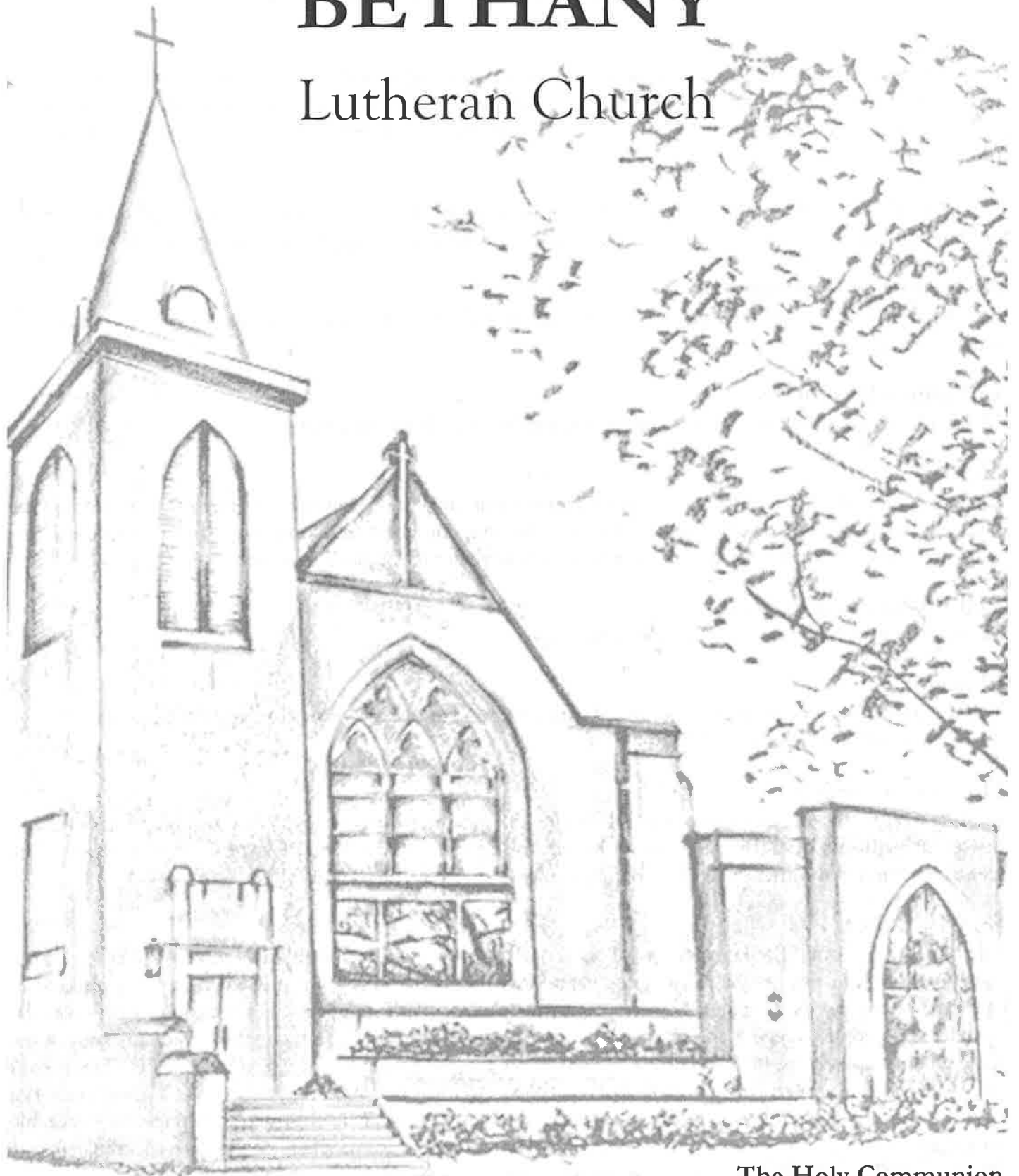


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Holy Communion
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

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

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

Assistance in Worship

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

Children's Resources

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

Nursery

While not yet 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 Andrea Gustafson in memory of her mother and the Swedish American Children's Choir.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

As We Gather:

The Baptist cries out: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" It's the call that would have gone out before a royal visit. Roads would need to be made straight and level, fit for a king. John, however, is not interested in starting a public works campaign. It is not the infrastructure that is tangled; it is the people themselves. So John invited people to repent and bear good fruit, lest they be chopped down by the ax, already lying at the roots. What hope do we have in such a situation? We are too tangled to sort it out ourselves. The ax will fall. But God has promised to do great work with tree stumps. It is here that new life will grow in us as a shoot springs forth from Jesse's lineage. He, Jesus, this new king, will enact justice and create the Peaceable Kingdom. We, once lifeless and withered, will blossom and grow in the shade of the Tree of Life.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Rondeau
My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Moret
Robert J. Powell

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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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.

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. [C] Lord, have mer - cy.

[A] Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. [C] A - men

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING SONG: Go Light Your World

Chris Rice

**There is a candle in ev'ry soul; some brightly burning, and some dark and cold.
And there is a Spirit Who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes His home.
Carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the helpless, confused and torn.
And hold out your candle for all to see it. Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.**

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1–7, 18–19

Hal H. Hopson

ANTIPHON: Rejoice! Rejoice! God's Royal Son will soon appear.

- A Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,*
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
C **that he may rule your | people righteously***
and the | poor with justice;
A that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,*
and the little | hills bring righteousness.
C **He shall defend the needy a- | mong the people;***
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the oppressor.

ANTIPHON

- A He shall live as long as the sun and | moon endure,*
from one generation | to another.
C **He shall come down like rain upon | the mown field,***
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
A In his time shall the | righteous flourish;*
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
C **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the | God of Israel,***
who alone does | wondrous deeds!
A And blessed be his glorious | name forever,*
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. A- | men. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4–13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The choir sings the Alleluia the first time, congregation repeats



L Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C **Repeat Alleluia**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska
Matthew 3:1-12

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW #249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

A God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness, especially Dorothy Carlson. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord of Grace, we thank you for giving us sacraments in which we experience your presence while also connecting to the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Bless Marissa, as she is receiving Communion for the first time today, that in this moment she may feel your love, and the presence of all who have gone before her. God, in your mercy,

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: O How Shall I Receive Thee

Arr. Carl Schalk

O how shall I receive thee, how greet thee, Lord, aright?
All nations long to see thee, my Hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, thy lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please thee best

Thy Zion palms is strewing, and branches fresh and fair;
My heart, its powers renewing, an anthem shall prepare.
My soul puts off her sadness thy glories to proclaim;
With all her strength and gladness she fain would serve thy Name

He comes to judge the nations, a terror to his foes,
A light of consolations and blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing, o glorious sun, now come,
Send forth thy beams most cheering, and guide us safely home.

Love caused thine incarnation, Love brought thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling that led thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling, our lost and fallen race.

Rejoice then, ye sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed and tremble at your doom,
He who alone can cheer you is standing at the door;
He brings his pity near you, and bids you weep no more.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God of abundance,

C **we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

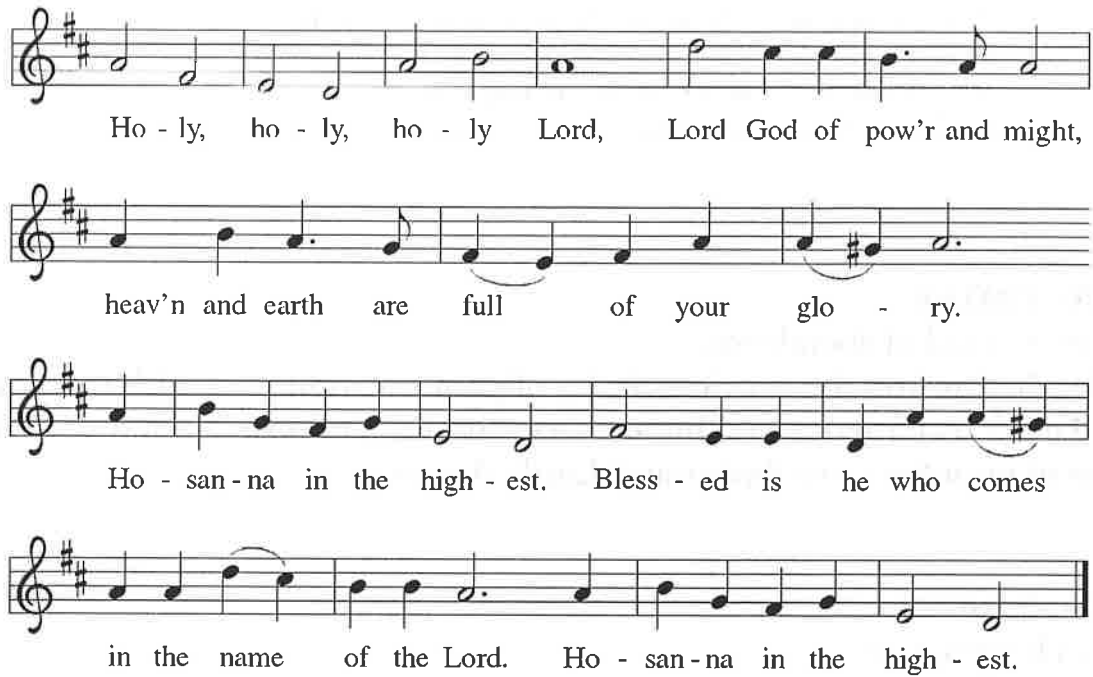
P Lift up your hearts.

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, almighty and ever-living God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 Holy God, You not only sent Your Son into our world,
 But You also sent prophets ahead of him to prepare us for his light.
 We hear their voices as they speak of amazing grace shining upon our hearts.
 There is no greater example of this grace and light than the supper Christ shared
 with his disciples, and now with us.

On 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 life, death, and resurrection,
 we await his coming again
 in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
 and on this bread and wine that we share:
 strengthen our faith,

increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both 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 These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

P All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

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 this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

VOLUNTARY: E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come, for Christ Is Coming Soon

Paul Manz

Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

Grace Notes Bell Choir

HYMN: Comfort, Comfort, Now My People

ELW #256



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*. Geneva, 1551



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Hark, the Glad Sound!

ELW #239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Prepare the way. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Psalm 19

Marcello

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LET US PRAY

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Mary Bradtmueller, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Liesa Ritter, JoAnn Sargent, Val Schalk, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

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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:

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 Dreymler
Bigby Suddarth	Friend of Allie Mikyska
Mary Rasori	Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon
Maureen Scollon	Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Lauren Hanson	Supervisor of Janice Reynolds
Jaylene Lump	Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds
Pam Paszotta	Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman
Senaida Stafford	Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Emily	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Chris Sidler	Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Jim & Tammy	Daughter-in Law's parents of Sue Walz
Geneva Isham	Grandmother of Danny & Emma Hess
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Derek McGrath	Friend of Sue & Bob Novy
Lisa	Friend of Beth Richard
John	Son 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
Lynne Morrow	Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Kenzie	Friend of Katie Robertson

Rebecca and family
Josh Braun
Kate
Floyd Anderson
Barbara Garrison
Paul Mazen
Ed Bonnes
Bonnie Palshis
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,
Phil
Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Susan Sheley
Bonnie
Carole W.
DeAnne & Gary
Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein
Brad Blue
Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail
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 Dreymler'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:

Dorothy Carlson
Nicole

Colleague of Beth Richard

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, December 4

9am	Worship – First Communion	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:15am	Record Christmas Day Service	Sanctuary
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor
4:30pm	Batavia Historical Society/Holiday Party	Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 5

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room
7pm	Property Committee	Conference Room

Tuesday, December 6

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Library/Lower Level/M111
7pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 7

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Middle School Youth Group	Youth Room/Ministry Ctr.
6:30pm	High School Youth Group	Youth Room/Ministry Ctr.
6:30pm	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall

Thursday, December 8

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Bell Choir	Choir Room
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Ctr Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, December 9

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9:45am	Food Pantry Serving	Batavia Food Pantry

Saturday, December 10

7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Al-Anon	Library
10am	Al-Ateen	Lower Level
11am	Viljan Lodge	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
4pm	Live Nativity	Parking Lot
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 11

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center, 2 nd Floor
2pm	Orchestra Recital	Sanctuary