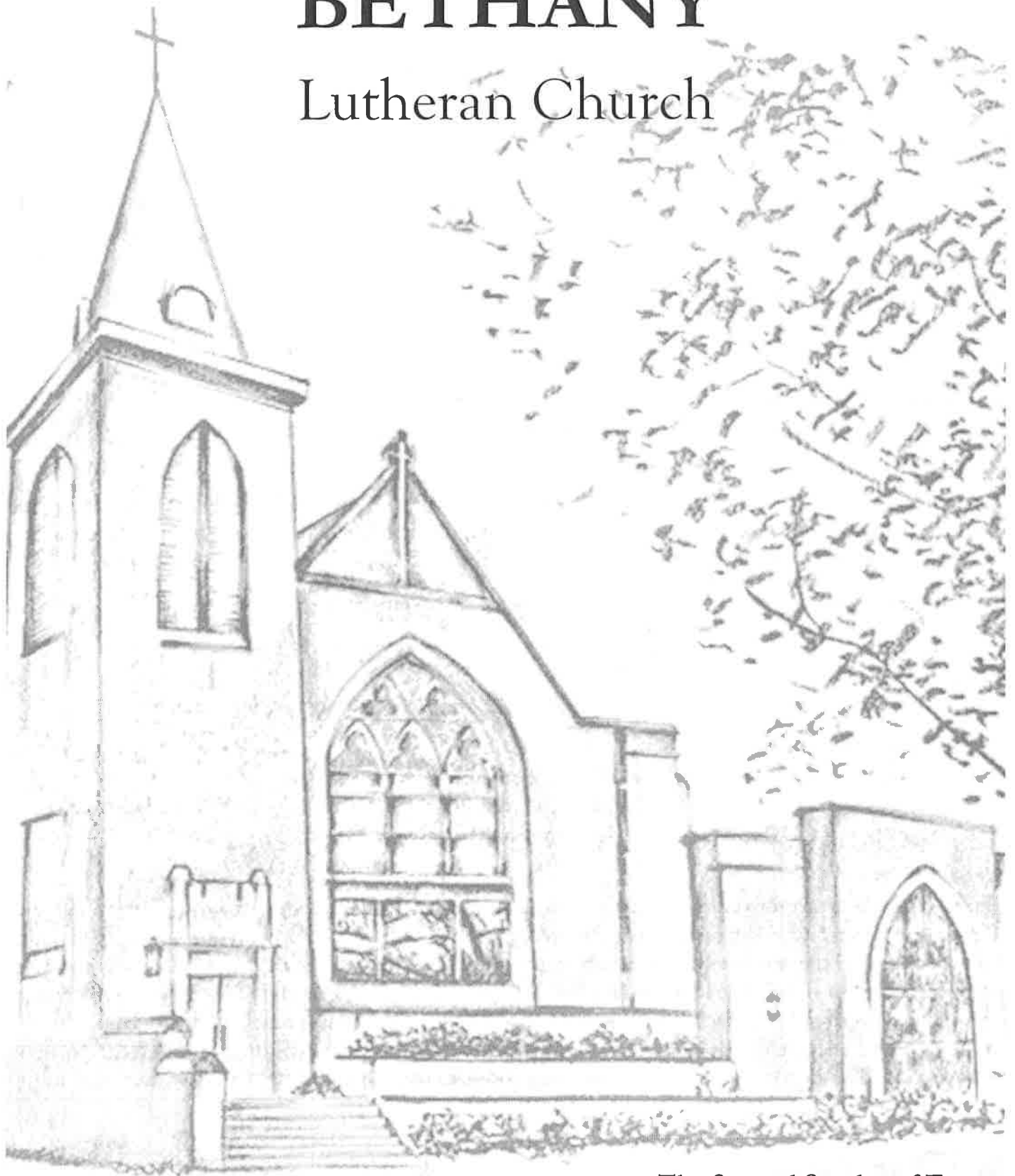


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday of Easter
April 16, 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. 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.

Easter Breakfast

Thank you to the Youth Group parents and the Foelske Family for hosting Easter Breakfast.

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:

"Peace" is the first word from the mouth of the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. "Peace" is the gift breathed onto the disciples as they receive the Holy Spirit. When we look at what happens immediately after these moments, we notice some particular traits of the peace of Jesus: it brings with it opportunities to see and believe, and it calls us to live out the gift of forgiveness. We are somehow transformed from simple disciples (followers), to apostles (those who teach and proclaim). In this moment, we all became the Body of Christ in this world. May the peace of Christ live in us and deepen our faith this Easter season, and may that peace both comfort and embolden us in our new life in Christ.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDES: Reflection on "Pange Lingua"
Classic Trio

Norris
Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN: All Are Welcome

ELW #641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

P We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

☺ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
 the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
 breathe your Holy Spirit into us, that we may become the Body of Christ in this world,
 and be blessed with the gifts of peace, strength, and humility that first come from Christ.
 We pray through the same Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ **WORD** +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — ²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

The choir sings the Refrain once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing twice each time thereafter.

REFRAIN



A Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;*

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

C **All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the land,***

upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

A But those who run after | other gods*

shall have their troubles | multiplied.

C **Their libations of blood I | will not offer,***

nor take the names of their gods up- | on my lips.

A O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;*

it is you who up- | hold my lot.

C **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;***

indeed, I have a | goodly heritage.

REFRAIN



- A I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;*
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- C **I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;***
because he is at my right hand, I | shall not fall.
- A My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;*
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- C **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,***
nor let your holy one | see the pit.
- A You will show me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

REFRAIN

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3–9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in

(Reading continues on the following page.)

his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska
John 20:19–31



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

A God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary
world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical
love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all
creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects
of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them
your peace. Equip our communities' leaders (*especially*). Give them a spirit of peace and
hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or
question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration,
mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with
companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love (*especially*).
Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. 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 +

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.

OFFERING MUSIC: On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

1. On earth has dawned this day of days,
Whereon the faithful give God praise.
For Christ is risen from the tomb,
and light and joy have conquered doom.
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won.
Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia.
2. At early morn, with spices rare,
the women three assembled there,
all to anoint fair Mary's Son,
who over death had vict'ry won.
Sing alleluia, vict'ry won.
Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia.
3. "Whom seek ye here?" the angel said;
"The Lord is risen from the dead;
see where he lay let joy begin,
the tomb is empty; enter in!"
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won.
Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia
4. So let our songs to heaven wing,
the vault with alleluias ring,
in praise of Christ, our risen Lord;
new life to all he doth afford.
Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won.
Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

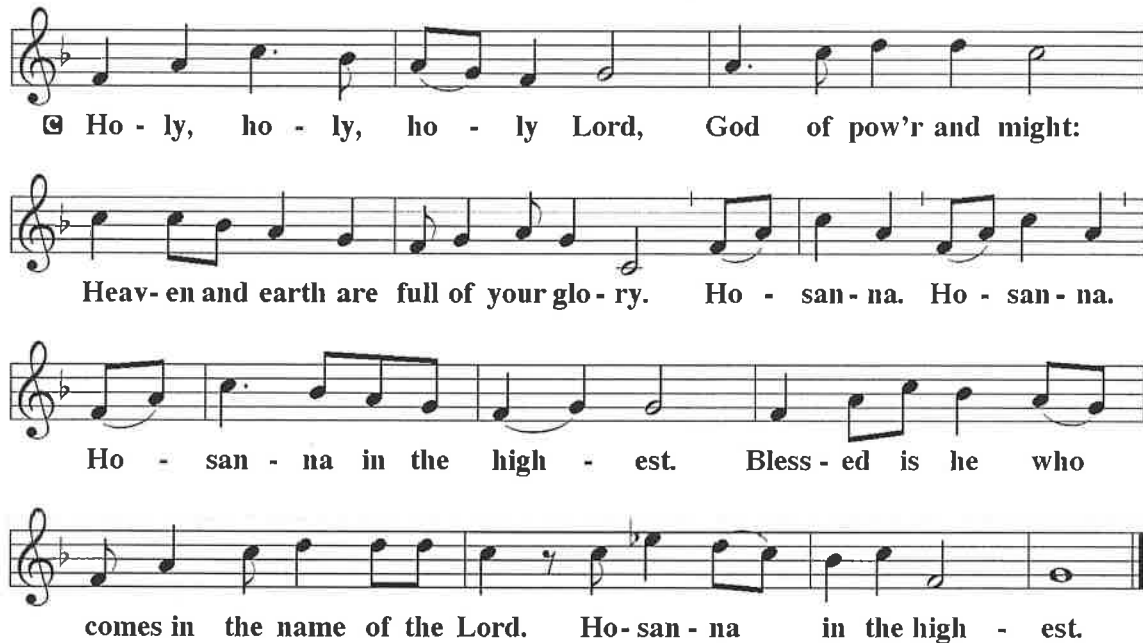
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all who receive the breath of your Spirit, with the earth and the sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
 the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,
 the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;
 and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,
 who proclaimed the good news in word and deed
 and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood,
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

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

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

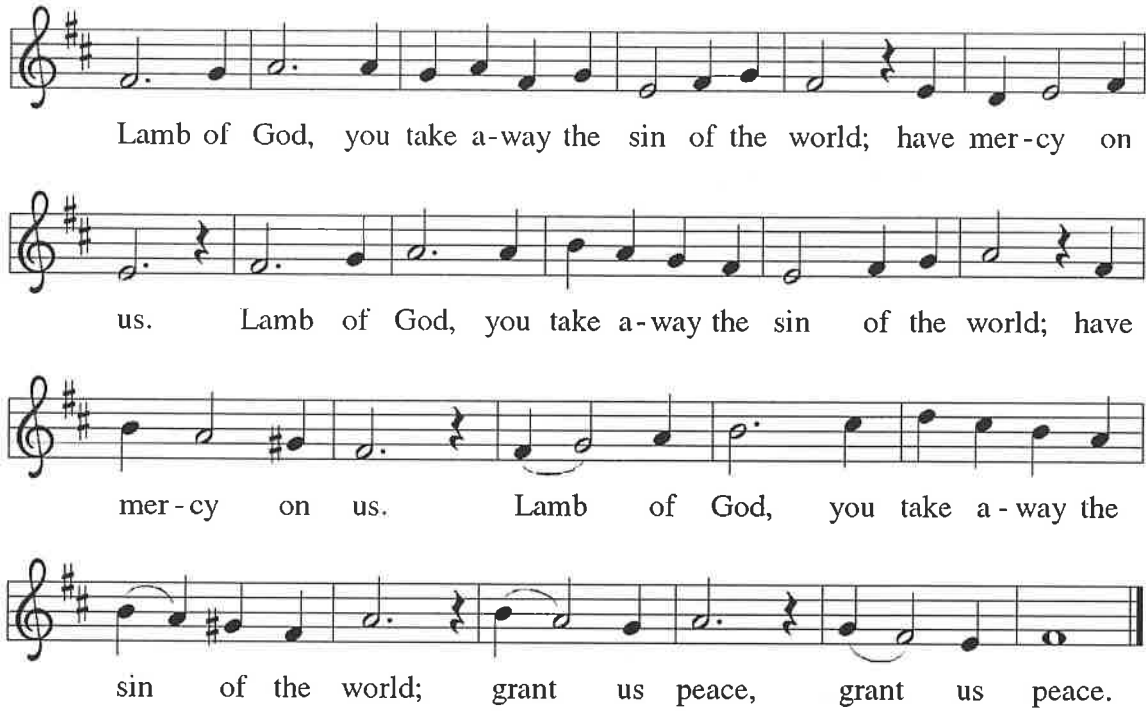
P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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 triumphant banquet feast. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW #384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



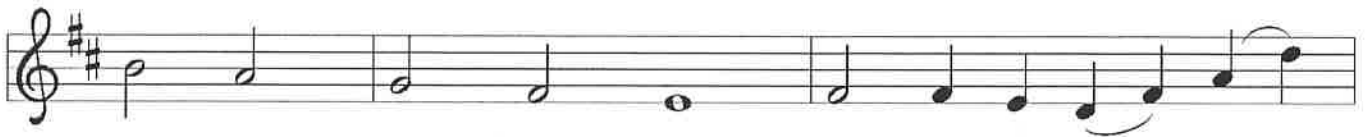
eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

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



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

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| <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

Refrain— sung twice each time



Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - lu.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in C

Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Doug Boehm, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Kris Kaar, Reader
Todd Toles, Fred Holch, A/V
Ann Holch, Kathy Richmond, Altar Guild
Grace Rusev, Nora Storaasli, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Ushers
Doug Boehm, Andrea Gustafson, Jackie Page, Comm. Ass't
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Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

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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, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Ellen Grashorn, Marcia Hanlon, Deb Hrubby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, Marilyn Stanley, 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
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Dolores Hoffman	Heritage Woods
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
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Rhonda Nelson	Batavia, IL
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:

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)

Andrea Hensley

Christine Dalak

Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry

Rick Gaston

Bob Gustafson

Jeff Hall

Richard Benson

Bonnie & Jim Hines

Tina Motter

Mary Hughs

Dottie

Diane Sharp

Lizzie Bork

Sydney Mowen

Nancy & Mike

Steve Ziemer

Jeffrey Campbell

Kate and Family

Damon Schultz

Sue S.

Nicole

Alice Hendrikson

Bigby Suddarth

Maureen Scollon

Lauren Hanson

Jaylene Lump

Colleague of Emma Hess

Friend of Janice Reynolds

Friend of Ann Holch

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

Colleague of Emma Hess

Husband of Sherri Benson (Beekeeper's Assn)

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Sister of Jackie Page

Sister of Jackie Page

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Friend of Ed Schalk

Friend of Julie Howard

Friend of Lane Stahl

Sister & Brother-in-Law of Karol Clark

Friend of Kathy Richmond

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 Allie Mikyska

Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White

Supervisor of Janice Reynolds

Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds

Pam Paszotta
Senaída Stafford
Emily
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Loy Williams
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Rebecca and family
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
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Brad Blue
Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman
Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Friends of Debbie Garrison
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Katie Robertson
God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Beth Richard's Father

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 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:

Barbara Garrison
Robert Granquist

Mother/Mother-in-Law of Bill & Debbie Garrison

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, April 16

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

Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Quilters.....	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm.....	DV Support Group.....	Youth Room
6:30pm.....	Girls BSA Troop 6.....	Vlahn Room/Gym

Wednesday, April 19

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
1pm.....	Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber.....	Sanctuary
6pm.....	Youth Bells.....	Balcony
6:30pm.....	High School Youth Group.....	Youth Room/Ministry Ctr
6:30pm.....	Confirmation.....	Fellowship Hall
7pm.....	Men’s Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7:30pm.....	Music/Worship Committee.....	Library

Thursday, April 20

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm.....	Bell Choir.....	Balcony
6:30pm.....	Boy Scout Troop 6.....	Vlahn Room/Gym
7pm.....	Festival Choir.....	Sanctuary
7:30pm.....	BSA – Order of the Arrow.....	Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
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Saturday, April 22

6:30am.....	Pancake Breakfast BSA Troop 21 Set Up.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
7:30am.....	Men’s Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
10am.....	Al-Anon.....	Library
10am.....	Al-Ateen.....	Lower Level
8pm.....	AA.....	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 23

8am.....	Pancake Breakfast BSA Troop 21.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
9am.....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center/2 nd Floor
2:30pm.....	Hesed House Prep.....	Kitchen
4:30pm.....	Hesed House Serving.....	Hesed House
	Family Emergency Shelter	