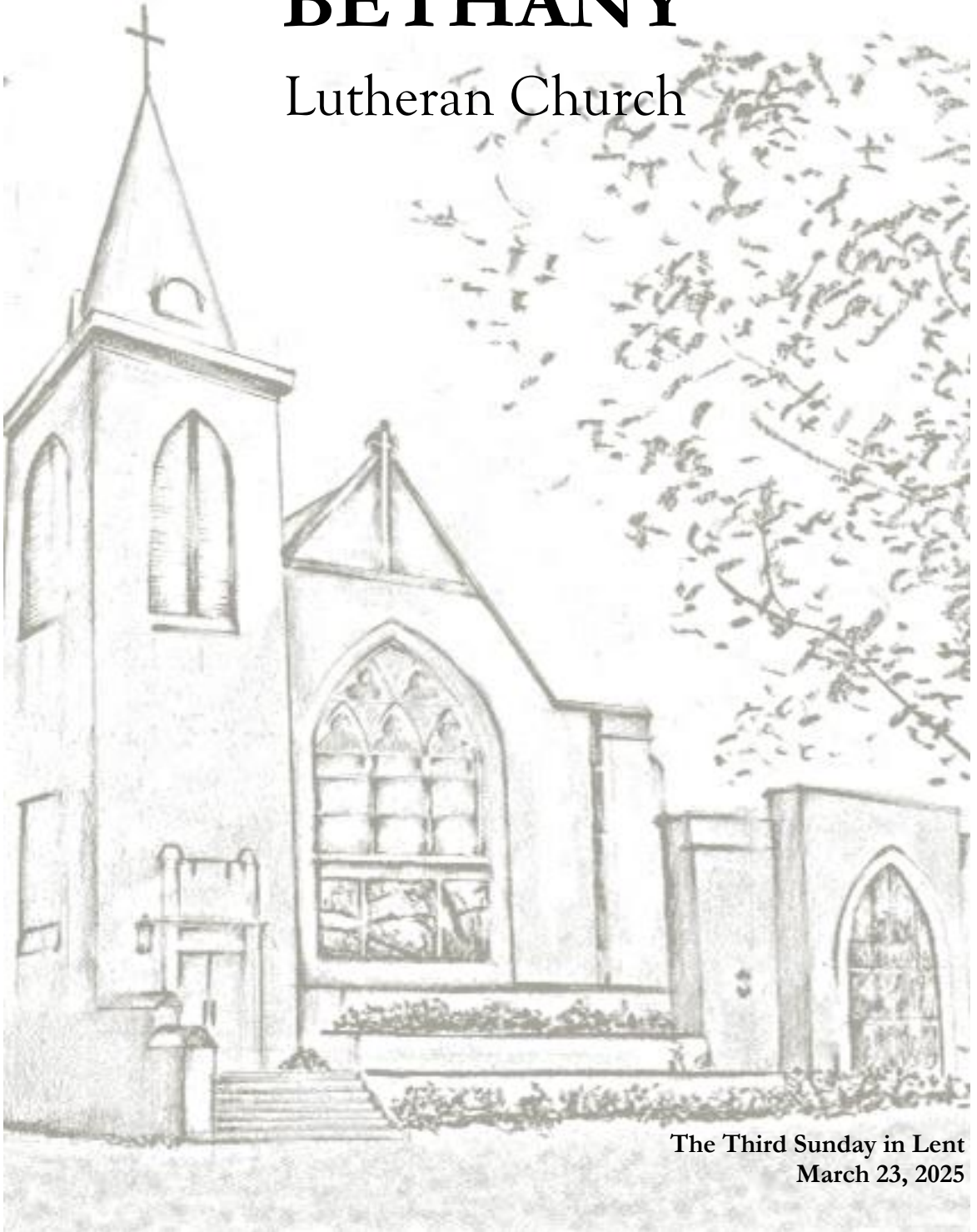


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday in Lent
March 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:

Why do bad things happen to good people? Or to bad people, for that matter? These questions stalk us, distilled into the simple cry of the heart when faced with tragedy or heartbreak: *Why?* Jesus addresses two examples in today's text. First, he asks about some Galileans who were killed while they were in worship, which hits home in our time. Second, he asks about those killed when a tower collapsed and fell on them. Why did these things happen? Were the victims to blame? No. So why? Jesus doesn't answer this question. Instead, he tells a parable. In a world in which bad things happen, we are planted to do good. We are fertilized for this work by the death of Jesus Christ. In the end, faith must learn to leave the "why" unanswered, looking instead to the "who." Who will save us? Jesus Christ, who calls us to bear fruit in his name.

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

The people's responses are in bold.

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

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Introduction to "The Mount of Olives"

Beethoven

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 God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P God of grace,

C **we confess that we have elevated
the things of this world above you.**

**We have made idols of possessions and people,
and used your name for causes
that are not consistent with your Love and Divine Will.**

**We have permitted our schedules to come first
and have not taken the time to worship you.**

**We have participated in systems
that might reduce the value of life, instead of creating life anew.**

We have judged those around us when we could have been a beacon of grace.

**We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours,
and we have misrepresented others' intentions.**

Forgive us, O God, For the many ways we fall short of your glory.

**Help us to learn to live together according to your ways
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you new birth daily,
and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins. May the God of mercy and might
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal grace.

C **Amen.**

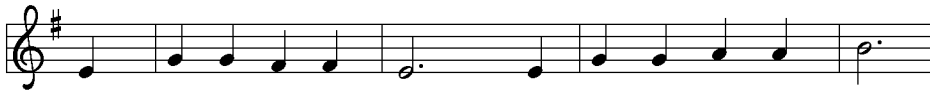
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

During Lent, we are called to contemplate the repentant nature of the season, which is why the triumphant Gloria is replaced by the penitential Kyrie Eleison.

KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your word and bring your saving love
to fruition in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you 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: Isaiah 55:1–9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: O God, eagerly I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

- L O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;*
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there | is no water.
- C **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,***
that I might behold your power | and your glory.
- L For your lovingkindness is better than | life itself;*
my lips shall | give you praise.
- C **So will I bless you as long | as I live***
and lift up my hands | in your name.
- L My soul is content, as with mar- | row and fatness,*
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
- C **when I remember you up- | on my bed,***
and meditate on you in | the night watches.
- L For you have | been my helper,*
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
- C **My soul | clings to you;***
your right hand | holds me fast.

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 10:1–13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

ELW #176

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

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 13:1–9

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

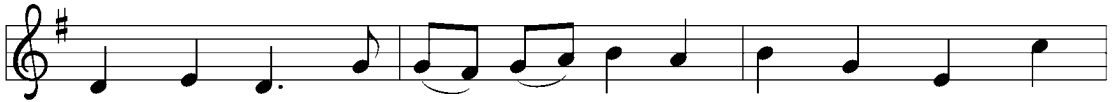
We sit.

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

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
Luke 13:1–9



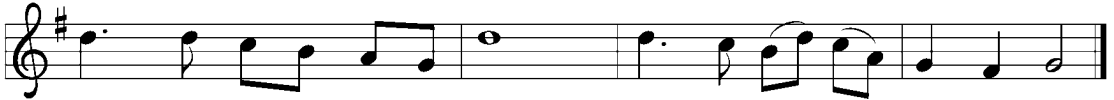
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

NICENE CREED

L 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.

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

ELW #178



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

L Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion. Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through 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: Come to the Water

John Foley, S. J.
Arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labor, without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water,
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray. God our provider,

C **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, 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'r and might,



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



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, 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 God, creator of heaven and earth.

You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets.

You love us so much that you break into our world with the offer of hope and salvation in response to our suffering.

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.

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

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

P Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal,
and make us one in this community of faith
and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life,
Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, 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.

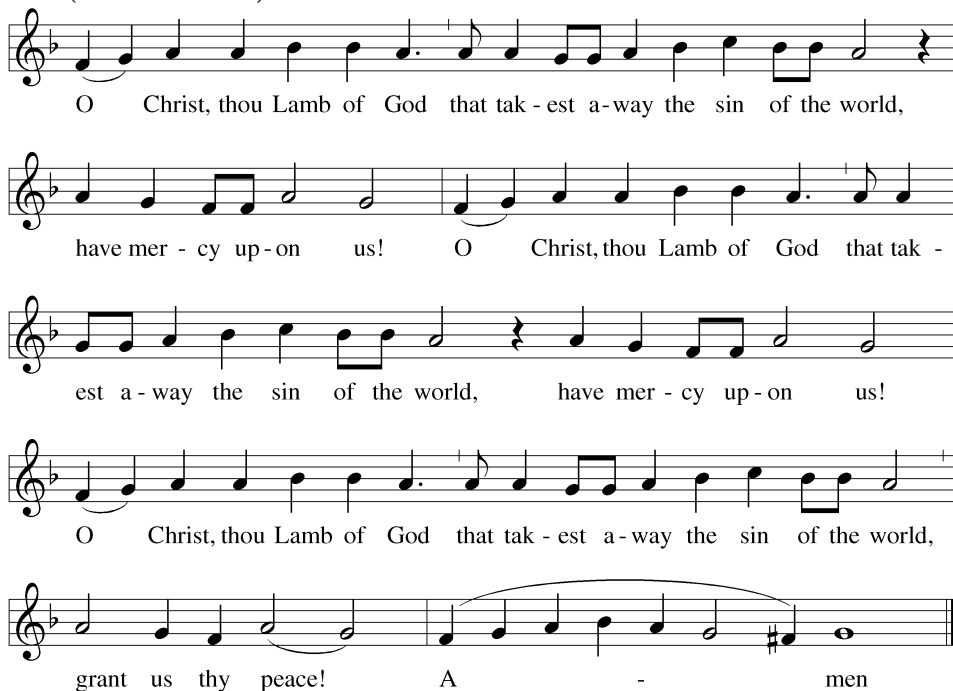
P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready.

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)

ELW # 196



O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up-on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

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.



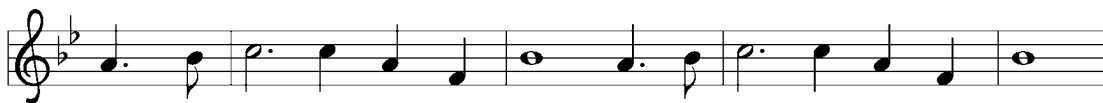
MUSIC FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

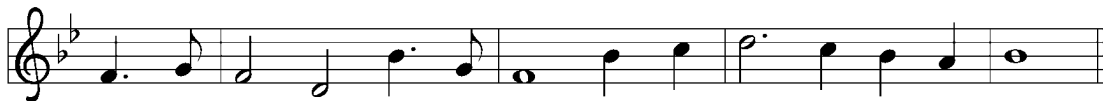
ELW #623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
 2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
 3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
 your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
 we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, “Take, eat! This is my
 It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
 de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!”
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite

Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569

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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.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, 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 both now and forevermore.

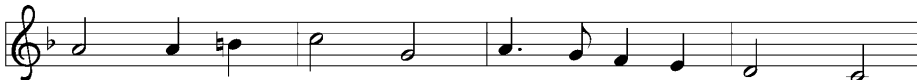
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: There in God’s Garden

ELW #342



1 There in God’s gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, “Our Sav - ior!”
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f’ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing.”

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav’n is singing,
 “Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!”
 Amen! My Master!

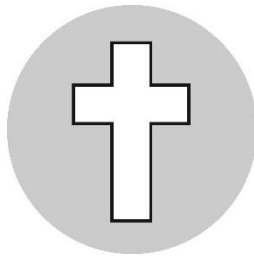
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L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

J.S. Bach



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Alan Spear, Organist
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Doug Clark, Gail Mikyska, A/V
Becky Klitzkie, Norma Pieratt, Altar Guild
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Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Bill Dreymler, Ushers
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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:

Diane Ekstam, Bob Novy, Diane Garland, Dottie White, Mary Bradtmueller, Sandy & Dale Christianson, Cindy Gustafson, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hrubby, 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:

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 Surdyski

Please pray for our family and friends:

Kate and Family

Mick
Sherri Benson
Julie & Chris Haug & Family
Jan
Andrea
Joe Morgan
Laurie Lombardo
Mary Ellen Wolmer
Lisa Flyte
Phil Steadman
Bruce Rusev
Josh Schrepfer & Family
Fred Boehm
Bowen Jones
Cindy Smith
Andrea Young
Animals in Shelters
Vonnie Ledo
John Guidarelli
Nancy Bouloukos
Kendra Dossett
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

Friend of John & Karol Clark

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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
Friend of Bethany
Friend of Don & Deb Hunt
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
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Friend of Pastor Jeff

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Sofie
Owen Laible
Pam Waers
Terri Wells
Rosi
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Jim Martin
Lili
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Molly & Mike Updyke
Vicki Johnson
Bonnie & Jim Hines
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Pat Pydo
Marilyn
Tracy Clark
Loda George Ricker
Katie Taylor
Rick Gaston
Dottie
Lizzie Bork
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
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Lisa
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Mary Jo Benstein's Family
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Friend of Sue DeLong
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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
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 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
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:

Rose Rader
Richard Tabor
Jane Wirth

Brother of Liesa (Pastor Steve) Ritter
Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, March 23

All Day.....	Troop 12 – Camp-in (Day 3 of 3)	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Worship	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Class – Talking With God.....	Chapel
10:30am.....	Sunday School	Main Church Building/2 nd Floor

Monday, March 24

OFFICE CLOSED

All Day.....	Staff Retreat	Offsite
8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym

Tuesday, March 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, March 26

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
5:15pm.....	Soup Supper.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
6pm.....	Confirmation	Chapel
7pm.....	Lenten Service	Chapel
7pm.....	Men’s Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
7:30pm.....	Council.....	Library
7:30pm.....	Youth Group.....	Chapel

Thursday, March 27

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

Friday, March 28

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

Saturday, March 29

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

Sunday, March 30

9am.....	Worship	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Class – Talking With God.....	Chapel
10:30am.....	No Sunday School – Spring Break	Main Church Building/2 nd Floor