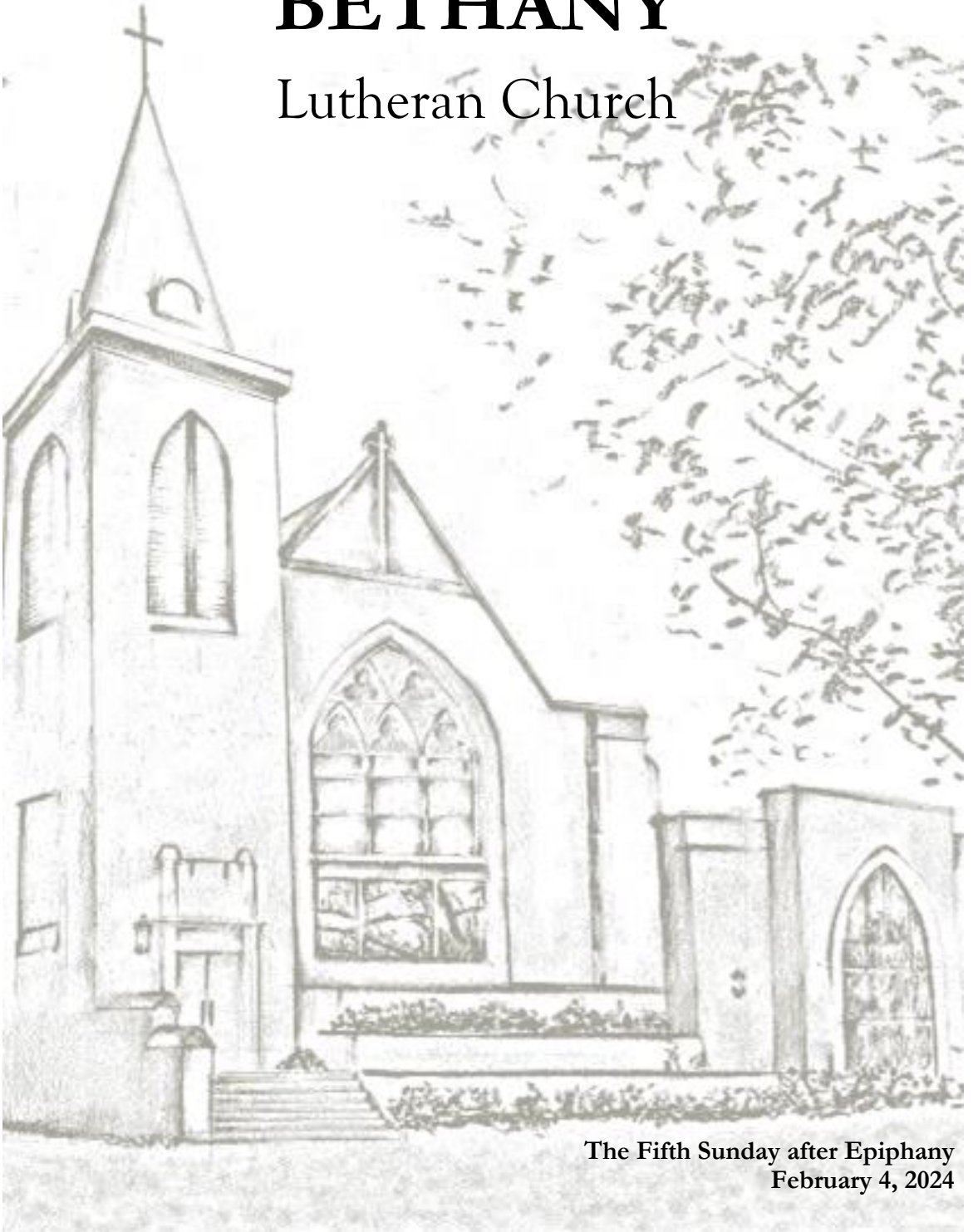


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 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.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to Altar Guild for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

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:

Have you not known? Have you not heard? God is really, really big! That's the message of the prophet Isaiah, speaking words of hope to people in exile - people who need a great big God to deal with their great big problems. In our reading from Mark today, that same God walks into the house of Peter's mother-in-law and heals her. This same God proceeds to meet and heal the ill and possessed, one at a time. In Jesus Christ, the infinite, powerful, great big God is also the God who can fit into your living room, into your life, into a piece of bread. God, after all, wants to be God *for you*, no matter how insignificant you might feel. So God will keep finding ways to fit into your life, even as God makes you fit into the great big divine adventure of grace.

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: Adagio Sostenuto

Joseph Haydn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness prepares us to receive Christ in the proclamation of his Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,
 5 O mea - sure - less might, in - ef - fa - ble love,



Oh, grate - ful - ly sing God's pow - er and love;
 Al - mighty, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 while an - gels de - light to hymn you a - bove,



our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,
 the hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend.
 with true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to your praise.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.

Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

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: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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.

Everlasting God,

you give strength to the weak and power to the faint.

Make us agents of your healing and wholeness,

that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Isaiah 40:21–31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The biblical book of Psalms is the hymnal of ancient Israel, many written for use in temple worship.

PSALM 147:1–11

ANTIPHON: The Lord heals the brokenhearted

Hal Hopson

L Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!*

How pleasant it is to honor | him with praise!

C **The Lord re- | builds Jerusalem;***
he gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.

L He heals the | brokenhearted*
and binds | up their wounds.

C **He counts the number | of the stars***
and calls them all | by their names.

L Great is our Lord and might- | y in power;*
there is no limit | to his wisdom.

C **The Lord lifts | up the lowly,***
but casts the wicked | to the ground.

ANTIPHON

L Sing to the Lord | with thanksgiving;*
make music to our God up- | on the harp.

C **He covers the heav- | ens with clouds***
and prepares rain | for the earth;

L he makes grass to grow up- | on the mountains*
and green plants to | serve mankind.

C **He provides food for | flocks and herds***
and for the young ravens | when they cry.

L He is not impressed by the might | of a horse;*
he has no pleasure in the strength | of a man;

C **but the Lord has pleasure in | those who fear him,***
in those who await his gracious favor. | Hallelujah!

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: 1 Corinthians 9:16–23

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE



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 1:29–39

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

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

As soon as [Jesus and his disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 1:29–39

HYMN OF THE DAY: On Eagle's Wings

Leader or All

1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All

2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

day; thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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 Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” The Apostles’ Creed expresses biblical doctrines that have been articulated, defended, and embraced as central to the Christian faith for nearly two thousand years of church history.

APOSTLES’ CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 Everlasting God, you bring your healing power to the church. Give your church a spirit of unity and prayer, that we discern your way for us in the world. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Creator of the ends of the earth, you make the grass grow and send rain for the soil. Bring your creation into harmony and balance. Give animals their food and provide healthy shelter for your people. Inspire us to honor the miraculous beauty of all you have made. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God without equal, your steadfast love endures forever. Bring the leaders, elected officials, and peacekeepers of our towns and countries into understanding and unity. Guide them to serve with compassion and understanding. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God who strengthens, you lift up with your hand any who are suffering. Heal those who are brokenhearted and strengthen the weak and all in need. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

- L God who gives power to the faint, challenge us to share the faith stories of what God has done in our lives. Open us to receive the unique ways God is at work in your people, especially those whose perspectives challenge our own. God of grace,
 C **receive our prayer.**
- L God who calls each star by name, we remember all who have died. Shelter all who mourn with your mercy and care, and give us hope in your promised salvation. 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: I Am the Light of Nations arr. Hal H. Hopson

O sing alleluia!
 I am the light of nations,
 light for the whole wide world,
 The light that repels the darkness,
 And guides all who follow me in faith.
 God is our light, God is our peace, God is our love.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L 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.**

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. While sharing in our life, he called and invited us to follow into his glory and love, So 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 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. We live in a broken world. Still you cannot help but stay with us. Even more, you willingly meet us wherever we may be this day. This meal reassures and empowers us.

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 invitation, 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 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.

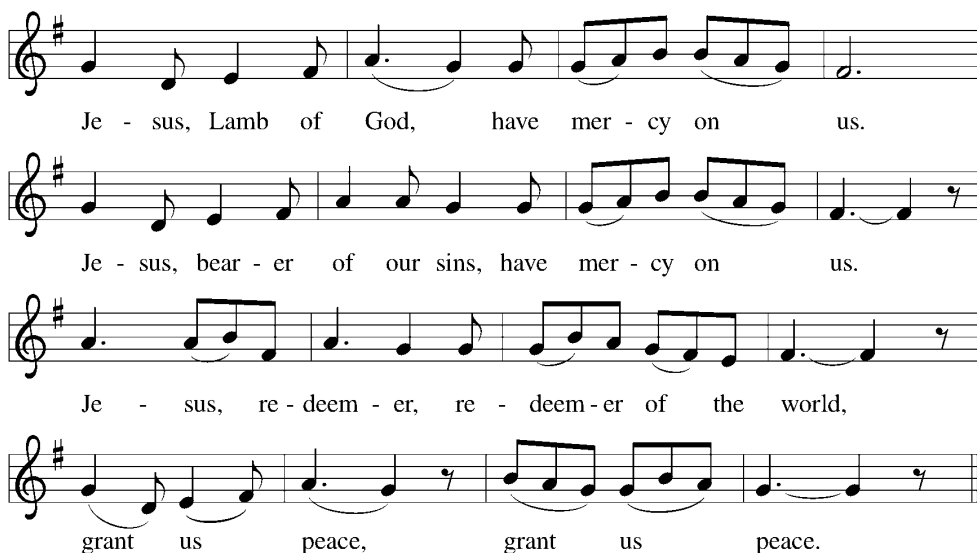
C Thanks be to God.

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: I Come with Joy

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
 2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
 in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Refrain
 Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P 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 healing heart,
 and nourished us at your table of divine love.

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.

SENDING HYMN: Give Thanks to God on High

Anniversary Hymn



1. Give thanks to God on high — for saints of oth - er days, whose
 2. Their vi sion long ful - filled, — our prayer is still the same; up -
 3. New tasks to - day are ours — who serve a world in pain, new
 4. Give thanks to God on high — for all the fu - ture sends, in



hope it was to live and die in love's con - sum - ing blaze, for
 on their work of faith to build, their word of truth pro - claim, for
 calls to chal - lenge all our pow'rs of heart and hand and brain, for
 praise of Christ to live and die who calls his ser - vants friends, for



Christ and his king - dom, his glo - ry and his praise.
 Christ and his king - dom, and for his ho - ly name.
 Christ and his king - dom, while life and breath re - main.
 Christ and his king - dom, whose glo - ry nev - er ends.

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DISMISSAL

A Go forth in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in F Major

J.S. Bach

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Alan Spear, Organist
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Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

Code of Conduct: At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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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:

Bev Waterfield, Mary Bradtmueller, Marilyn Cornwell, Bill Dreymler, Diane Garland, Shirley Grant, Ellen Grashorn, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hrubby, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Alan Spear, George & Shirley Striedl, Sandi Wilcox, Brigitte Winkler

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
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

Steven Surdyski

Please pray for our family and friends:

Mary Weinert	Sister-in-Law of Pam Klingberg
Richard Tabor	Brother of Liesa Ritter
Carl C.	Friend of Bethany Walking Group
Student at Genoa-Kingston Middle School	
Marcia McDugle	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Molly & Mike Updyke	Daughter/Son-in-Law of George & Shirley Striedl
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
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 Striedl
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
Mary Hughs	Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo

Lizzie Bork
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

Friend of Julie Howard
Nephew of Nan Phillips
Friend of John & Carol 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:

Mary Dunne
Dolores Hoffman
Marie Lentz

Aunt of Amanda Balsan

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, February 4

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

Monday, February 5

8:30am	.....	Bethany Walking Group	.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am	.....	Counters	.....	Conference Room

Tuesday, February 6

8:30am	.....	Bethany Walking Group	.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am	.....	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	.....	Fellowship Hall
10am	.....	Property Committee	.....	Conference Room
6:30pm	.....	Girls BSA Troop 606	.....	Vlahn Room/Gym
6:30pm	.....	Fox Valley Woodworkers	.....	Library/Lower Level/M111
7pm	.....	Fox Valley Woodworkers	.....	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 7

8:30am	.....	Bethany Walking Group	.....	Ministry Center Gym
5:30pm	.....	Youth Bells	.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
6pm	.....	Confirmation – Meal Prep for Fundraiser	.....	Youth Room/Chapel
7pm	.....	Youth Group – Meal Prep for Fundraiser	.....	Youth Room/Chapel

Thursday, February 8

8:30am	.....	Bethany Walking Group	.....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	.....	Bell Choir	.....	Balcony
6:30pm	.....	Boy Scout Troop 6	.....	Ministry Center Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	.....	Festival Choir	.....	Sanctuary

Friday, February 9

8:30am	.....	Bethany Walking Group	.....	Ministry Center Gym
9:45am	.....	Food Pantry Serving	.....	Batavia Food Pantry

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

9am	.....	Worship	.....	Sanctuary
10am	.....	Pick-Up for Youth Carry-Out Dinner Fundraiser	.....
10am	.....	Coffee Hour	.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	.....	Sunday School	.....	Main Building/2 nd Floor