# **BETHANY** Lutheran Church The Holy Communion

The Holy Communion The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 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 <a href="www.bethanybatavia.org">www.bethanybatavia.org</a>. 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 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:

As digital tablets and smart phones keep us busy and on the go, today's gospel reminds us of a struggle: when are we to set aside our busy calendars, duties, and to-do lists and simply rest in God's presence, listening to what God has to say to us? This tension mounts in our gospel as Jesus addresses Martha's busyness, worry, and distraction, juxtaposed with Mary's contemplation, focus, and desire to sit at the feet of the great teacher. But is "quietly sitting" even possible in our age of distractions? Today's readings remind us how crucial it is to set aside time to spend with God. We might even wonder what sort of things Jesus was saying to Mary. Were they profound words, akin to the "mystery" the author of Colossians addresses in the epistle? Jesus was the person in whom God was pleased to dwell, that same one who is "the hope of glory."

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE:

Canzona in D Minor

J.S. Bach

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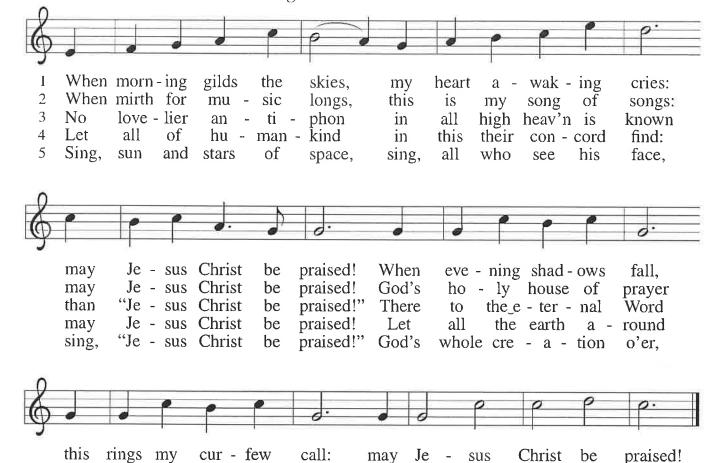
#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- 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,
- 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.



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- 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.



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

  Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ,
  and you make yourself our guest.

  Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence,
  that we may treasure your word above all else,
  through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen. We sit.

# + Word +

### FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1–10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

#### PSALM 15

Spoken Responsively

- L LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- C Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart,
- L there is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

- C In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- L He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.
- C He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- L Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

## SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15–28

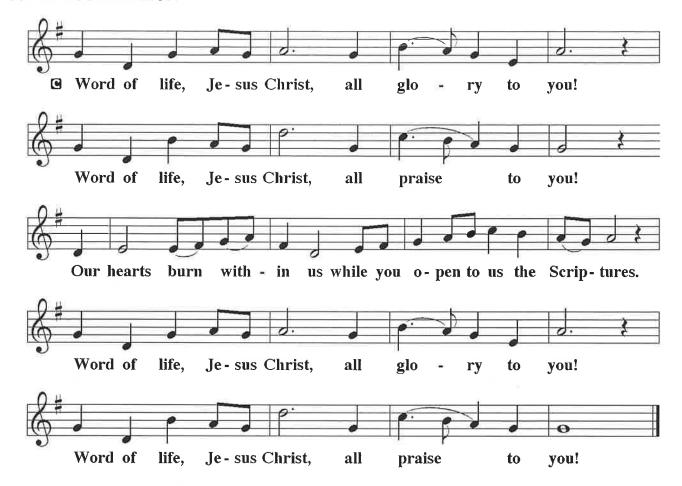
[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — <sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



#### HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

We sit.

We stand.

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

#### APOSTLES' CREED

- A Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

# A brief silence.

- A Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers (especially). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community (congregation may be named) to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

- A In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- 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 +

We sit.

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY:** Be Thou My Vision

Arr. Hopson

We stand.

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

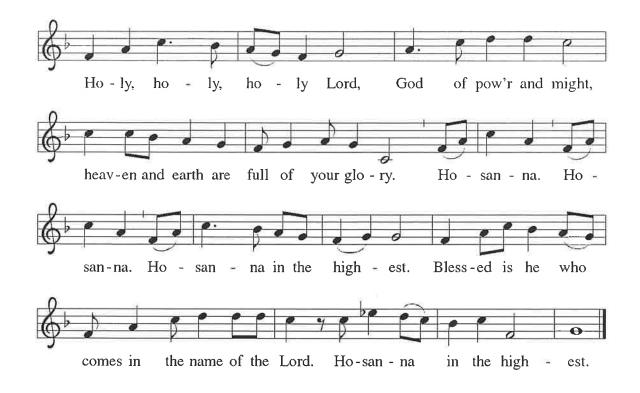
- A Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,
- C the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord, Amen.

## **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, through Christ our Lord. Who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

# We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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 now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

# C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- 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 The gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready.

#### We sit.

#### LAMB OF GOD

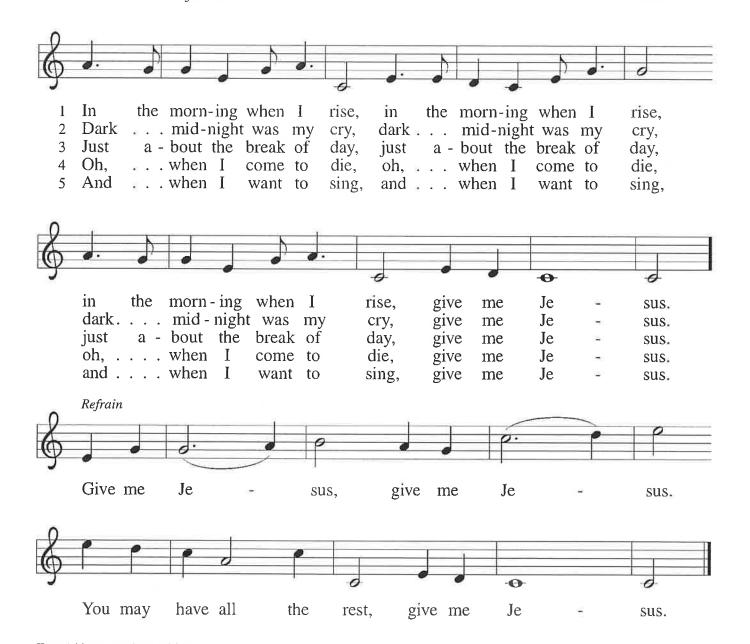


#### **COMMUNION**

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.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

**HYMN**: Give Me Jesus



Text: African American spiritual Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual



- 1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at tend me, bring ing com fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur dens



to my anx-ious soul. wis-dom to o - bey; grow too great to bear;

Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



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lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.
- A Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

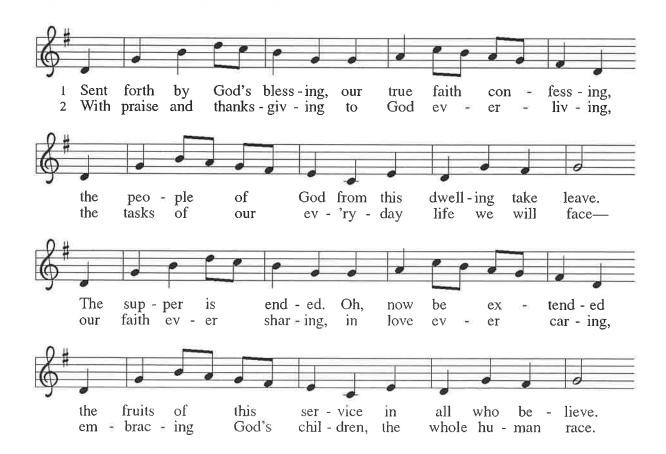
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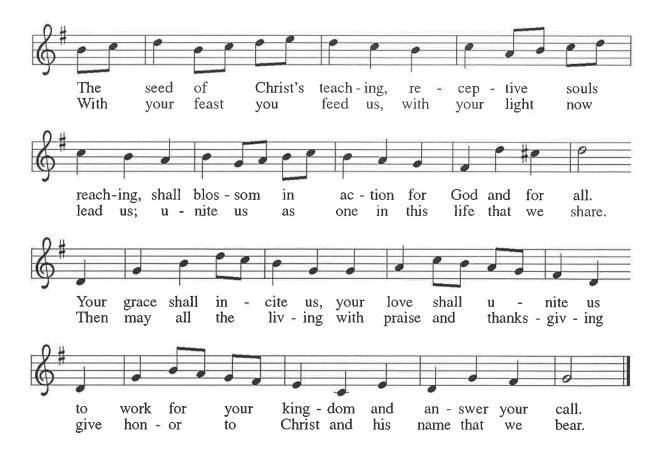
#### BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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#### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in D Minor

J.S. Bach

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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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, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Ellen Grashorn, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Val Schalk, Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, Pastor Jerry Wagenknecht

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

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:

# Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

Blezien Family
Vic and Anne Lee Friends of Debbie Garrison

Lynne Morrow Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson

Rebecca and family

Josh Braun

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Pazzotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Bill Norman

Cousin of Judy Henschler

Kate

Friend of Karol Clark

Gary Piccony

Peter Piccony's Father

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Loy Williams Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Steve Novy
Floyd Anderson
Barbara Garrison
Paul Mazen

Cousin of Bob Novy
Beth Richard's Father
Bill Garrison's mother

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 Louise Pruitt

Bonnie Carole W.

DeAnne & Gary

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

Brad Blue

Megan Campbell Diane Ekstam Johnson

Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Carmen Anderson Bob Neavins Bill VanSanten Friend of Pastor Jeff

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Lois Benson

Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam Daughter of Shirley Streidl Father of Nicki McVey Sister of 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

Mother of Betsy Garrison Father of Becky Klitzkie

Former Member of Bethany and Friend of

Norm and Nancy Freedlund

# This Week at Bethany

10am	Worship	Fellowship Hall
12pm 7pm	Bethany Walking Group Hope Circle Troop 6 Leaders	Adult Lounge/Library Lower Level
	Bethany Walking Group Quilters	
Wednesday, July 20 8:30	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm	Bethany Walking Group Boy Scout Troop 6 BSA – Order of the Arrow	Ministry Center Gym/
Friday, July 22 8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10:30am	Men's Basketball	Library Lower Level
9am	FRIP Blood Drive Worship Coffee Hour	Sanctuary

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