BETHANY Lutheran Church The Holy Communion

The Holy Communion
The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 14, 2022

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

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

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

Assistance in Worship

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

Children's Resources

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

Nursery

While not 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

Thank you to the Council for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us

Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given in Celebration of Steve and Jonelle Mickelson's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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:

The image of clouds appears in our readings today--clouds heavy with rain, clouds blowing hot wind, clouds of saints. While our Gospel text doesn't exactly feel like a love letter from Jesus, it does remind us of the way Jesus and his love come to us. In fire and water, Jesus draws near and draws us close to him. In fire and water, Jesus also draws out of us those things that need to be burned or washed away. Often, we are consumed by our own interpretations of who Jesus is and what Jesus came to bring to the world. Today he is clear that our perceptions might need to be re-framed, burned, cleansed. All the while, as noted in our Hebrews text, we are surrounded by that great cloud of witnesses--saints who made the same mistakes we do in misinterpreting and misjudging and missing the mark of Jesus' call--but who still are caught up with us in that cloud of grace and love found in the death of resurrection of our Lord.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

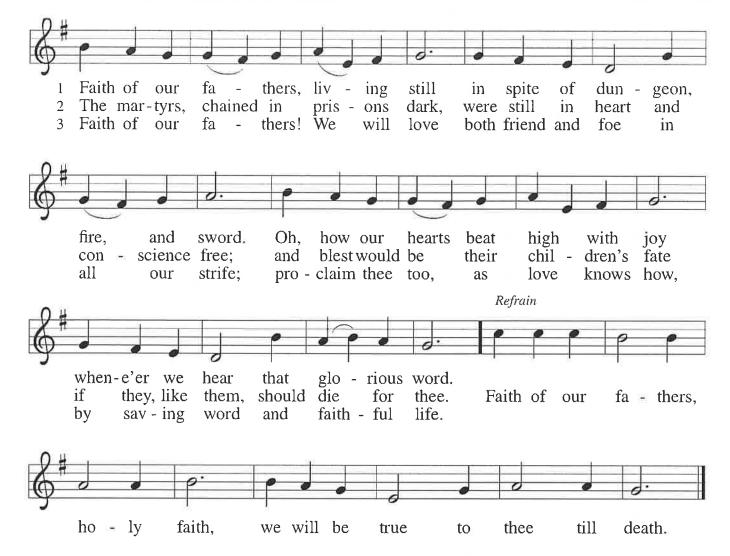
- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily 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,
- 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.
- L Hear the good news!

 God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

 In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.
- C Amen.



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

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905, refrain

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Salvation Belongs to Our God



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth.

Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ Word +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23–29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back — those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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



- L God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- C "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?
- L Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;
- C rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- L They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- C Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;
- L nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"
- C Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets — ³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented — ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before

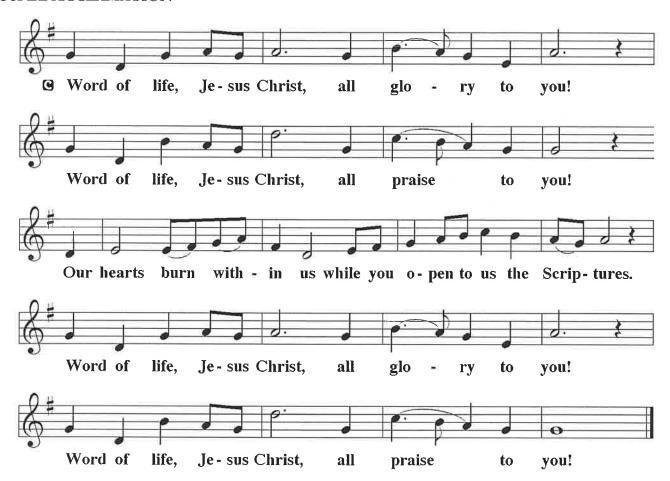
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us, 2looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

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

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

SERMON

Seminarian Melissa Dailey Luke 12:49–56





hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home. and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace; for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong; for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums, Your cross is lift - cd o'cr us; we jour - ney in its light;



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862-1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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 Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

 A brief silence.
- A Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (*especially*). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (*especially*). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (concerns may be named). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,
- C receive 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

We stand.

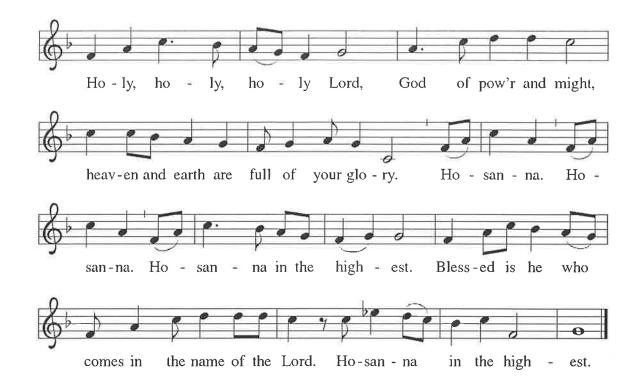
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

We sit.

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 Thanks for Saints



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- 1 O God of ev 'ry na tion, of ev 'ry race and land,
- 2 From search for wealth and pow er and scorn of truth and right, 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
- 3 Lord, strength-en all who la bor that all may find re lease 4 Keep bright in us the vi sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a tion with your al - might - y hand; from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night, ber, from dread of from fear of rat - tling sa war's in - crease; when ha - tred di - vi sion give way and to love and peace,



where hate and fear di vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled, from pride of race and sta tion and blind - ness to your way, when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard; dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife-torn world. de - liv - er ev - 'ry tion, e = ter - nal God, we na with faith that none can ser - vants un - der - gird. al ter, your and Christ shall rule vic = rious o'er all the world's do - main. to

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A Let us pray. 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

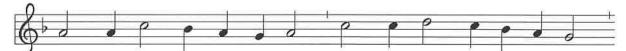
SENDING HYMN: Praise and Thanks and Adoration

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- Praise and thanks and ad o ra tion, Son of God, to you we give, Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;

for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live. through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol-low where your steps are lead-ing, find ad-ven-ture, joys ex-ceed-ing! in your birth, your life and pas-sion, in your death and res-ur-rec-tion.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Melissa Dailey, Visiting Assist Minister and Preacher Mark Waldron, Organist Ann Niedzwiecki, Reader Ian Gutierrez, Doug Clark, A/V Jan Bristow, Kathy Richmond, Altar Guild Michael Goro, Adam Goro, Acolytes Steve Deller, Usher Melissa Dailey, Steve Mickelson, Linda Sullivan Comm. Ass't

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

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

Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Dorothy Carlson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Joyce Stran GreenFields of Geneva, Geneva

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Gretchen VanKempema Daughter of Ann Holch
Loy Williams Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Ryan Anderson Son of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn

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

Landri Pazzotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Bill Norman

Cousin of Judy Henschler
Kate

Friend of Karol Clark
Steve Novy

Cousin of Bob Novy
Floyd Anderson

Beth Richard's Father
Barbara Garrison's mother

Paul Mazen

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

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

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Teri Figura
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Susan Sheley Daughter of Louise Pruitt Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

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

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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:
Albert Davis
Judi Spear
Helen Anderson
Helen R. Anderson
Carlene Altman

Lynn Drymiller's Uncle

This Week at Bethany

	Worship Coffee Hour Troop 6, Eagle Ceremony				
	Bethany Walking Group Active Threat Awareness/ Reaction Strategies				
7pm	CountersTroop 6 LeadersWorship & Music	Lower Level			
5:30pm	Bethany Walking Group Executive Meeting Quilters	. Conference Room			
	Bethany Walking Group Music/Worship Committee				
	Bethany Walking Group Boy Scout Troop 6				
Friday, August 19	BSA –Order of the Arrow	•			
Saturday, August 20 7:30am	Men's BasketballAltar GuildFox Valley Court WatchVisitation/Funeral – Helen R. Anderson,Al-AnonAl-AteenFuneral Luncheon – Helen R. Anderson	. Ministry Center Gym . Fellowship Hall . Lower Level . Sanctuary . Library . Lower Level . Fellowship Hall			
10am	Worship	. Fellowship Hall			