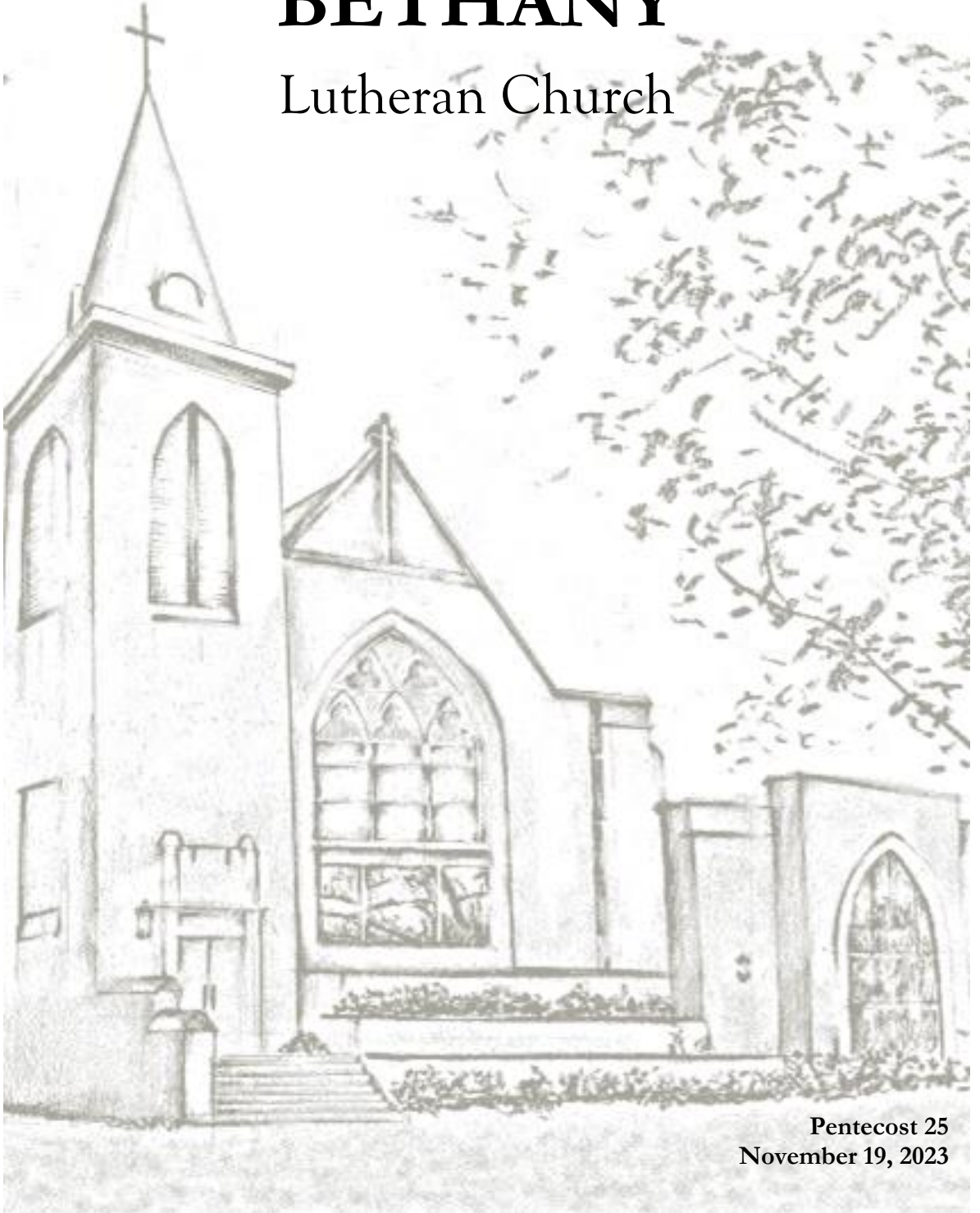


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



Pentecost 25  
November 19, 2023

# 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](http://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 Charley and Pam Andersen in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary and Bob Nelson in memory of Rhonda Nelson's birthday.

## **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:**

Our readings during November speak of the end times. The prophet, Zephaniah, proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Lutheran Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in bold.*

*This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red) – referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

## + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE:** Sweet Hour of Prayer  
Jesus Shall Reign

Sandra Eithun  
arr. Jason W. Krug  
Youth Bell Choir

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness prepares us to receive Christ in the proclamation of his Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW #678



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.**

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



♩ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*The prayer of the day, or collect, is appointed for each Sunday and “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may be stirred up to holiness of life here on earth, and live with you forever in the renewed world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## **+ WORD +**

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

### **FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18**

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
"The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm."

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
 against the fortified cities  
 and against the lofty battlements.  
<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
 that they shall walk like the blind;  
 because they have sinned against the LORD,  
 their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
 and their flesh like dung.  
<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
 will be able to save them  
 on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
 in the fire of his passion  
 the whole earth shall be consumed;  
 for a full, a terrible end  
 he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The biblical book of Psalms is the hymnal of ancient Israel, many written for use in temple worship.*

**PSALM 90:1-12**

Anne Krentz Organ

ANTIPHON: So teach us to number our days  
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

L Lord, you have | been our refuge\*  
 from one generation | to another.

C **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 or the land and the | earth were born,\*  
 from age to age | you are God.**

L You turn us back to the | dust and say,\*  
 "Go back, O | child of earth."

C **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past\*  
 and like a watch | in the night.**

ANTIPHON

L You sweep us away | like a dream;\*  
 we fade away suddenly | like the grass.

C **In the morning it is | green and flourishes;\*  
 in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

L For we consume away in | your displeasure;\*  
 we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.

C **Our iniquities you have | set before you,\*  
 and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

ANTIPHON

- L When you are angry, all our | days are gone;\*  
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- C **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;\***  
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,**  
**for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**
- L Who regards the power | of your wrath?\*
- Who rightly fears your | indignation?
- C **So teach us to num- | ber our days,\***  
**that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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



*The Gospel acclamation, or sometimes sequence hymn, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

*We stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus’ words and actions.*

### HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

#### C **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

<sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

<sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the day’s scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

### **SERMON**

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska  
Matthew 25:14–30

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Light**

**ELW #688**



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

*Refrain*



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860–1953, alt.

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” The Apostles’ Creed expresses biblical doctrines that have been articulated, defended, and embraced as central to the Christian faith for nearly two thousand years of church history.*

## **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.**

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

L Gracious God, you give talents and gifts to all your people, and you equip the church to serve. Turn us from fear and self-serving ways, that we use our talents to glorify you and encourage our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

L You have been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Sustain the life of the planet; protect farmlands and harvests. Direct all people in wise stewardship of all the earth’s resources. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

L You call us to honesty and integrity. Instill these values in the hearts of all nations and their leaders. Free any who are oppressed, expose all corruption, and bring redemption to victims of injustice. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

- L God of Healing and Comfort...We pray for the students and staff at Batavia High School on the loss of Gavin, as well as Gavin's family. Bless all who mourn to know that your love knows no bounds. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L You teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. Where there is sickness or sorrow, bring healing, and where there is loneliness, reveal your love in community. We remember before you. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We pray for the faith formation ministries of our church. Give to all children, youth, and adults who study your word the breastplate of faith and love. Shape us by your love and show us how to encourage one another. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Gracious God, you are faithful in all generations. For the promise of life and rest and for the witness of those who have died in faith. We praise your goodness. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- 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 share Christ's peace with each other as a sign of charity and unity in preparation for the Holy Communion.*

### 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:** Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

Kikolaus Herman  
Wilhelm A. Wexels

Oh, happy day when we shall stand  
Amid the heavenly throng;  
And sing with hosts from every land  
The new celestial song.

Oh, what a mighty rushing flood  
Of joy and love and peace  
Will roll down over us with good  
And blessedness and grace.

Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come  
And show himself as Lord,  
And thousands meet in their new home  
Which Jesus has prepared.

O Lord, your grace is everything;  
Your love has made us free  
To stand among the saints and sing  
The glory that we see.

*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.**

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

### **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 in their unending hymn:

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*



**Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:**



**Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.**



**Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes**



**in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.**

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.**

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

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.*



*Echoing both John 1:29 and Revelation 5:6, this song addresses the risen Christ giving himself away at this table as the true Lamb.*

## LAMB OF GOD



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## 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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTeAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*We stand.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

L 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 reminds us that every Sunday worship gathering is a cycle, existing for a time and then dispersing. We arrive at the “sending” after traveling from the rite of gathering to the word and meal. We heard and proclaimed the Word; we were nourished at the Meal; and now we complete the cycle. We have encountered the living Christ in this place and are empowered for ministry in the world.*

## + SENDING +

### BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

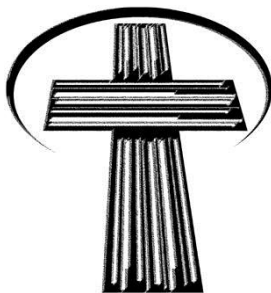
**DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Allegro from 13<sup>th</sup> Organ Concerto

G.F. Handel



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Pastor Steve Ritter, Worship Leader  
Alan Spear, Organist  
Nan Phillips, Reader  
Kathy Richmond, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild  
Graham Gustafson, Kiera Piccony, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Virden Von Qualen, Ushers  
Pastor Steve Ritter, Debbie Garrison, Andrea Gustafson,  
Comm. Asst's  
Festival Choir  
Youth Bell 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:**

**Bill Dreymler**, Mary Bradtmueller, Marilyn Cornwell, Diane Garland, Shirley Grant, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hruby, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Brigitte Winkler

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

#### **Dolores Hoffman**

Mark Anderson

Lois Elfstrom

Marie Holtz

Bill Keele

Pam Klingberg

Wanda Krentz

Joan Olson

Pat Sullivan

Jay & Carol Wierz

#### **Heritage Woods**

Silverado Memory Care, St Charles

Aurora, IL

Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Bardwell Residence, Aurora

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### **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:**

#### **Wolfgang Smailus**

Molly & Mike Updyke

Mary Dunne

Jim Anderson

Robert & Vicki Johnson

Walt Wille

Bob

Marty

Wesley Schroeder

Bonnie & Jim Hines

Pat

Kristen Benakis

Pat Pydo

Todd Striedl

Marilyn

Tracy Clark

Sarah McCarthy

Mary Lawrence

Steven & Janice Brown & Grace

Lee Peterson

Loda George Ricker

Calvin, Diane & Family

Katie Taylor

Jane Wirth

Michelle Hartzell

Rick Gaston

Bob Gustafson

Tina Motter

Mary Hughes

Dottie

#### **Brother-in-Law of Marty Offutt-Gruber**

Daughter/Son-in-Law of George & Shirley Striedl

Aunt of Amanda Balsan

Friend of Bob Nelson

Brother-in-Law/Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Uncle of Darlene Hutchens

Friend of Hutchens' Family

Nephew of Gail Mikyska

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber

Son of George & Shirley Striedl

Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Sister of Tara Shannon

Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson

Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Friend of Dottie White

Friend of Fred & Ann Holch

Friends of Kathy Richmond

Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Beth Richard

Friend of Ann Holch

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

Sister of Jackie Page

Sister of Jackie Page

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Lizzie Bork  
Nancy  
Jeffrey Campbell  
Kate and Family  
Damon Schultz  
Sue S.  
Nicole  
Alice Hendrikson  
Maureen Scollon  
Chris Sidler  
Lisa  
Heather  
Gretchen VanKempema  
Ryan Anderson  
Linda Raish  
Lynne Morrow  
Kenzie  
Floyd Anderson  
Paul Mazen  
Bonnie Palshis  
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,  
Phil  
Kathy Dee's Family  
Mary Jo Benstein's Family  
Susan Sheley  
Bonnie  
Carole W.  
Diane Ekstam Johnson  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Teri Prokes  
Tony Prokes  
Kelli Robertson  
Ed Stahl

Friend of Julie Howard  
Sister of Karol Clark  
Nephew of Nan Phillips  
Friend of John & Karol Clark  
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Friend of Linda Sullivan  
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler  
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White  
Friend of Luke & Diane Land  
Friend of Beth Richard  
Friend of Schuman Family  
Daughter of Ann Holch  
Son of Aaron Anderson  
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn  
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail  
Friend of Katie Robertson  
Beth Richard's Father

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm  
Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard  
Lynn Dreymler's brother  
Teri Figura  
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Daughter of Louise Pruitt  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch  
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  
Father of Dan Stahl

**Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:**

**Lorna Wedemeier**

Bill Lechnick  
Pat Boscher  
Brad Blue  
Millie Lober  
Diana Sharp

**Aunt of Dan Foelske**

Cousin of Sue & Bob Novy  
Friend of Lois Benson  
  
Friend of Ed & Diane Schalk



## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, November 19

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center
3pm	Eagle Scout – Court of Honor	Fellowship Hall
	Owen S (Set-Up)	

### Monday, November 20

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7pm	Troop 6 Leaders	Lower Level

### Tuesday, November 21

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
1pm	Organ Tuner	Sanctuary
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym

### Wednesday, November 22

8:30	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
7pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship	Chapel

### Thursday, November 23

THANKSGIVING DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

### Friday, November 24

OFFICE CLOSED

5pm	Community Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
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### Saturday, November 25

7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Al-Anon	Library
10am	Al-Ateen	Lower Level
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, November 26

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center
	Practice for Christmas Program	