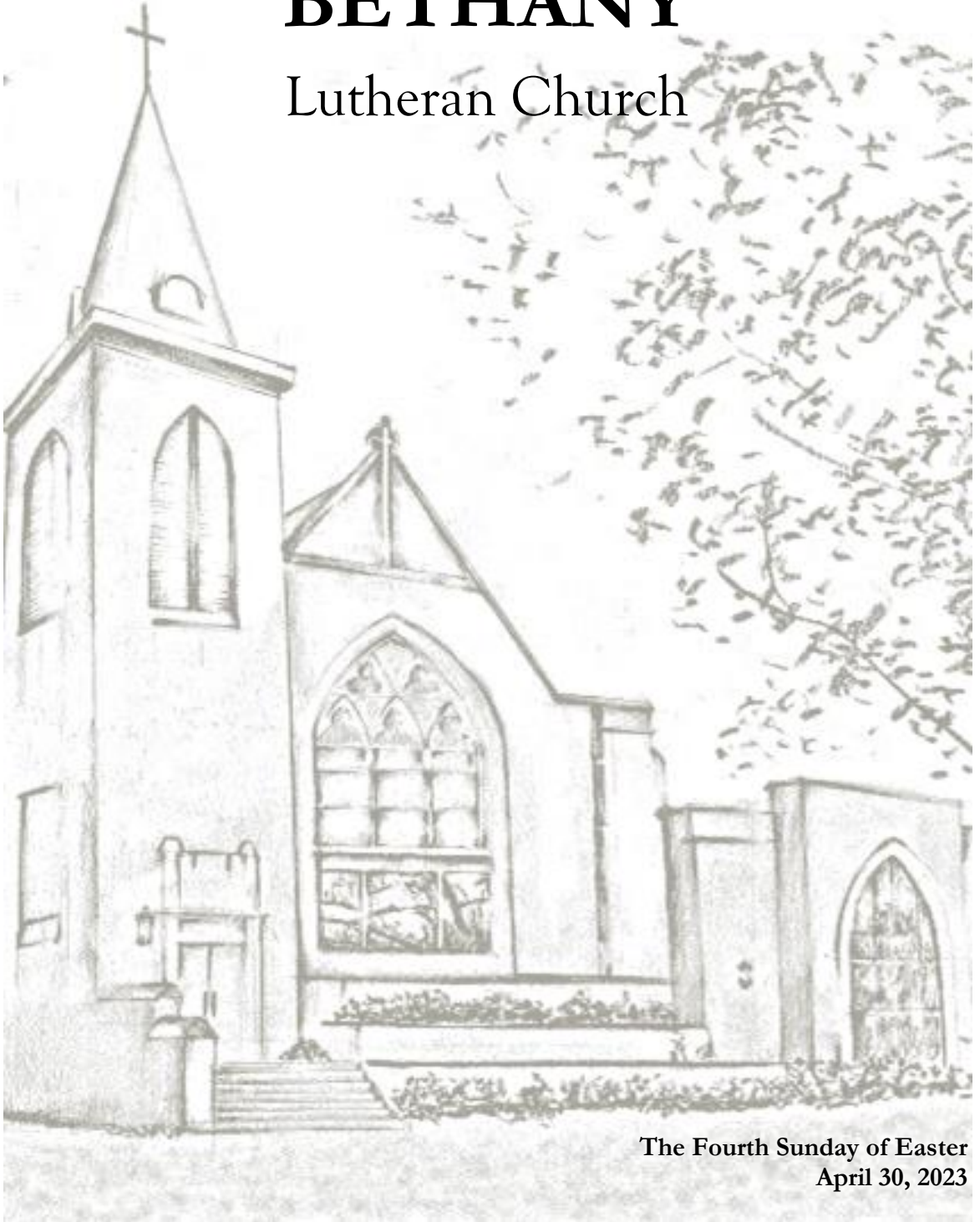


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 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 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

Please join the family of Jack Andrew Macaione in Fellowship Hall to enjoy Coffee Hour.

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

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDES: The Lord's My Shepherd

Robert J. Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Adriana Plocinski from Kane County CASA

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

ELW #369



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

P We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,". The second staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics: "al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was". The notation includes various note values, rests, and a repeat sign at the end of the second staff.

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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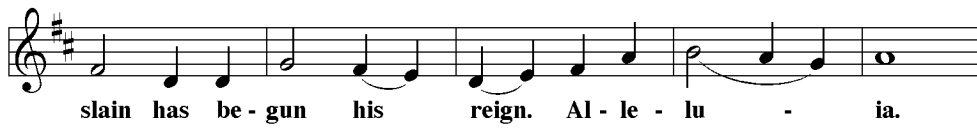
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great shepherd of the sheep.

By the blood of your eternal covenant,

make us complete in everything good that we may do your will,

and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42–47

[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day,

as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts,⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

Allen Pote

Sung by the Festival Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd
Nothing shall I want.
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
Leads me beside still waters.
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

PSALM PRAYER

P Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of baptism, you anoint us with oil, and you nourish us at your table with heavenly food. In your goodness and mercy, dispel the shadows of evil and death, and lead us along safe paths, that we may rest securely in you and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for your name's sake.

C **Amen.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19–25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on

(Reading continues on the next page.)

the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

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

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

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
John 10:1-10



HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW #502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune



+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +

JACK ANDREW MACAIONE

APRIL 30, 2023

PRESENTATION

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, which is the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Baptismal Party is invited to approach the font.

Pastor: Would **Andrew, Arif and Nicole** please present their God-child for Baptism.

Sponsors: **We** present **Jack Andrew** for baptism.

Pastor: **Andrew and Leah**, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have **Jack Andrew** baptized into Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: As you bring **Jack Andrew** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with certain responsibilities:

- † to live with him among God's faithful people,
- † bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
- † teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- † place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that **Jack Andrew** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

† Do you promise to help **Jack Andrew** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: **Andrew, Arif and Nicole**, do you promise to nurture **Jack Andrew** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help **Jack Andrew** live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: **We do.**

The pastor questions the Parents and Sponsors and then the congregation.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support **Jack Andrew**, and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

We stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces of evil that defy God?

***Congregation:* We renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Congregation:* We renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Congregation:* We renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***Congregation:* 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***Congregation:* 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font during the thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***Congregation:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Congregation:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to life in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

We sit.

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: **Jack Andrew**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***Parents and Sponsors:* Amen**

LAYING OF HANDS

Pastor: Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The pastor lays on hands and prays for the newly baptized saying:

Sustain **Jack Andrew** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and says:

Pastor: **Jack Andrew**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

Pastor: **Jack Andrew**, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

The pastor leads the congregation in prayer for the family.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon family & friends of our baptized. Let them ever rejoice in the gift(s) you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for **Jack Andrew**. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with him the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

WELCOME

Pastor: Let us welcome **Jack Andrew**.

Congregation: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing his creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms. Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way. We especially pray today for children who are victims of abuse or have been orphaned. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. We give thanks for those who advocate on behalf of the marginalized in our community. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- A You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever (*especially*). Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

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.

OFFERING MUSIC: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Robert J. Powell

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray.
- C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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 Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
 the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
 the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
 and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
 who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood,
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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 Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.



AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

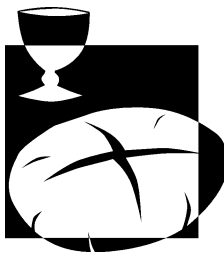


sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his banquet feast. 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.



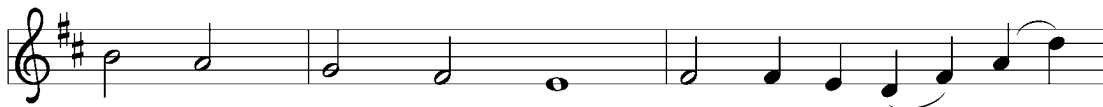
MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

ELW #619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.</p> <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |
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Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forevermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

ELW #544



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Prelude on "Regent Square"

Arr. Hopson

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The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Pastor Steve Ritter, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Pastor Steve Ritter, Reader
Todd Toles, A/V
Ruth Beck, Altar Guild
Jackson Carter, Ben Toles, Acolytes
Leonard Wray, Usher
Pastor Steve Ritter, Ellen Grashorn, Comm Asst's
Morgan Hutchens, Flute

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

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LET US PRAY...

We welcome into God's family through the waters of Baptism:

Jack Andrew Macaione, son of Andrew and Leah Macaione. Sponsors are Andrew Davis, Arif Negiz and Nicole Macaione.

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, **John Bristow**, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Ellen Grashorn, Marcia Hanlon, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, **Liesa Ritter**, 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:

Katie Taylor

Jane Wirth

Michelle Hartzell

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Andrea Hensley

Christine Dalak

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston

Bob Gustafson

Stahl

Jeff Hall

Richard Benson

Bonnie & Jim Hines

Tina Motter

Mary Hughs

Dottie

Diane Sharp

Lizzie Bork

Sydney Mowen

Nancy & Mike

Steve Ziemer

Jeffrey Campbell

Kate and Family

Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Beth Richard

Colleague of Emma Hess

Friend of Janice Reynolds

Friend of Ann Holch

Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna

Colleague of Emma Hess

Husband of Sherri Benson (Beekeeper's Assn)

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Sister of Jackie Page

Sister of Jackie Page

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Friend of Ed Schalk

Friend of Julie Howard

Friend of Lane Stahl

Sister & Brother-in-Law of Karol Clark

Friend of Kathy Richmond

Nephew of Nan Phillips

Friend of John & Karol Clark

Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Alice Hendrikson
Bigby Suddarth
Maureen Scollon
Lauren Hanson
Jaylene Lump
Pam Paszotta
Senaída Stafford
Emily
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Loy Williams
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Rebecca and family
Floyd Anderson
Paul Mazon
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

Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Friend of Allie Mikyska
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Supervisor of Janice Reynolds
Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds
Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman
Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
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

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:

Barbara Garrison
Robert Granquist

Mother/Mother-in-Law of Bill & Debbie Garrison

May Anniversaries

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|----|-------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 5 | Werner & Rose Rader | 20 | Jason & Tracy Bristow |
| 6 | Mike & Carol Thomassen | 21 | Jon & Marsha Habegger |
| 14 | Lyn & Sandra Daunheimer | 24 | Israel & Jennifer Lopez |
| 16 | Brian & Tara Shannon | 25 | Matt & Susan Whitelaw |
| 19 | Barry & Sue Carney | 30 | Virden & Mary Von Qualen |
| 19 | Cody & Jessica Lingle | | |

May Birthdays

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Katherine Buell | 17 | Matthew Nallenweg |
| 4 | Joseph Burke | 18 | Dale Christianson |
| 4 | Callum Galeski | 18 | Marsha Habegger |
| 4 | Kyle Niedzwiecki | 18 | Janna Stahl |
| 5 | Janice Beil | 18 | Katherine Symons |
| 5 | Mylynda Nicoloff | 20 | James Freedlund |
| 6 | Xander Couperus | 20 | Diane Garland |
| 6 | Jamie Figura | 21 | Ralph Beck, Jr. |
| 6 | Archer Ruhl | 21 | Anna Holzl |
| 6 | Lila Storaasli | 21 | Joan Olson |
| 7 | Amanda Anderson | 23 | Susan Walz |
| 9 | Karl Holzl | 24 | Ann Niedzwiecki |
| 9 | Matthew Pfau | 24 | Julia Solberg |
| 10 | Edward McQuillan | 24 | Valentina Solberg |
| 11 | Kimberly Riebe | 25 | Nancy Freedlund |
| 11 | Linda Sullivan | 26 | Lois Elfstrom |
| 12 | Marilyn Cornwell | 26 | Leslie Grashorn |
| 12 | Lisa Smigo | 26 | Ryan Grashorn |
| 12 | Jerry Wagenknecht | 27 | Katie Brems |
| 13 | Lyn Daunheimer | 27 | Sharon Cryer |
| 13 | Carie Holzl | 27 | Amy Frankowski |
| 13 | Karin Johnston | 27 | Daniel Freedlund |
| 13 | Tracy Mathisen | 27 | Nancy Moe |
| 13 | Jeffrey Mikyska | 28 | Danise Simmons |
| 13 | Margaret Walz | 29 | Olivia Depke |
| 15 | Madeline Haug | 29 | Pam Klingberg |
| 15 | Alan Spear | 30 | Zachary Alwin |
| 16 | Tyler Mathisen | 30 | Ryan Pieratt |

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, April 30

9am..... Worship–Baptism–Temple Talk, CASA Sanctuary
10am..... Coffee Hour..... Fellowship Hall
10:30am..... Sunday School..... Ministry Center

Monday, May 1

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

Tuesday, May 2

8:30am..... Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym
9am..... Quilters Fellowship Hall
10am..... Property Committee Conference Room
12:30pm..... Staff Meeting..... Conference Room
6:30pm..... DV Support Group..... Youth 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, May 3

8:30am..... Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym
1pm..... Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber..... Sanctuary
6:30pm..... High School Youth Group..... Ministry Center/Youth Room
7pm..... Men’s Basketball..... Ministry Center Gym

Thursday, May 4

8:30am..... Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm..... Boy Scout Troop 6..... Ministry Center/Vlahn Room

Friday, May 5

8:30am..... Bethany Walking Group Ministry Center Gym

Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7

9am..... Worship – LSSI Temple Talk Sanctuary
10am..... Coffee Hour..... Fellowship Hall
10:30am..... Sunday School – Last Day Ministry Center