

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.

Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Bob and Sue Novy in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to Bill & Debbie Garrison for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

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:

Triangulation just may be the most time-honored human pastime. After all, who doesn't like complaining to someone about someone else? Jesus, however, makes it clear that such triangles are not the shapes we should be making. If someone sins against you, Jesus says, talk to them (and not to someone else). If that doesn't work, try to work things out as a group. And finally, if nothing else works, treat the offending sinner as a Gentile or a tax collector. And when you realize that Jesus doesn't mean what you think he means, well, you just might begin to understand the sort of life - abundant, unending, and communal - that God has gifted to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Toccata in C Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS TEMPLE TALK

Peter Newburn

We stand.

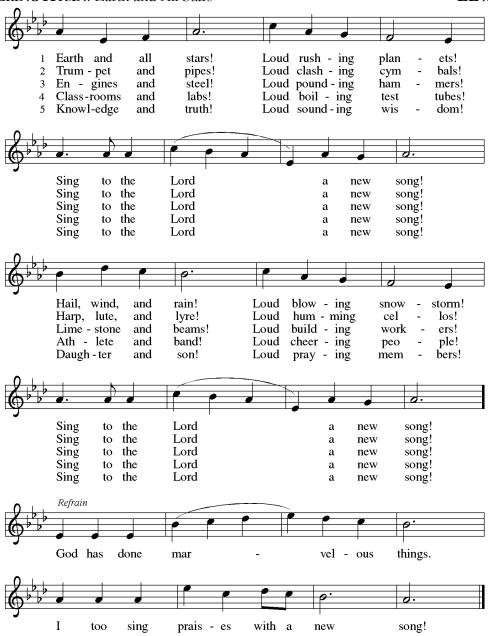
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- 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.



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: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

O Lord God,

enliven and preserve your church with your mercy.

It is so easy for us to hate in this world, yet everyone we meet is one of your children.

Guide us to always be ambassadors of your love through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7–11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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



SECOND READING: Romans 13:8–14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15–20

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

We sit.

SERMON

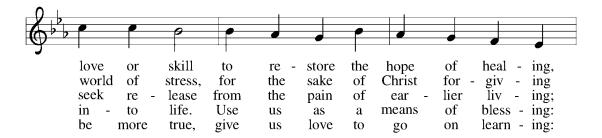
Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska Matthew 18:15–20

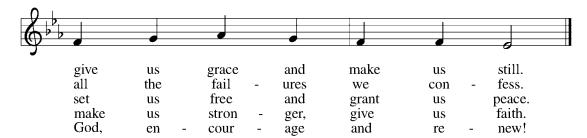
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

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APOSTLES' CREED

- L 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

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 Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people of other faiths. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth's thriving. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick. Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment. In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- L Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith. May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. 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 MUSIC: God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

Valerie Shields

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L Let us pray. Merciful God,
- C as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

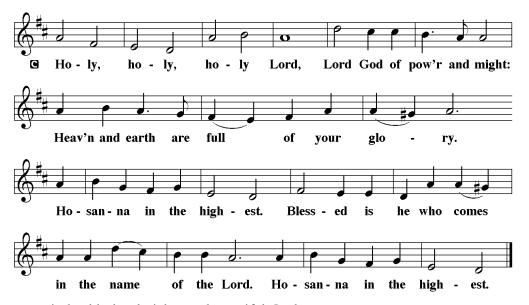
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 joining in their unending hymn:



P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;

you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving Passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought, but as we are able;

and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine;

that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All glory and honor is yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- 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;

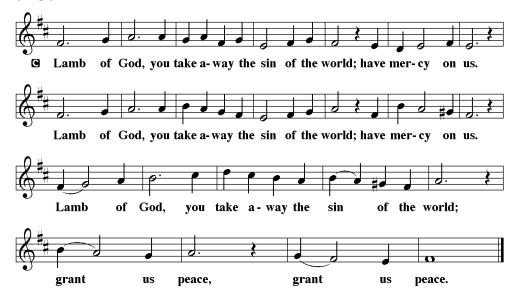
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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 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

HYMN: As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in to wit-ness in the sac ra ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife. where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own; Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave; There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known. may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save. as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.





- Where char i ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn:
- our midst dwells Christ, God's ho ly 3 Let us re - call that in
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- our own con-fess. for - give each oth - er's faults 5 Let we



We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- Amen. C

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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



- I Joy ful, joy ful we a dore thee, God of glo ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv ing and for giv ing, ev er bless-ing, ev er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be-fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove. stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way. Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea, Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day. chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee. teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Robert Lau

Incorporating Rondeau by Jean-Joseph Mouret

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Mark Waldron, Organist Andrea Gustafson, Reader Doug Clark, Ryan Pieratt, A/V Carol Thomassen, Julie Howard, Altar Guild Nora Storaasli, Graham Gustafson, Acolytes Ralph Beck, Bill Dreymiller, Ushers Ellen Grashorn, Andrea Gustafson, Comm. Asst's

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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:

Mary Bradtmueller, Marilyn Cornwell, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Shirley Grant, Marie Holtz, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, 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 HoffmanHeritage WoodsBill KeeleHeritage WoodsPam KlingbergHeritage 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 Schroeder Nephew of Gail Mikyska
Bonnie & Jim Hines Parents 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

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

Michelle Hartzell Friend of Beth Richard 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 Friend of Paulette Smigo Dottie 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 Friend of Bob & Sue Novy Sue S.

Nicole Friend of Linda Sullivan Alice Hendrikson Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymiller

Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White Maureen Scollon Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land Lisa Friend of Beth Richard Heather Friend of Schuman Family

Gretchen VanKempema Daughter of Ann Holch Son of Aaron Anderson Ryan 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

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 Father of Dan Stahl Ed Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Phil

Adam Holtz Husband of Marie Holtz Rhonda Nelson Wife of Bob Nelson Walter Sosin Brother-in-Law of Virden Von Qualen

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, September 10		
	Worship	
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
Monday, September 11		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room
12pm	Hope Circle	Adult Lounge/Library
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7pm	Marketing Team/Zoom	Fellowship Hall/via Zoom
Tuesday, September 12		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	
	Executive Team	
*	DV Support Group	
	Girls BSA Troop 606	
	Fox River Radio League	
Wednesday, September 13		
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Senior Advocacy Group	
	Organ Rehearsal	
Thursday, September 14		•
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Bell Choir	
	Boy Scout Troop 6	
	Festival Choir	
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Friday, September 15	Pathany Walking Cross	Ministery Contan Cym
6:30aiii	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
Saturday, September 16		
	Troop 606 Planning Meeting	
	Altar Guild	*
	Al-Anon	
	Al-Ateen	
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 17		
	Worship	Sanctuary
	Coffee Hour	
	Sunday School/Rally Day	