# **BETHANY** Lutheran Church

The Holy Communion The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 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="https://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:

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE Last Spring

Edvard Grieg

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.
- 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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### **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.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us.

When we are weak in faith, strengthen us.

When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

# + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1—4; 2:1—4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost,

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2:1 Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

(Reading continues on the next page.)

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

# PSALM 37 Hal H. Hopson

ANTIPHON: You are my God, my joy is in you alone.

- L Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;\*
  do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- C For they shall soon wither | like the grass,\* and like the green grass | fade away.
- L Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;\* dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.
- C Take delight | in the LORD,\* and he shall give you your | heart's desire.
- L Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,\* and he will bring | it to pass.
- C He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light\* and your just dealing | as the noonday.

### ANTIPHON

- L Be still be- | fore the LORD\* and wait patient- | ly for him.
- C Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,\* the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- L Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;\*
  do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.
- C For evildoers shall | be cut off,\*
  but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.

# SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1–14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God — whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did — when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

# We stand.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:5–10

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

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

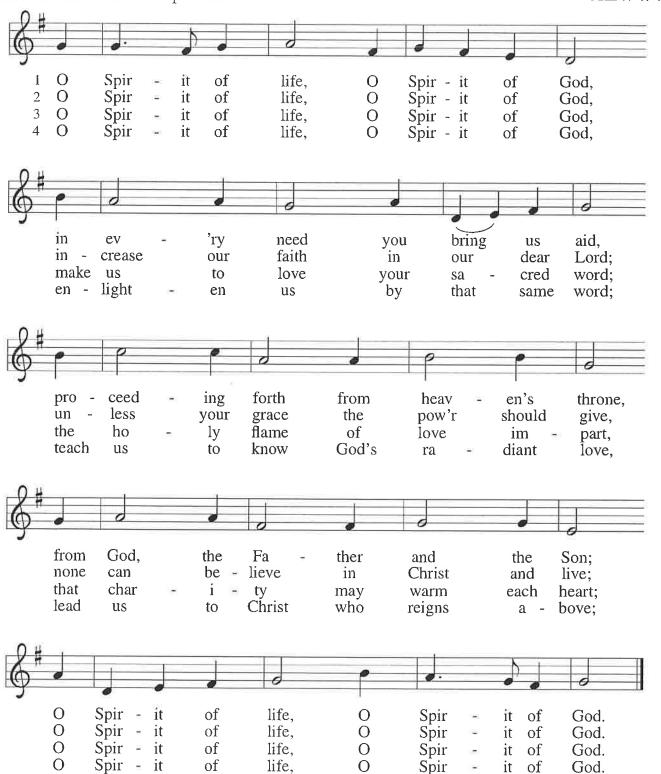
- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Jeff Mikyska Luke 17:5–10

# HYMN OF THE DAY: O Spirit of Life



Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, alt. Music: O HELIGER GEIST, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623

### 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 As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

- A We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (*rostered and lay leaders may be named*). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (*especially*): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. 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 MUSIC: Let Us Break Bread Together

John Helgen

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

We stand.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 kngdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

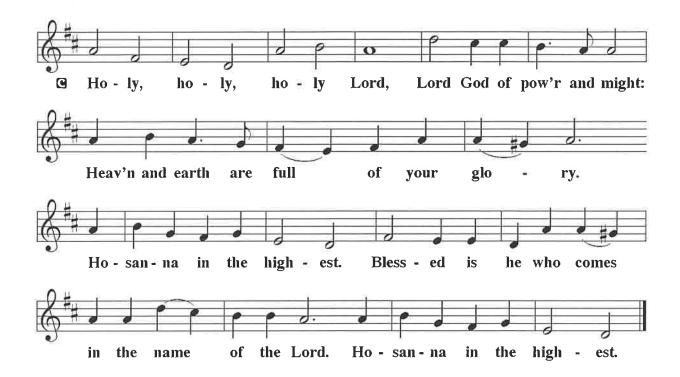
- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.

- 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 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;

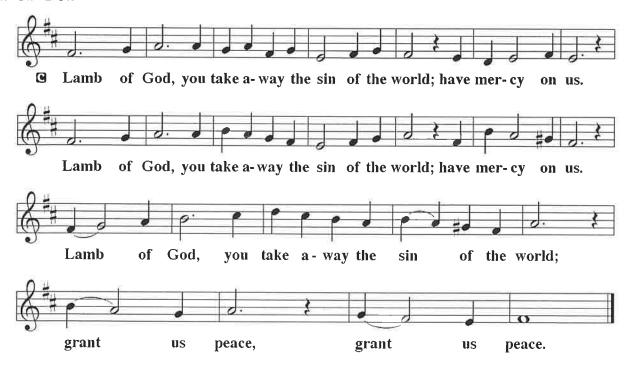
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

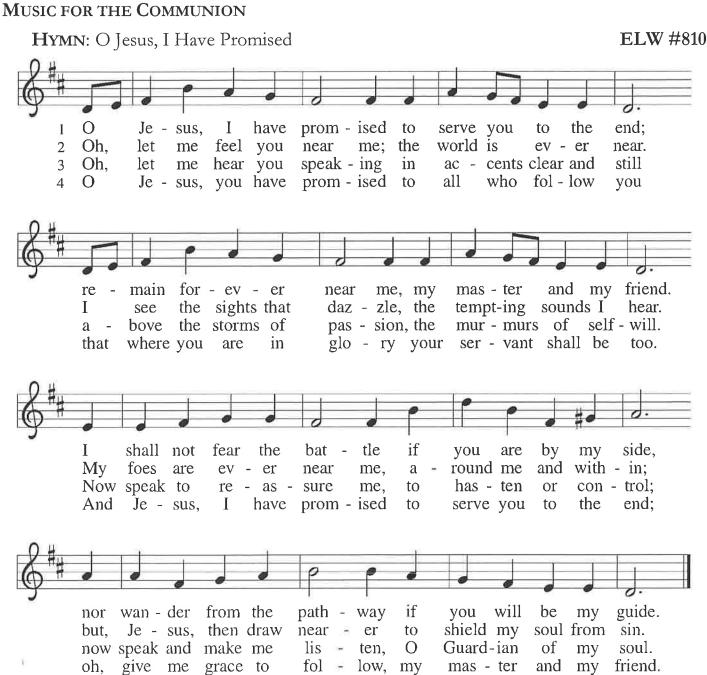
### LAMB OF GOD



### COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the haptized. 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.



Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

### 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. 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.
- C Amen.

# + SENDING +

### BENEDICTION

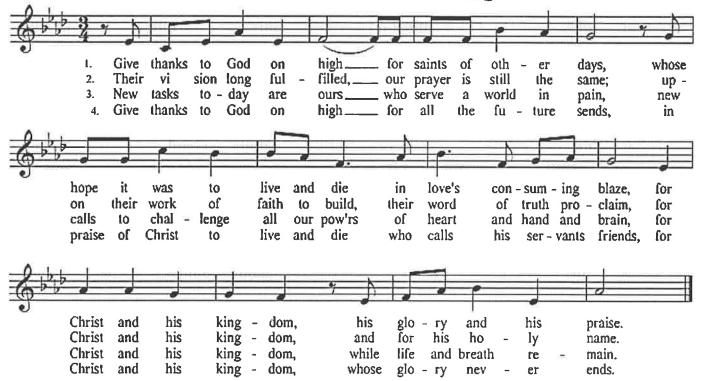
- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Give Thanks to God on High

150th Anniversary Hymn

Commissioned in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Bethany Lutheran Church Batavia, Illinois





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### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Chorale

Mendelssohn

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister Susan Walz, Assisting Minister Alan Spear, Organist Steve Mickelson, Reader Doug Clark, Ted Richoz, A/V Karol Clark, Norma Pieratt, Altar Guild Eva Holzl, Jack Holzl, Acolytes Jon Habegger, Virden VonQualen, Ushers Susan Walz, Steve Mickelson, Dorothy Thorsen, Comm. Ass't Festival Choir

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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, Ellen Grashorn, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Val Schalk, Maureen Scollon, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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
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

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Jay & Carol Wierz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Lynne Morrow

Rebecca and family

Kenzie

Chris Sidler Friend of Luke & Diane Land

Jim & Tammy Daughter-in Law's parents of Sue Walz

Steve Schmidt Friend of Jerry & Marsha Schuster and Fred & Ann Holch

Geneva Isham Grandmother of Danny & Emma Hess

Tina Motter Sister of Jackie Page

Derek McGrath
Lisa
Friend of Sue & Bob Novy
Friend of Beth Richard
Nicole
Colleague of Beth Richard

John Son of Jan Bristow

Barb Friend of Jan Bristow

Lynn Krambeer Stoddard Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska

Heather Friend of Schuman Family
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

Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Friend of Katie Robertson

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak

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Landri Paszotta

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Paul Mazen

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Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein Brad Blue

Megan Campbell

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Tony Prokes Kelli Robertson

Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Friend of Karol Clark Beth Richard's Father Bill Garrison's mother

Cousin of John & Karol Clark Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm

, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Teri Figura Teri Figura

Daughter of Louise Pruitt 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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Mark Bartholomew

Daniel W. Erlander Marge Williams

Joyce Stran

Ryan Rippe Bill Parkhurst Friend of Alan Spear

Friend of Debbie & Bill Garrison

Friend of Allison Mikyska

Friend of Rich & Nancy Kreis Friend of the Dreymiller Family

# This Week at Bethany

9am
10am
10:30amMinistry Ĉenter
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12noonEnticing Cuisine
Monday, October 3
8:30am
9am
7pmConference Room
Tuesday, October 4
8:30am Ministry Center Gym
9am
6:30pmLibrary/Lower Level/M111
7pmFellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 5
8:30am
6pm
6:30pm
6:30pmFellowship Hall
Thursday, October 6
8:30am
6pmBalcony
6:30pm
Vlahn Room
7pmSanctuary
Friday, October 7
8:30am
Saturday, October 8
7:30amMinistry Center Gym
10:30amLibrary
10:30amLower Level
8pmFellowship Hall
Sunday, October 9
9amSanctuary
Seniors Helping Seniors
10amFellowship Hall
10:30am