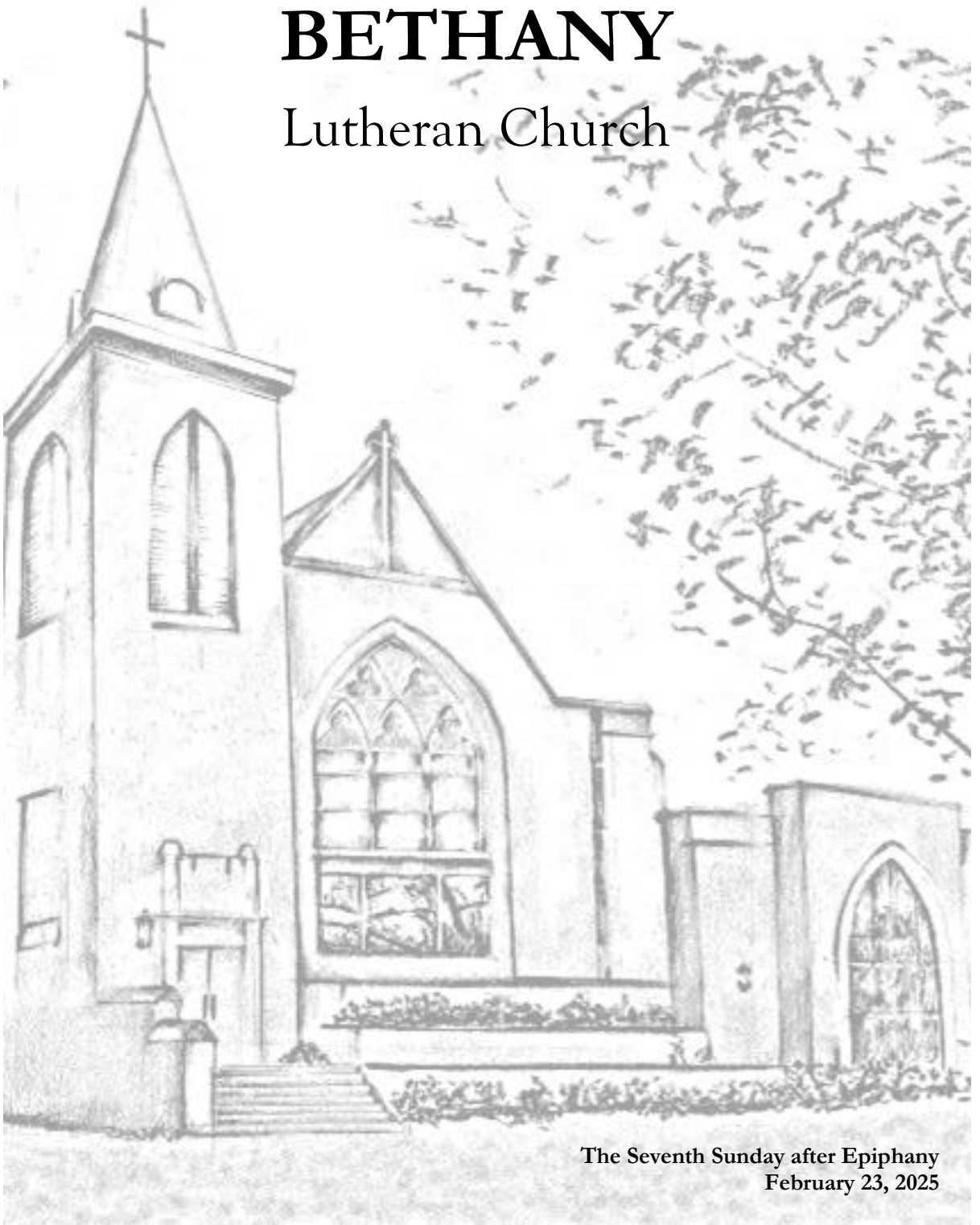


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 23, 2025

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 still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

As We Gather

The plain-spoken Christ continues his sermon. At first glance, it all seems straightforward enough. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It is simple. The problem is that it's also impossible. In our sinfulness, we instead do unto others as they have done unto us. We don't love our enemies. We don't bless those who make our lives more difficult. We don't give as generously as we could to those who are in need. What then do we do? We flee once more to Christ. In the cross, we see Jesus live out his own teachings. He loves his enemies to the end; he gives to those who take everything from him; he does kindness and mercy unto others even though these others have not returned the favor. And now, in Christ, we are called to do likewise. By his power alone, we can begin to live a life that is simply directed toward God and neighbor.

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: Borning Cry Variation: Alan F. Spear
All Creatures, Worship God Most High Galliford, Neuburg, Edmondson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: All Creatures, Worship God Most High

ELW #835



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



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

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

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


HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace,
that where there is hatred, we may sow love,
where there is injury, pardon,
and where there is despair, hope.

Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console,
to understand, and to love in your name,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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: Genesis 45:3–11,15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

PSALM 37:1–11

Hal H. Hopson

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

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

REFRAIN

- L Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him.
- C **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- L Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- C **For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.**

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

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

[St. Paul writes:] ³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and

(Reading continues on the next page.)

then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be

condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

Luke 6:27-38

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW #603



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- L We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 C **Amen.**
We sit.

+ MEAL +

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: Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

Nancy Raabe

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
 But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
 That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;
 How trifling other’s debts to us; how great our debt to you!
 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;
 Then, by your mercy reconciled, our lives will spread your peace.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
 our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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 preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance 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.

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 Come, for all is now ready.

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.

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 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: For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW #494



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis F. Benson, 1855–1930, alt.

Music: OMNI DIE, *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1631

Text © Robert F. Jefferys Jr.

HYMN: Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW #464



- 1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
- 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
- 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
- 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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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.**

L Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day
and evermore; through your Son, 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.**



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



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



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



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



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

DISMISSAL

L Reflect the love of Christ. Go forth in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

G.F. Kaufmann/Alan F. Spear

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Doug Boehm, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
Ann Holch, Reader
Todd Toles, Ben Toles, A/V
Carol Thomassen, Julie Howard, Altar Guild
Laurel Doman, Ash Herman, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Ushers
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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:

Bob Novy, Diane Garland, Dale Christianson, Rose Rader, Dottie White, Mary Bradtmueller, Sandy & Dale Christianson, Cindy Gustafson, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hruby, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Joan Munro, Mindy Nicoloff, Dorothy Patzer, Louise Pruitt, Maureen Scollen, George & Shirley Striedl, Bev Waterfield, Sandi Wilcox, Brigitte Winkler

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

| | |
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| Mark Anderson | Bria, Geneva |
| Shirley Grant | Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad |
| Marie Holtz | Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad |
| Bill Keele | Heritage Woods |
| Pam Klingberg | Heritage Woods |
| Wanda Krentz | Harry J. Ekstam, 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 Surdynski

Please pray for our family and friends:

Mick

Olaf Storaasli

Troy Owens

Sherri Benson

Julie & Chris Haug & Family

Jan

Andrea

Joe Morgan

Laurie Lombardo

Mary Ellen Wolmer

Debbie Munch

Lisa Flyte

Phil Steadman

Richard Tabor

Bruce Rusev

Josh Schrepfer & Family

Fred Boehm

Bowen Jones

Cindy Smith

Andrea Young

Animals in Shelters

Vonnie Ledo

John Guidarelli

Nancy Bouloukos

Kendra Dosssett

Rich White

Sue Henry

Holly Davison Davis

Kathy Wilson

Rev. Tim Robertson from Gloria Dei Church

Alex Greiff & Family

Lilly

Rocci

Susan P.

Helen Reyes

Jacki Ortegel

Brother to Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Father to Oli Storaasli

Son of Val Schalk

Fox Valley Beekeepers

Friends of Hutchens Family

Sister of Sandra Nash

Neighbor of The Lumsden Family

Friend of Ed Schalk

Mother of Mia (Chris) Rusev

Requested by the Bond Family

Aunt of Darlene (Billy) Hutchens

Friend of Bethany

Friend of Don & Deb Hunt

Brother of Liesa (Pastor Steve) Ritter

Brother of Chris (Mia) Rusev

Friends of Julie Howard

Brother of Doug Boehm

Great Grandson of Jackie Page

Friend of Nan Phillips

Niece of Chris & Mia Rusev

Avy Lumsden

Sister-in-Law of Jackie Page

Husband of Niece of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler

Sister-in-Law of Tara Shannon

Daughter of Jackie Page

Son of Dottie White

Friend of Jackie Page

Friend of Mark Waldron & Ian Gutierrez

Mother of Lori Wilson

Friend of Pastor Jeff & Debbie Garrison

Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska

Neighbor of Dorothy Thorsen

Friend of Beth Lawniczak Conley

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy, Jan Bristow & Marsha Habegger

Family Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska

Friend of Pastor Jeff

Kate and Family
Pat McDonald
Sofie
Owen Laible
Pam Waers
Terri Wells
Patricia Lusted
Rosi
Neil Weir
Jim Martin
Lili
Carl C.
Student at Genoa-Kingston High School
Marcia McDugle
Molly & Mike Updyke
Robert & Vicki Johnson
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Kristen Benakis
Pat Pydo
Marilyn
Tracy Clark
Loda George Ricker
Katie Taylor
Jane Wirth
Rick Gaston
Dottie
Lizzie Bork
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Paul Mazen
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

Friend of John & Karol Clark
Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Brother of Lois Benson
Friend of Sue DeLong
Friend of Lynn Dreymler
Friend of Janice Reynolds
Friend of Janice Reynolds
Friend of Todd Toles
Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
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
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
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

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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

**Joan Olson
Edward Beil**



March Anniversaries

- 15 *Olaf Storaasli & Andi Balloun*
 16 *Chuck & Sue Bauer*
 17 *Don & Deb Hunt*
 21 *David & Beth Richard*



March Birthdays

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|---|------------------------|----|--------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Kevin Hodge</i> | 9 | <i>Donna Dahlman</i> | 18 | <i>Jori Toles</i> |
| 1 | <i>Nancy Hodge</i> | 10 | <i>Anne Kaar</i> | 19 | <i>Cheri Sager</i> |
| 2 | <i>Sue Carney</i> | 11 | <i>Seth Habberfield</i> | 20 | <i>Ian Gutierrez</i> |
| 2 | <i>Marie Holtz</i> | 11 | <i>Jane Holt</i> | 20 | <i>Lyndsi Sauriol</i> |
| 2 | <i>Andrew Macaione</i> | 11 | <i>Diane Land</i> | 20 | <i>Parker Thomassen</i> |
| 2 | <i>Cindy Morrison</i> | 12 | <i>Dan Foelske</i> | 21 | <i>Franklin Hess</i> |
| 4 | <i>Norm Freedlund</i> | 12 | <i>Debbie Garrison</i> | 22 | <i>Megan Depke</i> |
| 4 | <i>Marion Schuman</i> | 12 | <i>Jeff Karalis</i> | 22 | <i>Jack Gillerlain</i> |
| 4 | <i>Owen Schuster</i> | 12 | <i>Jim Smigo</i> | 23 | <i>Dominic D'alessandro</i> |
| 4 | <i>Alek Woo</i> | 13 | <i>Sandra Daunheimer</i> | 23 | <i>Katie Tharp</i> |
| 5 | <i>Anthony Ariola</i> | 13 | <i>Molly Walz</i> | 24 | <i>David Moe</i> |
| 5 | <i>Frank Ariola</i> | 14 | <i>Ethan Long</i> | 26 | <i>Katie Crowley</i> |
| 6 | <i>Nicole Woo</i> | 14 | <i>Peg Wagenknecht</i> | 28 | <i>Ryan Anderson</i> |
| 7 | <i>Dale Howard</i> | 15 | <i>Eva Holzl</i> | 28 | <i>David Bunting</i> |
| 8 | <i>Christian Daw</i> | 15 | <i>Jack Holzl</i> | 29 | <i>Laurie Lundborg</i> |
| 9 | <i>Addison Cooper</i> | 15 | <i>Jan Meling</i> | 30 | <i>Anders Thomassen</i> |
| 9 | <i>Grace Cooper</i> | 16 | <i>Pete Petges</i> | | |

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, February 23

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------|--|
| 9am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 10am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30am | Music & Spirituality | Chapel |
| 10:30am | Sunday School | Main Church Building/2 nd Floor |
| 2:30pm | Hesed House Preparation | Kitchen |
| 4:30pm | Hesed House Serving | Hesed House |

Monday, February 24

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|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 12:30pm | Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| 6pm | Fox Valley Beekeepers | Fellowship Hall |

Tuesday, February 25

| | | |
|--------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am | Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30pm | Girls BSA Troop 606 | Vlahn Room/Gym |

Wednesday, February 26

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 6pm | Confirmation | Chapel |
| 7pm | Council | Library |
| 7pm | Men's Basketball | Ministry Center Gym |
| 7pm | Youth Group | Chapel |

Thursday, February 27

| | | |
|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 6pm | Bell Choir | Balcony |
| 6:30pm | Boy Scout Troop 6 | Gym/Vlahn Room |
| 7pm | Festival Choir | Sanctuary |
| 7pm | Viljan Lodge | Fellowship Hall/Kitchen |

Friday, February 28

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|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 5pm | Community Supper | Fellowship Hall/Kitchen |

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 2

| | | |
|---------|----------------------|--|
| 9am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 10am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30am | Music & Spirituality | Chapel |
| 10:30am | Sunday School | Main Church Building/2 nd Floor |