

# 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.

#### **Flowers**

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Billy and Darlene Hutchens in celebration of their 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 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:

You can do whatever you set your mind to!" It's a proclamation of encouragement from teachers, coaches, and motivational speakers. It's printed on inspirational posters hanging in classrooms and offices. And it's more true than we might even realize--in fact, it could be said, "You *will* do whatever you set your mind to." Our actions are so often directed by that which our minds are focused on. In the Gospel today, Jesus calls Peter out for having his mind set on human things rather than divine things. And truly, Jesus is calling us all out, as our minds consistently wander over to the human ways of sin instead of the divine way of Christ. In baptism, God has already calibrated our minds and our hearts to the way of the divine; in baptism, our minds are set for discipleship. Today Jesus' words of caution to Peter remind us: You will do whatever you set your mind to. So, let's live in the way of Jesus, the way of the divine. After all, our minds are already set on it.

# + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE**: Two Settings: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Said

Johann G. Walther A.W. Leupold

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

#### **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 are eager to hear your call, but often feel overwhelmed by the action required.

  We have not loved you with our whole heart:

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.



- 1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the beau-ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de light,
- 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child, 5 For each per-fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



love which from our birth for the o - ver and a - round lies: hill vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars and light: of mys - tic link-ing sense to sound for the har - mo - ny and sight: earth and friends a - bove; for all friends on gen - tle thoughts and mild: gift di - vine, for thy - self, best to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

### 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.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

# + Word +

# FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,

not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

(Reading continues on the next page.)

- to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

  21I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
  and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.
- L Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.

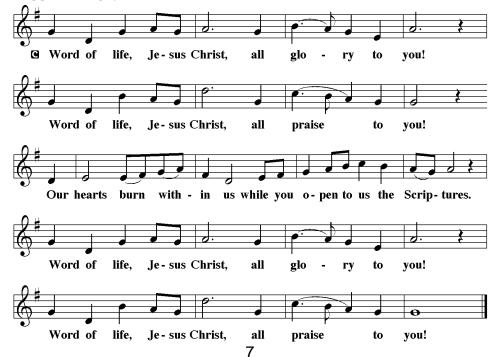
### **SECOND READING:** Romans 12:9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**HOLY GOSPEL**: Matthew 16:21–28

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

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SERMON** 

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Matthew 16:21–28



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

- P 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

- L God of life, your words are the joy at the heart of your church. Draw the seeker to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L God of steadfast love, renew the earth by your Spirit, that lands and oceans reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L God of patience, lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L God of deliverance, remember all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain. Liberate your people being insulted, persecuted, or in the grasp of the ruthless. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and insure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L God of justice, equip this congregation to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L God of glory, we give thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. 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 +

### 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 VOLUNTARY: Jesus, Still Lead On Paul Manz

We stand.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- L 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 constantly calls us and offers us reassurance.
  - Accordingly, we respond with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, In praising your name and joining in their unending hymn:



P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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;

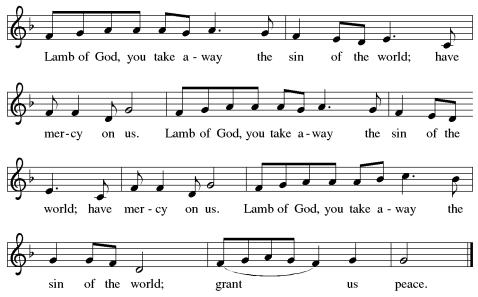
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

- P 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.

# LAMB OF GOD

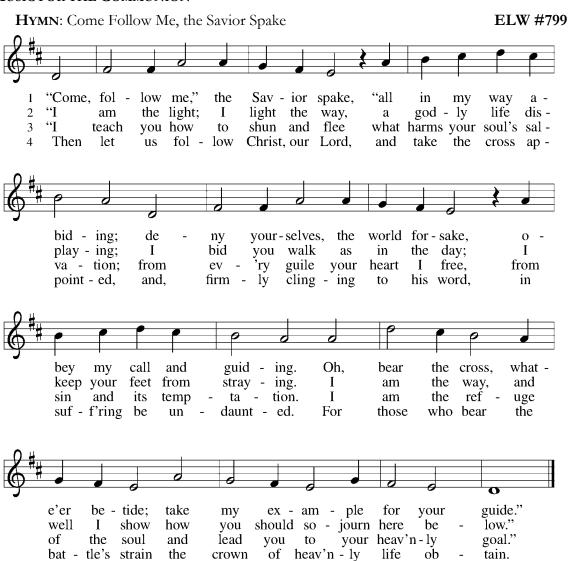


## COMMUNION

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

### MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt. Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

**HYMN**: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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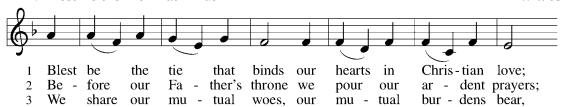
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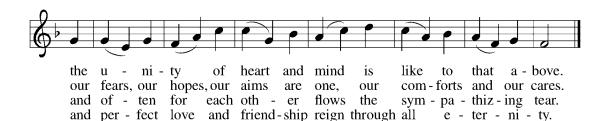


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Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

We stand.

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

# + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

The eternal Creator calls us.

The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

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

Amen.



- 1 Let us ev er walk with Je sus, fol low his ex am ple pure,
- 2 Let us suf fer here with Je sus, and with pa-tience bear our cross.
- 3 Let us glad ly die with Je sus. Since by death he con-quered death,
- 4 Let us al so live with Je sus. He has ris en from the dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir-its lure. will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss. he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath. we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head, that life to



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove, Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:

Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;

we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, all dis-com-forts that an - noy and the grave that shuts us in in your pres-ence con-stant-ly, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. shall but prove the gate of heav-en. liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; Je - sus, here I share your woe;

Je - sus, here with you I die, Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; I shall fol - low where you guide. help me there your joy to know. there to live with you on high. life e - ter - nal grant to me.

# DISMISSAL

- L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Richard Hillert



### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Doug Boehm, Worship Leader Mark Waldron, Organist Debbie Garrison, Reader Ruth Beck, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild Jackson Carter, Ash Herman, Acolytes Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Steve Deller, Ushers Doug Boehm, Debbie Garrison, Comm Asst's

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Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor Mark Waldron, Director of Music Alan Spear, Organist Darlene Hutchens, Church Administrator Susan Jarocki, Administrative Assistant Emma Hess, Youth Director Ed McQuillan, Financial Secretary

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If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to <u>council@bethanybatavia.org</u>.

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:

Marilyn Cornwall, Adam Holtz, Bob Novy, Pat Sullivan, Mary Bradtmueller, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Shirley Grant, Marie Holtz, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Brigitte Winkler

#### 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

Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Owen Schuster

#### Please pray for our family and friends:

Wesley SchroederNephew of Gail MikyskaBonnie & Jim HinesParents of Suzanne Grashorn

Pat Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn

Kristen Benakis Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Pat Pydo Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber

Todd Streidl Son of George & Shirley Streidl Marilyn Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Tracy Clark Sister of Tara Shannon

Sarah McCarthy Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Mary Lawrence Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson Steven & Janice Brown & Grace Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Lee Peterson Friend of Dottie White
Loda George Ricker Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Calvin, Diane & Family Friends of Kathy Richmond

Christine Smith On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Katie Taylor Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler Jane Wirth Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Michelle Hartzell Friend of Beth Richard

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston Friend of Ann Holch

Bob Gustafson Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna

Stahl

Tina Motter
Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs
Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie
Friend of Paulette Smigo
Diane Sharp
Friend of Ed Schalk
Lizzie Bork
Friend of Julie Howard
Nancy
Sister of Karol Clark
Jeffrey Campbell
Nephew of Nan Phillips

Kate and Family Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S. Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Nicole Friend of Linda Sullivan

Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller
Maureen Scollon Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White

Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land Lisa Friend of Beth Richard

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Heather Friend of Schuman Family
Gretchen VanKempema Daughter of Ann Holch

Gretchen VanKempema Daughter of Ann 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 Floyd Anderson Beth Richard's Father Paul Mazen

Bonnie Palshis

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm

Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,

Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family Teri Figura Mary Jo Benstein's Family Teri Figura

Susan Sheley Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff
Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

Brad Blue Friend of Lois Benson
Diane Ekstam Johnson Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Tammy English Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Jerry Martin Father of Nicki McVey
Teri Prokes Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Tony Prokes Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Kelli Robertson Daughter of Diane Schalk Ed Stahl Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Rhonda Nelson Wife of Bob Nelson

Walter Sosin Brother-in-Law of Virden Von Qualen

Dawn Bucz Friend of Pam Klingberg
Pam Paszotta Friend of Pam Klingberg
Sister of Dee (Tom) Schuman

# THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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