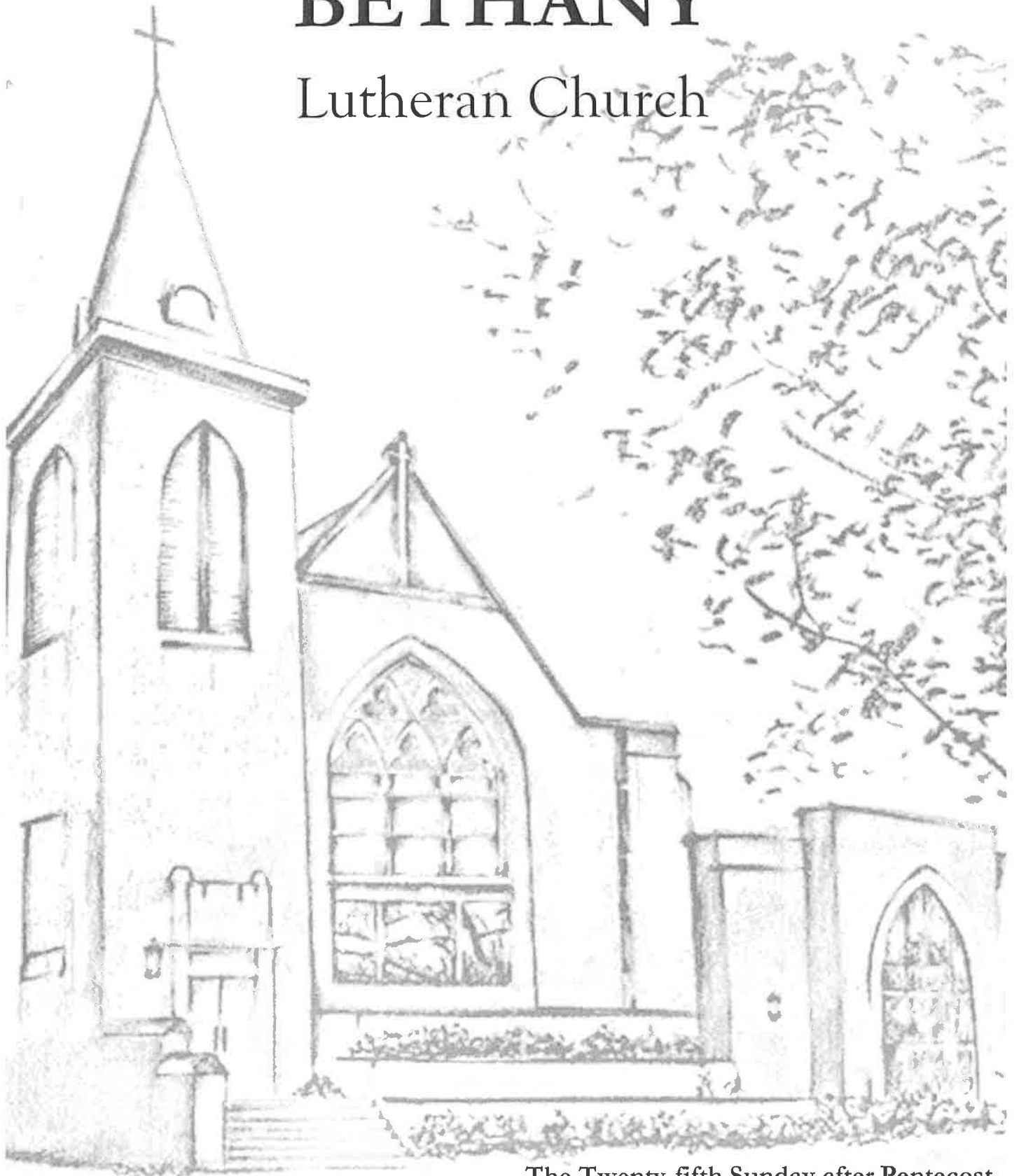


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 10, 2024

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

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

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

Assistance in Worship

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

Children's Resources

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

Nursery

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

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.

As We Gather:

The widow gave to the temple treasury at a higher percentage than those who were rich. The widow has long been lifted up as a paragon of stewardship and a model of giving. In truth, though, we are rarely drawn to emulate people we don't want to be – and who wants to be a poor, disenfranchised, widowed woman in the first century? Jesus invites a hard look at how we actually don't want to be like the widow at all: both because we don't want to be her and because to help her might demand the kind of sacrifice she herself demonstrated. This narrative is less about us being more like the widow in our giving. It is about being more like the widow in her living.

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 +

Worship often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare their minds and hearts for worship.

PRELUDE: Sonata in D Major

Domenico Scarlatti

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 \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: O God Beyond All Praising

ELW #880



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
 2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
 3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
 its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
 that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown -
 and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain




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



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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



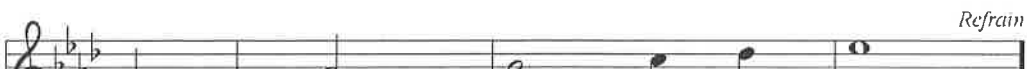
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, reach out to the marginalized in our society, and strengthen our trust in your promises, that we may share your love with all the world. through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: 1 Kings 17:8–16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146

ANTIPHON: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.

William Beckstrand

- L Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!*
- I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- C **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,***
for there is no | help in them.
- L When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- C **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,***
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

ANTIPHON

- L who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*
- who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
- C **who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,***
and food to | those who hunger.
- L The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;*
- the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
- C **the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;***
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- L The Lord shall | reign forever,*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24–28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

We stand.

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.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

C Repeat Alleluia

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: Mark 12:38–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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
Mark 12:38–44

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PARMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

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.

Having confessed our sins, received forgiveness, listened to the Word of God and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering we gratefully offer back to God some of what he has given us, symbolically in the gifts of bread and wine prepared at the table and the money we give.

OFFERING MUSIC: All Depends on Our Possessing

Johann Loehner

All depends on our possessing
God's free grace and constant blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

Well you know what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt your wisdom never;
As you will, so be it ever;
I commit to you my way.

God, who hitherto has fed me
And to many joys has led me,
Is and ever shall be mine.
God, who did so gently school me
And who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.

If on earth my days should lengthen,
God, my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in you I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding;
Like a stream away it's gliding;
Safe I anchor in your grace.

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.**

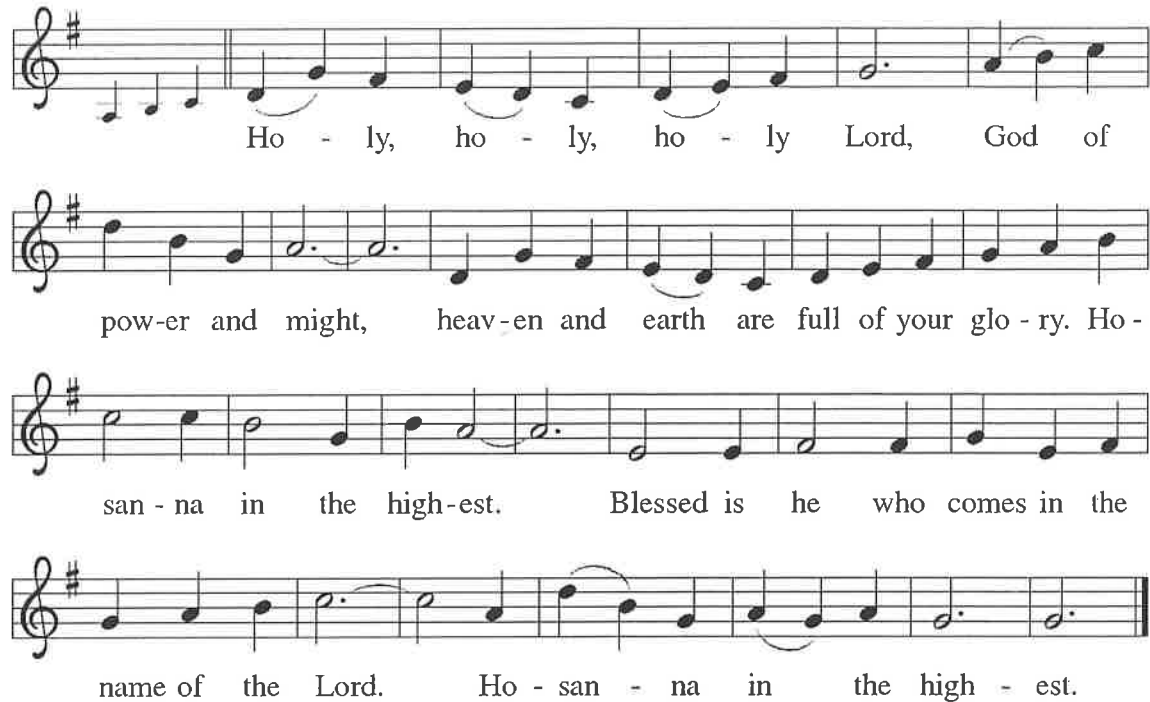
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper.

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 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.



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.

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 holy banquet. 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, are the cups in the center of each wine tray, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Bread of Life from Heaven

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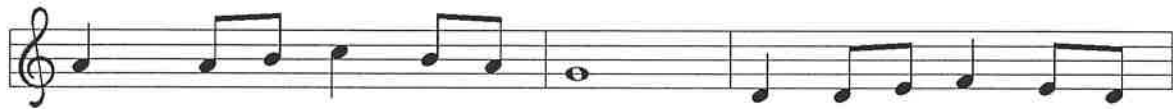
Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briel, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas
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We lift our voices
we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives
They are Yours
We are an offering

CHORUS
All that we have
All the we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering, we are an offering

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 forevermore.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW #707



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 mete 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.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Allegro

Domenico Scarlatti

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Lane Stahl, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
Nan Phillips, Reader
Doug Clark, Ian Gutierrez, A/V
Dorothy Thorsen, Ann Holch, Altar Guild
Alise Lopez, Isabella Lumsden, Acolytes
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Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

Code of Conduct: At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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LET US PRAY...

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

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

Sandy & Dale Christianson, Rose Rader, Edward Beil, Mary Bradtmueller, John Cornwell, Diane Garland, Shirley Grant, Cindy Gustafson, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hruby, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Joan Munro, Bob Novy, Dorothy Patzer, Louise Pruitt, Liesa Ritter, Maureen Scollen, George & Shirley Striedl, Bev Waterfield, Sandi Wilcox

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

Mark Anderson	Bria, Geneva
Marie Holtz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Owen Schuster
Steven Surdyski

Please pray for our family and friends:

Vonnie Ledo	Sister-in-Law of Jackie Page
Mindy Nicoloff	Daughter of Jackie Page
Amy Knudsen	Sister of John & Karol Clark
John Guidarelli	Husband of Niece of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler
Nancy Bouloukos	Sister-in-Law of Tara Shannon
Kendra Dossett	Daughter of Jackie Page
Rich White	Son of Dottie White
Bill Shanley & Family (Megan & Mike Doepke)	Friends of John & Karol Clark
Sue Henry	Friend of Jackie Page
Holly Davison Davis	Friend of Mark Waldron & Ian Gutierrez
Kathy Wilson	Mother of Lori Wilson
Rev. Tim Robertson from Gloria Dei Church	Friend of Pastor Jeff & Debbie Garrison
Alex Greiff & Family	Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska
Lilly	Neighbor of Dorothy Thorsen
Rocci	Friend of Beth Lawniczak Conley
Susan P.	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy, Jan Bristow & Marsha Habegger
Helen Reyes	Family Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska
Jacki Ortegell	Friend of Pastor Jeff
Tecla Reklau	Wife of Pastor Reklau
Kate and Family	Friend of John & Karol Clark
Pat McDonald	Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn
Sofie	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Owen Laible	Brother of Lois Benson
Pam Waers	Friend of Sue DeLong
Terri Wells	Friend of Lynn Dreymler
Patricia Lusted	Friend of Janice Reynolds
Rosi	Friend of Janice Reynolds
Neil Weir	Friend of Todd Toles
Jim Martin	Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman
Lili	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Carl C.
Student at Genoa-Kingston High School
Marcia McDugle
Molly & Mike Updyke
Robert & Vicki Johnson
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Kristen Benakis
Pat Pydo
Todd Streidl
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Loda George Ricker
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Jane Wirth
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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
Ed Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Shirley Turner

Larry Anderson

John Buchner

Dr. Albert John Novotny

Dorothy Anderson

Friend of Bethany Walking Group

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

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

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

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber

Son of George & Shirley Streidl

Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Sister of Tara Shannon

Friend of Fred & Ann Holch

Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Ann Holch

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Friend of Julie Howard

Nephew of Nan Phillips

Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Friend of Linda Sullivan

Friend of Luke & Diane Land

Friend of Beth Richard

Friend of Schuman Family

Daughter of Ann Holch

Son of Aaron Anderson

Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Lynn Dreymler's brother

Teri Figura

Teri Figura

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

Father of Dan Stahl

Friend of the Hutchens Family

Father of Gregg Buchner

Father of Susan (Matt) Whitelaw

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, November 10

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Main Church Building/2 nd Floor
12pm	Rake & Run – East Side	

Monday, November 11

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
12pm	Hope Circle	Adult Lounge/Library

Tuesday, November 12

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
5:30pm	Executive Team	Conference Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym
7pm	Fox River Radio League	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 13

8:30	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
5:30pm	Youth Bells	Sanctuary Balcony
6pm	Confirmation	Chapel
7pm	Youth Group	Chapel

Thursday, November 14

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

Friday, November 15

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
4:15pm	Swedish American Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Library

Saturday, November 16

7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Manger Building	Workshop
9am	Altar Guild	Fellowship Hall
10am	Al-Anon	Library
10am	Al-Ateen	Lower Level
6pm	Movie Night	Fellowship Hall
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 17

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Main Church Building/2 nd Floor
12pm	Christmas Tree Decorating	Riverwalk