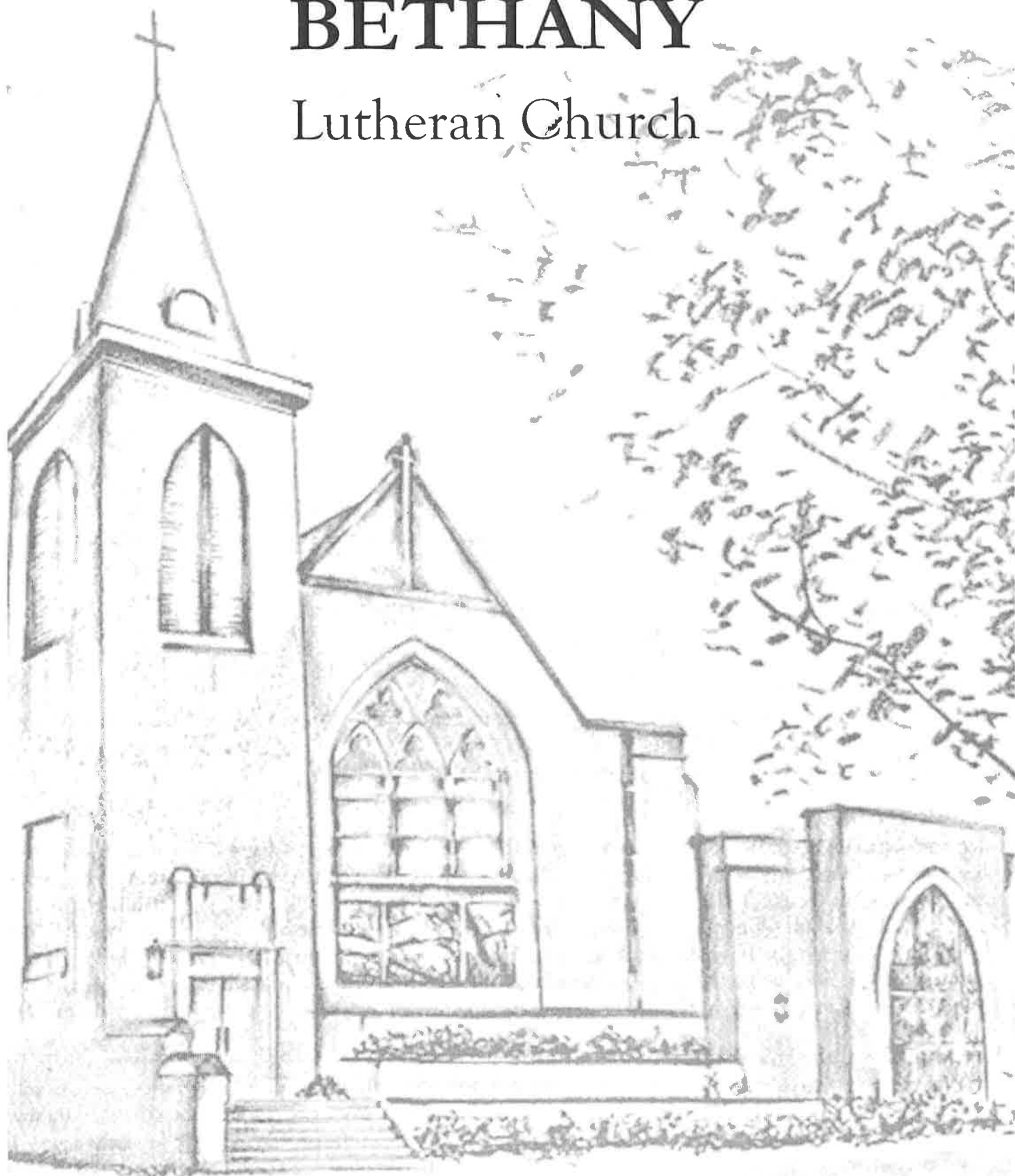


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

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 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:

We may wonder why Jesus did not go immediately to Lazarus once he heard that Lazarus was ill. Why did Jesus wait so long? Why didn't he rush to heal his friend? We, too, often wonder the same: How long must we wait for God to act? How long must we wait for God to appear? Jesus is clear that the death of Lazarus will reveal the glory of God. But this is only because Lazarus is really, fully, unquestionably dead by the time Jesus arrives. It is in his death that Jesus works. And the same holds true for us: Jesus' presence in our life is not held within the finite boundaries of time and this world. Christ stretches out his hands to us both here and in the tomb, beckoning us to new life regardless of where we may be in any given moment.

For Palm Sunday (April 2):

For Palm Sunday worship next week, those who wish to be part of the Palm Sunday procession we will gather in the narthex or outside before worship and receive palms. We'll process into the sanctuary during the singing of the Entrance Hymn. Those choosing not to be part of the procession may be seated as usual when they arrive.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)
Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)
Deo Gratias (Thanks be to God)

Couperin
Couperin
Couperin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
accept our repentance, Lord.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

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 the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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.

KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

The choir sings the Kyrie once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing each time thereafter.

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

A For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all, Lord we pray.

KYRIE

A That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out truth, justice and grace, Lord we pray.

KYRIE

A For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family, Lord we pray.

KYRIE

A For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in word and sacrament, Lord we pray.

KYRIE (*Sung twice*)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God,

your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.

Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit,

that we may be raised to new life in Christ

and serve you in righteousness all our days,

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: Ezekiel 37:1–14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir sings the antiphon once, congregation repeats and sings as indicated

ANTIPIHON:

Lord, I call to you for help:
In your mercy hear my prayer.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;
with him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: Romans 8:6–11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Return to the Lord Your God

ELW Setting Three



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever

(The reading continues on the next page.)

you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska

John 11:1–45

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense

ELW #621



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice,
for his people Christ will cherish.
Fear not, you will hear his voice;
dying, you will never perish;
for the very grave is stirred
when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts
rise from longings vain and hollow.
Seek what Christ your Lord imparts
while you in his footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
set your hearts beyond the skies!

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: Jesus, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru,ger, 1598–1662

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.

We sit.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

ELW #178



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A You have breathed into us the breath of life. Enliven your church. Deepen our partnerships with our companion churches around the globe (*specific synods, dioceses, or congregations may be named*), and bless the work of missionaries who accompany them. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Your spirit brings life to creation. Enliven the natural world and restore ecosystems in need of healing (*local natural places may be named*). Uplift prophetic voices that turn us to the needs of the soil beneath our feet and the air all around. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You redeem the world and its peoples. Free us from systems of oppression. Unbind nations and societies from the sins of racism, sexism, and homophobia. Raise up leaders at all levels of government who work to promote the dignity of every human life. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You weep when we weep. Be present with those who grieve or who are troubled by illness (*especially*). You hear us when we call to you. Deliver us from the depths of our despair, and free us from the worries that bind us. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Your Spirit of life dwells in our assembly. Bless the music ministries of this congregation (*specific ensembles may be named*) and all who lead us in hymns of praise and thanksgiving and in songs of lament and prayer. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You are the resurrection and the life. Even though we die, we will live. With thanksgiving, we remember all your saints who now live in your eternal love. Merciful God,

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 +

OFFERING MUSIC: What Wondrous Love Is This

Michael Burkhardt

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the lamb I will sing,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

(congregation joins the choir)

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God our provider,
C you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us
and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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.

You call us to new life regardless of where we may be, reaching across any and all boundaries. We are never beyond your reach. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,
 for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son
 that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us
 through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary
 and rose again to make us living branches,
 drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

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.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,
to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord
who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, 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 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.

AGNUS DEI

ELW # 196



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,



have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -



est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,



grant us thy peace! A - - - men

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.

White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: You Are the Way

ELW #758

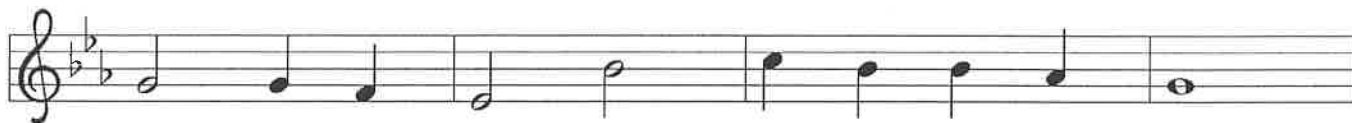


- 1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
- 2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
- 3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Donne, 1799–1859, alt.
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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.**

A Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

A Christ is ever reaching out to you! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

J.S. Bach

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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, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Robert Granquist, Ellen Grashorn, Marcia Hanlon, Deb Hraby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Kathy Richmond, JoAnn Sargent, Marilyn Stanley, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Dolores Hoffman	Heritage Woods
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Rhonda Nelson	Batavia, IL
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Quast	Asbury Gardens
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Bob Gustafson	Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna Stahl
Jeff Hall	Colleague of Emma Hess
Richard Benson	Husband of Sherri Benson (Beekeeper's Assn)
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs	Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo
Diane Sharp	Friend of Ed Schalk
Lizzie Bork	Friend of Julie Howard
Sydney Mowen	Friend of Lane Stahl
Nancy & Mike	Sister & Brother-in-Law of Karol Clark
Steve Ziemer	Friend of Kathy Richmond
Jeffrey Campbell	Nephew of Nan Phillips
Kate and Family	Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz	Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S.	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Nicole	Friend of Linda Sullivan
Alice Hendrikson	Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Bigby Suddarth	Friend of Allie Mikyska
Maureen Scollon	Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Lauren Hanson	Supervisor of Janice Reynolds
Jaylene Lump	Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds
Pam Paszotta	Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman
Senaida Stafford	Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Emily	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Chris Sidler	Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Lisa	Friend of Beth Richard
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard	Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Loy Williams
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Rebecca and family
Floyd Anderson
Barbara Garrison
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.
DeAnne & Gary
Brad Blue
Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Friends of Debbie Garrison
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Katie Robertson
God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Beth Richard's Father
Bill Garrison's mother

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
Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant
Friend of Lois Benson
Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon
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
Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Colin Munro
Ethel
Nancy Bishop
Robert Sager

Husband of Joan Munro
Sister of Shirley Grant
Sister of Sue Colella
Brother/Brother-in-Law of Jim & Cheri Sager

April Anniversaries

- 9 David & Laurel Lundborg
- 17 Kurt & Suzanne Grashorn
- 17 Luke & Diane Land
- 19 Tom & Dee Schuman
- 23 Ken & Jane Holt
- 28 Bill & Debbie Garrison

April Birthdays

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Ryan Howard | 16 | Mary Bradtmueller |
| 2 | Susan Jarocki | 17 | Jason Bristow |
| 5 | Becky Rosenthal | 17 | Doug Hodge |
| 5 | Kim Zoellick | 17 | Ken Holt |
| 6 | Beth Feller | 17 | Dave Lundborg |
| 7 | Aidan Blasi | 17 | Todd Toles |
| 7 | Cassie Grashorn | 18 | Nathan Feller |
| 9 | Irene Kaar | 18 | Andrew Foelske |
| 10 | Lukas Feller | 20 | JJ Freedlund |
| 10 | Josie Norberg | 20 | Lorlie Pederson |
| 12 | Marissa Hunt | 22 | Paulette Smigo |
| 12 | Marilyn McConnaughay | 23 | Shyla Carbone |
| 13 | Gerry Hodge | 24 | Travis Alwin |
| 14 | Mike Burke | 25 | Lura Dreymler |
| 14 | Gary Cooper | 25 | Don Reinhard |
| 14 | Andrea Dahlman | 27 | Amy Haywood |
| 14 | Megan Deller | 27 | Mal Seagren |
| 15 | Abbigail Harmon | 28 | Sarah Bristow |
| 15 | Ted Richoz | 28 | Dorothy Thorsen |

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, March 26

9am.....	Worship	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor

Monday, March 27

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Counters	Conference Room
6:30pm	Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn.....	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Council.....	Library

Tuesday, March 28

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
11:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
1pm	Bible Study	Library
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 6	Vlahn Room/Gym

Wednesday, March 29

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
1pm	Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber	Sanctuary
7pm	Men’s Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
7:30pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service.....	Chapel

Thursday, March 30

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
10am.....	Elderday Event – Dementia Clinic.....	Vlahn Room
6pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Ctr Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, March 31

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
5pm	Community Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Saturday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 2

9am.....	Worship – Palm Sunday	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor

