy

Brother of Bob Novy (Sue Novy)

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, January 14

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School – NEW LOCATION	Main Building/2 nd Floor

Monday, January 15

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7pm	Troop 6 Leaders	Lower Level

Tuesday, January 16

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 6	Ministry Center Gym

Wednesday, January 17

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Youth Bells	Sanctuary/Balcony
6pm	Confirmation	Youth Room/Chapel
7pm	Youth Group	Youth Room/Chapel
7:30pm	Music/Worship Committee	Library

Thursday, January 18

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
7pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary
7:30pm	BSA – Order of the Arrow	Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 19

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
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Saturday, January 20

7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Al-Anon	Library
10am	Al-Ateen	Lower Level
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 21

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Annual Congregational Budget Forum	Lower Level
10:30am	Sunday School	Main Building/2 nd Floor

