

BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Day of Pentecost
May 28, 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.

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:

Come, Holy Spirit! Today we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, poured out by God, breathed out by Jesus. To what end? So that the church would be empowered to live out the work of Jesus. Peter preaches that in the Spirit's life, we will dream God's dream. Jesus tells us that this dream is a dream of peace. Perhaps it seems like a pipe dream, an easy answer to pageant questions but a much more elusive reality to enact. It is not, however, up to us to create this peace on our own. We receive it ourselves in hopes that we will become reflections of such a peace. Living in this peace, we are called to forgive one another as God has forgiven us. The peace we receive is lived out through forgiveness, breathing out the sins and hurts of the past and breathing in the Spirit of life.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Voluntary
Voluntary

B. Cross
Southard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please rise to face the procession cross)

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Day Full of Grace

ELW #627



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -



be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
mor - tals hosts em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

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

C **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth

(Reading continues on the next page.)

below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:25–35, 37

Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN: God the Spirit dwells among us. Alleluia, Amen.

A O LORD, how manifold | are your works!*

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

C **Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too man- | y to number,*
creatures both | small and great.**

A There move the ships, and there is | that Leviathan,*
which you have made for the | sport of it.

C **All of them | look to you*
to give them their food | in due season.**

REFRAIN

A You give it to them; they | gather it;*

you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

C **You hide your face, and | they are terrified;*
you take away their breath, and they die and return | to their dust.**

A You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;*
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

C **May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;*
may the LORD rejoice in | all his works.**

REFRAIN

A He looks at the earth | and it trembles;*
he touches the mountains | and they smoke.

C **I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;*
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

A May these words | of mine please him;*
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

C **Bless the LORD, | O my soul.*
Hal- | lelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b–13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

ELW #403



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–23

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska
Acts 2: 1-21

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

ELW #400



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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NICENE CREED

A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our common 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 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 Passionate God, you sent your Spirit through the gifts of fire, wind, and word. As you
equipped the disciples for their work, equip us to bring the good news to all those who
long for you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Restoring God, wind and flame bring life and destruction throughout the world. We
pray for those who work with wind energy, for migratory birds, for protection of lands

facing destructive fire, for forestry managers and firefighters. Renew the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Ever-present God, your spirit embraces all. Send your spirit of understanding to immigrants, refugees, and any experiencing language barriers. Bless the work of translators, ESL teachers, ambassadors, and international peace organizations. Safely guide those fleeing war and danger. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Merciful God, you anoint us with your spirit. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who seek your comfort. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Generous God, you impart a variety of gifts. Set aflame the desire to learn from one another, especially through those who differ from us. Make your presence known through missionaries, peace workers, and through the outreach ministries of our synod and community. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Life-giving God, we give thanks for those who have died to new life in you. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember those who died in military service. Comfort all who mourn, and usher in a world where war is no more. 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.

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC: Come, Gracious Spirit

Arr. Dale Wood

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide,
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living way,
Nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heav'n, that we may share
A fuller joy forever there;
Lead us to God our final rest,
To be with him forever blest.

We stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

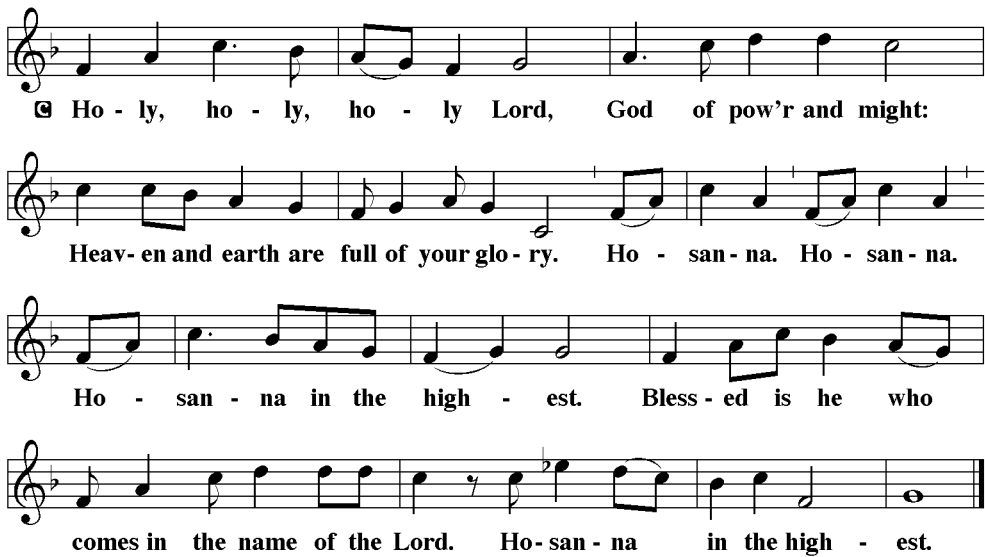
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, on this day, as he had promised, poured out your spirit of life and truth upon our world.
At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy.

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, 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.

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. Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
 and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

On 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, blessed it,
 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.

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, gracious Father, 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,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord'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 has 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



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 this, his Great 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: Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

ELW #398



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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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. O God, you send out your Holy Spirit, and the face of the earth becomes new! Grant us the fullness of divine life in the Holy Spirit and complete us all in your eternal kingdom. For you are ever with us, and nothing can ever separate us from your love. In your Holy Name we pray...

C **Amen.**

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Give Thanks to God on High

Anniversary Hymn



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



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



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

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DISMISSAL

A God's Spirit leads our way! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Fugue in D

W. Selby



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Todd Toles, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
John Stoffel, Reader
Fred Holch, Dale Howard, A/V
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Kiera Piccony, Grace Rusev, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Steve Deller, Ushers
Todd Toles, Mal Seagren, Andrea Gustafson,
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Aidan Garrity, Cross Bearer
Owen Stahl, Banner Bearer

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

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

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LET US PRAY...

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

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

Mary Bradtmueller, John Bristow, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Deb Hrubby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Shirley Grant

Mark Anderson
Lois Elfstrom
Dolores Hoffman
Bill Keele
Pam Klingberg
Wanda Krentz
Mildred Miller
Rhonda Nelson
Joan Olson
Pat Quast
Jay & Carol Wierz

Holmstad

Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Aurora, IL
Heritage Woods
Heritage Woods
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Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Batavia, IL
Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Asbury Gardens
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:

Loda George Ricker

Calvin, Diane & Family

Lindy Wagner & Family

Tim Henschler

Vicki Johnson
Christine Smith
Katie Taylor
Jane Wirth
Michelle Hartzell
Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)
Andrea Hensley
Christine Dalak
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry
Rick Gaston
Bob Gustafson
Janna Stahl
Jeff Hall
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Tina Motter
Mary Hughs
Dottie
Diane Sharp
Lizzie Bork
Nancy
Jeffrey Campbell

Friend of Fred & Ann Holch

Friends of Kathy Richmond

Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Son of Ken & Judy Henschler

Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
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 &

Colleague of Emma Hess

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Sister of Jackie Page

Sister of Jackie Page

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Friend of Ed Schalk

Friend of Julie Howard

Sister of Karol Clark

Nephew of Nan Phillips

Kate and Family
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Alice Hendrikson
Maureen Scollon
Pam Paszotta
Senaída Stafford
Emily
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Floyd Anderson
Paul Mazen
Bonnie Palshis
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,
Phil
Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Susan Sheley
Bonnie
Carole W.
Brad Blue
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Friend of John & Karol Clark
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
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
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
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
Friend of Lois Benson
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:

Nancy Armstrong
Lawrence Forsell

Friend of Alan Spear
Former Bethany Member

Pentecost Geranium Dedications

In Memory of:

Given By

John & Jo-Ann Tabor.....	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
Our Grandparents.....	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
Our Parents.....	Ralph & Ruth Beck
Frank Kohout.....	The Thomassen Family
Loved Ones.....	Fred & Ann Holch
Loved Ones.....	Mal Seagren
Sisters Eleanor Sue Gilbert & Susan Bowers.....	Jackie Page
Our Mothers.....	Roger & Norma Pieratt
Marilyn Lee & Barbara Scherer.....	Becky Scherer
Paul & Marilyn Wagenknecht.....	Pastor Jerry & Peg Wagenknecht
Elmer & Pauline Rohrbacher; Richard Rohrbacher.....	Pastor Jerry & Peg Wagenknecht
Frank & Agnes Henschler; Art & Hillie Schultz.....	Ken & Judy Henschler
Loved Ones.....	Virgin VonQualen
Louis & Louise Szilage.....	John & Sherry Stoffel
William & Hazel Stoffel.....	John & Sherry Stoffel
Loved Ones.....	Norm & Nancy Freedlund

In Honor of:

Given by

51 st Wedding Anniversary.....	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
Children & Grandchildren.....	Ralph & Ruth Beck
Karin Johnston's 90 th Birthday.....	The Thomassen Family
Our God.....	Jim & Cheri Sager
Our Children & Grandchildren.....	Fred & Ann Holch
Family.....	Jan Bristow
Rhonda Nelson.....	Bob Nelson
Sons.....	Roger & Norma Pieratt
Our Grandchildren; Tyler, TJ, Erin & Melanie.....	Ken & Judy Henschler

In Celebration of:

Given by

5 Granddaughters.....	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
3 Children, Jeff, Sarah and Michael.....	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
Glory of God.....	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
Our Children & Grandchildren.....	Charley & Pam Andersen
Family & Friends.....	The Toles Family
Family & Friends.....	Dennis & Ellen Grashorn
Abundant Blessings.....	Don & Deb Hunt
Loved Ones.....	Jon & Marsha Habegger
God's Blessings.....	Ed & Diane Schalk
Family.....	Jackie Page

In Celebration of:

Given by

Grandchildren, Alek, Nicole & Allie Steve & Jonelle Mickelson
God's Grace Altar Guild

Just Because:

Given by

My Battle with Cancer Patricia Sullivan
Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
Kris Kaar
Jeanette Meling
Bill & Debbie Garrison



June 2023 Anniversaries

2	Dennis & Ellen Grashorn	10	Pastor Steve & Liesa Ritter
3	Dale & Sandra Christianson	13	David & Nancy Moe
3	Christopher & Mia Rusev	16	Edward & Janice Beil
5	Robert & Mylynda Nicoloff	19	Herman & Sarah Mickelson-Woo
5	Leonard & Joan Wray	20	George & Shirley Striedl
6	James & Kathy Freedlund	23	Larry & Carol Anderson
6	Gerald & Lisa Hodge	23	Adam & Marie Holtz
7	Pastor Jerry & Peg Wagenknecht	26	John & Laura Peterson
8	Steven & Kristina Kaar	26	Charles & Lynn Pfau
10	Ray & Nan Phillips	29	Dennis & Susan Walz

June 2023 Birthdays

1	Anders Freedlund	18	Clara Macaione
3	Julie Howard	19	Lynn Dreymler
4	Sadie Thomassen	20	Kim Carlson
6	Chase Correll	20	Viriden VonQualen
6	Gardner Fuller	21	Lynn Freedlund
6	Rosemary Pfau	22	Hannah Crowley
9	Ellen Grashorn	24	Val Schalk
9	Leah Macaione	25	Theresa Brems
10	Jaiden Bristow	25	Kenneth Henschler
10	Denise Higgins	26	Allison Davis
10	Kersten McQuillan	26	Bella Hirt
13	Edward Beil	27	Charles Pfau
14	Megan Fuller	27	Jennifer Powell
14	Greg Goro	27	Leonard Wray
15	Dolores Hoffman	28	Carrie Dalicandro
16	George Hutchens	28	Anne Ingold
16	Jessica Lingle	29	Steve Mickelson
16	Leslie Nellis	30	Doug Clark
16	Carol Thomassen	30	Sandra Wilcox

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, May 28

9am..... WorshipSanctuary
10am..... Coffee Hour.....Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 29

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30am..... Bethany Walking GroupMinistry Center Gym
6:30pm Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn.....Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 30

8:30am..... Bethany Walking GroupMinistry Center Gym
9am..... Quilters Fellowship Hall
11:30am..... Prayer Shawl Ministry..... Fellowship Hall
1pm..... Counters Conference Room
6:30pm DV Support Group..... Youth Room
6:30pm Girls BSA Troop 606..... Vlahn Room/Gym

Wednesday, May 31

8:30am..... Bethany Walking GroupMinistry Center Gym
12:30pm Staff Meeting..... Conference Room
1pm..... Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber..... Sanctuary
7pm..... Men’s Basketball..... Ministry Center Gym

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

8:30am..... Bethany Walking GroupMinistry Center Gym
4:30pm Swedish Am Children’s Choir Rehearsal Choir Room/Library

Saturday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 4 – Graduate Sunday

9am..... WorshipSanctuary
10am..... Coffee Hour.....Fellowship Hall