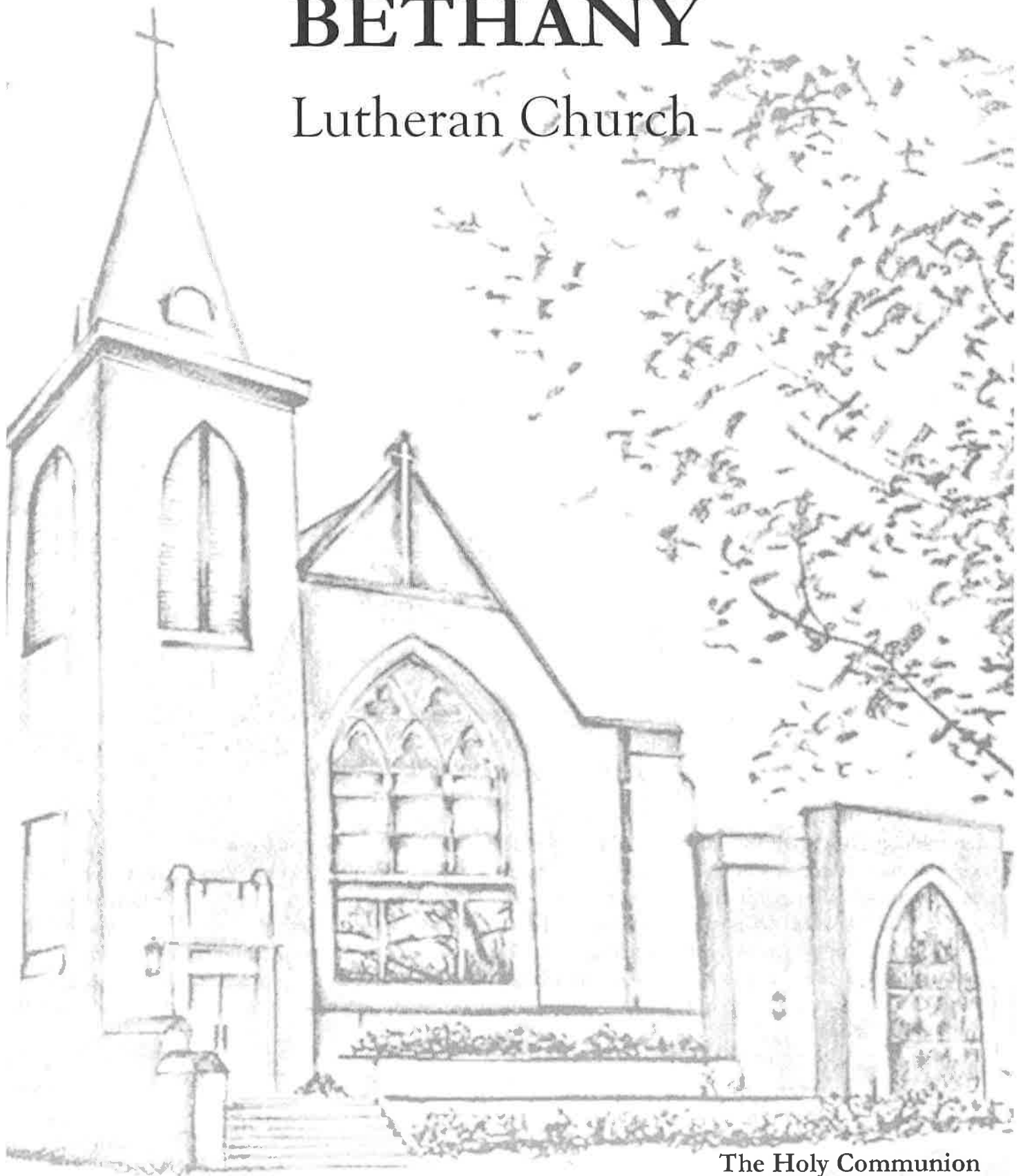


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

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

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

Assistance in Worship

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

Children's Resources

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

Nursery

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

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Holy Communion

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

As We Gather:

Grumbling! The crowd around Jesus—the “in” crowd, that is—was grumbling. Grumbling because Jesus welcomed those who traditionally had been set apart: tax collectors and sinners. Who are those who cause us to grumble? Whose seemingly undeserved handout or unearned status change filled our hearts with resentment this week? Jesus speaks to us today because we too often see life as a game with winners and losers, points and playbooks, offense and defense. Can we open our hearts and minds to hear today's humbling good news? God's love is freely shared with all: we cannot earn it, we cannot deserve it. When we attend worship, we do so out of thanksgiving and praise for God's glory, hunger and thirst for God's word and sacrament.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Shall We Gather By The River
Thee We Adore, O Savior
Golden Breaks the Dawn

Variation by Alan F. Spear
Anne Krentz Organ
Anne Krentz Organ
Youth Handbell Choir

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.**

**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.

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.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward,
and you embrace us all with your mercy.

By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace,
and feed us at the table of your love,
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: Joshua 5:9–12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

ANTIPHON: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

Thomas Keesecker

L Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,*
and whose sin is | put away!

C **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

L While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,*
because of my groaning | all day long.

C **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;*
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

L Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,*
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.**

L Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

C **You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

L "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;*
I will guide you | with my eye.

C **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will | not stay near you."**

L Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;*
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.

C **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;*
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #176



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him,

'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW #606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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NICENE CREED

P 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.

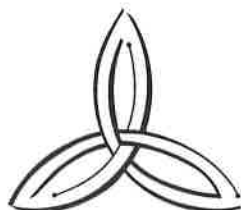
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.





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 Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict (*especially*). Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation (*especially*). Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- A The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. 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: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Will Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
 Calling for you and for me.
 See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
 Watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, come home!
 You who are weary, come home."
 Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
 Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
 Pleading for you and for me?
 Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
 Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
 Promised for you and for me!
 Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
 Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P 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.**

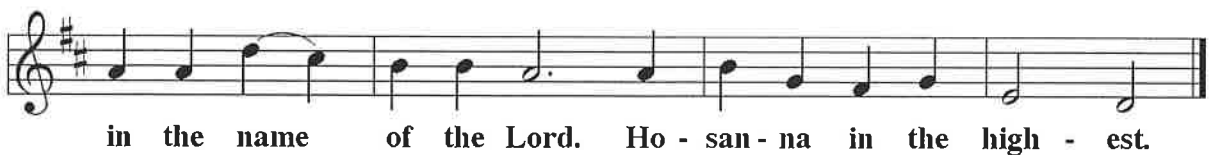
P Lift up your hearts.

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 bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. 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:



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 should 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 The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

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: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ELW #588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



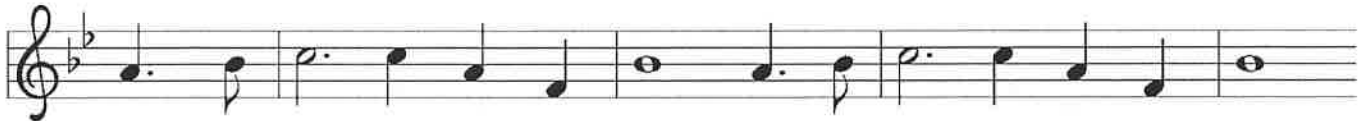
There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.

Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray.

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 you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Variations on CWM Rhonda (God of Grace and God of Glory) H.H. Hopson

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Mark Waldron, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Mark Waldron, Reader
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Mark Waldron, JoAnn Sargent, Communion Ass't
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Youth Handbell Choir

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LET US PRAY

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

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

Carlene Altman, Mary Bradtmueller, Bill Dahlman, Suzanne DeLong, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Scotty & Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear

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

Hershel Pruitt	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Helen Anderson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Dorothy Carlson	Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
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Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Joan Olson	Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Quast	Asbury Gardens
Judi Spear	Arden Courts of Geneva, Geneva
Joyce Stran	GreenFields of Geneva, Geneva

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Bill Norman	Cousin of Judy Henschler
Kate	Friend of Karol Clark
Dan	Friend of Ed Schalk
Abby B.	Friend of Darlene Hutchens
Ryan & Kate	Friends of the Foelske Family
Bill VanSanten	Former Member of Bethany and Friend of Norm and Nancy Freedlund
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Loy Williams	Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
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Diane Ekstam Johnson
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Jerry Martin
Tina Motter
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Lois Benson
Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon
Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Father of Nicki McVey
Sister of Jackie Page
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:

Nancy Tobias
Billy Frank Marshall
Jeff Stran
Keith Altman
Loane Tharrington

Family of Darlene & Billy Hutchens
Cousin of Billy Hutchens
Son of Joyce Stran
Son of Carlene Altman
Sister of Norm Freedlun

Below, I have listed four websites which are connected to ELCA ministries, or are partners of our ministries. (Refugee One is a partner of our Metropolitan Chicago Synod.) On each website, you can see the work being done and choose if and how you wish to support that work. I encourage you to research what they do as you decide which ministry you feel called to help. In all four cases, work is currently underway to support the children and citizens of Ukraine who are under attack. If you would prefer, you can also make a donation to any of these ministries through Bethany, as long as you clearly note for us where you intend your gift to go. – Pastor Jeff

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:

<https://lwr.org/>

REFUGEE ONE:

<https://www.refugeeone.org/>

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2	Ryan Howard	17	Doug Hodge
5	Jennifer Nallenweg	17	Ken Holt
5	Becky Rosenthal	17	Dave Lundborg
5	Kim Zoellick	17	Todd Toles
6	Beth Feller	18	Nathan Feller
7	Aidan Blasi	18	Andrew Foelske
7	Cassie Grashorn	20	Lexi Coonrod
9	Irene Kaar	20	JJ Freedlund
10	Luke Feller	20	Lorlie Pederson
10	Josie Norberg	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	Ted Richoz	28	Sarah Bristow
16	Mary Bradtmueller	28	Dorothy Thorsen
17	Jason Bristow		

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, March 27

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

Monday, March 28

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm	Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn.....	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Council Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 29

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Quilters	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 30

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Youth Bells	Balcony
6:30pm	Confirmation	Fellowship Hall
7:30pm.....	Youth 2:19.....	Youth Room Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor
7:30pm.....	Holden Lenten Service	Chapel

Thursday, March 31

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, April 1

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
11am.....	Funeral – Walt Meinert.....	Sanctuary
11:30am	Funeral Luncheon – Walt Meinert	Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 2

7:30am	Men’s Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am.....	Visitation – Marilyn Georgeson	Sanctuary
11am.....	Funeral Service – Marilyn Georgeson.....	Sanctuary
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 3

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