BETHANY Lutheran Church

Holy Communion Palm Sunday April 10, 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:

Palm Sunday is the liturgical gateway to Holy Week, the center of the church's year, and a week of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. The events of this week present Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

Worship during Holy Week

Maundy Thursday 11:00 & 7:00 pm with Holy Communion

Good Friday 7:00 pm Good Friday Tenebrae

Easter Sunday 9:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion

10:30am Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

+ GATHERING +

We gather in the Narthex for the Procession of Palms

The procession begins from the narthex

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C Hosanna to the Son of David!
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Blessing of the Palms

P We praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen





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now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless-ed One. cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho-rus make re - ply. Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent. To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise. great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra-cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
- C Hosanna in the highest!
- 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.
- P Let us pray.

 Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race
 you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross.
 In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will
 and in the glorious victory of his resurrection,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

+ WORD +

We sit

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24 Carl Schalk

ANTIPHON: Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may come in.

- L Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;* and the King of glory | shall come in.
- C "Who is this | King of glory?"*

"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle."

- L Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O ever- | lasting doors;* and the King of glory | shall come in.
- C "Who is he, this | King of glory?"*

 "The LORD of hosts, he is the | King of glory."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

10so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

We stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1–9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5"Tell the daughter of Zion,

Look, your king is coming to you,

humble, and mounted on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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

We sit

SERMON:

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska Matthew 21:1–9



- 5 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 6 Here might I stay and sing no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, alt. Music: LOVE UNKNOWN, John Ireland

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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 We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill (*especially*). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A We remember those who have died (especially Mikael Agricola and . . .), who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. 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 +

We stand

OFFERTORY: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Savior meek, your road pursue,
With palms and scattered garments strewed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh. The father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die,
Bow your meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

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:

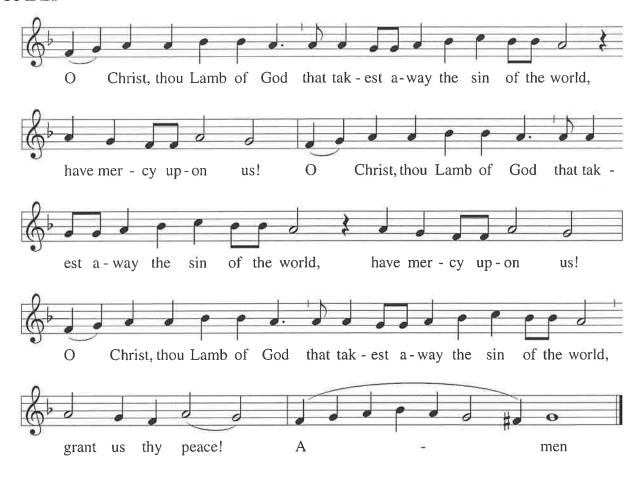
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

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:
- 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 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

AGNUS DEI



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.

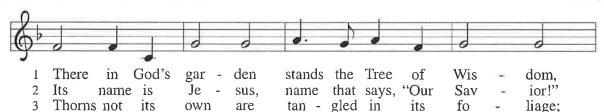
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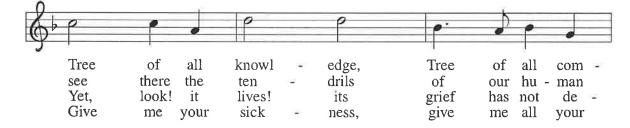
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- 5 This is my ending this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.
- 6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

HYMN: Lamb of God ELW #336

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God
Refrain:
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified They laughed and scorned Him as he died The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Refrain:

Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God I love the Holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious Blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God
Refrain:
Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God
I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

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

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast, The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of saints and angels rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing, For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King. Oh, may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice And in his royal presence eternally rejoice.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Dona Nobis

Mozart



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Morgan Hutchens, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist Steve Mickelson, Reader Fred Holch, Dale Howard, A/V Carol Thomassen, Nancy Freedlund, Altar Guild Morgan Hutchens, Lisa Smigo, Communion Ass't Grace Rusev, Lane Stahl, Acolytes Pete Petges, Jon Habegger, Ushers Festival Choir

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LET US PRAY...

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

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, Deb Hruby, 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 Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

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Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

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

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Jim FreedlundCounsin of Norm FreedlundBill NormanCousin of Judy HenschlerKateFriend of Karol ClarkDanFriend 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

Gary Piccony

Peter Piccony's Father

Loy Williams

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Steve Novy
Floyd Anderson
Cousin of Bob Novy
Beth Richard's Father

Bill Parkhurst Friend of Bill and Lynn Drymiller

Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother

Linda Bennett Friends of Ken and Judy Henschler

Paul Mazen

Ed Bonnes Cousin of John & Karol Clark Bonnie Palshis Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm

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

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Teri Figura

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Susan Sheley Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt

Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

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Brad Blue

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Tony Prokes

Kelli Robertson

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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:

Jeff Stran Keith Altman Loane Tharrington Son of Joyce Stran Son of Carlene Altman Sister of Norm Freedlund

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THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday	IIII WEEKKI BEITMAN			
	Worship	Sanctuary		
	Coffee Hour			
	Sunday School			
	Lenten Book Study			
	Noteworthy Acoustic Concerts			
Monday, April 11 – Holy Week	,			
2 . 4	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
	Executive Team			
	Property Committee			
	Marketing Team/Zoom Meeting			
Tuesday, April 12 - Holy We		•		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
	Quilters			
	Fox River Radio League			
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	Bethany Walking Group			
	Bell Choir			
/pm	Youth Committee Meeting	Adult Lounge/Library		
7:30pm	Youth 2:19			
		Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor		
Thursday, April 14 - Holy Week				
	Bethany Walking Group			
11am	Maundy Thursday Worship	Sanctuary		
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center		
		Gym/Vlahn Room		
	First Communion			
	Maundy Thursday Worship			
8pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary		
Friday, April 15 – Good Friday –	Holy Week			
All Day	Office Closed			
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
	Tenebrae			
Saturday, April 16 – Holy Week				
	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym		
	Altar Guild			
	Fox Valley Court Watch	ACT (= 22 PC)		
11am	Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary		
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Sunday, April 17 – Easter Sunday	y Worship	Sanctuary		
	Coffee Hour			
	Easter Breakfast			
	Sunday School – Easter Egg Hunt			
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