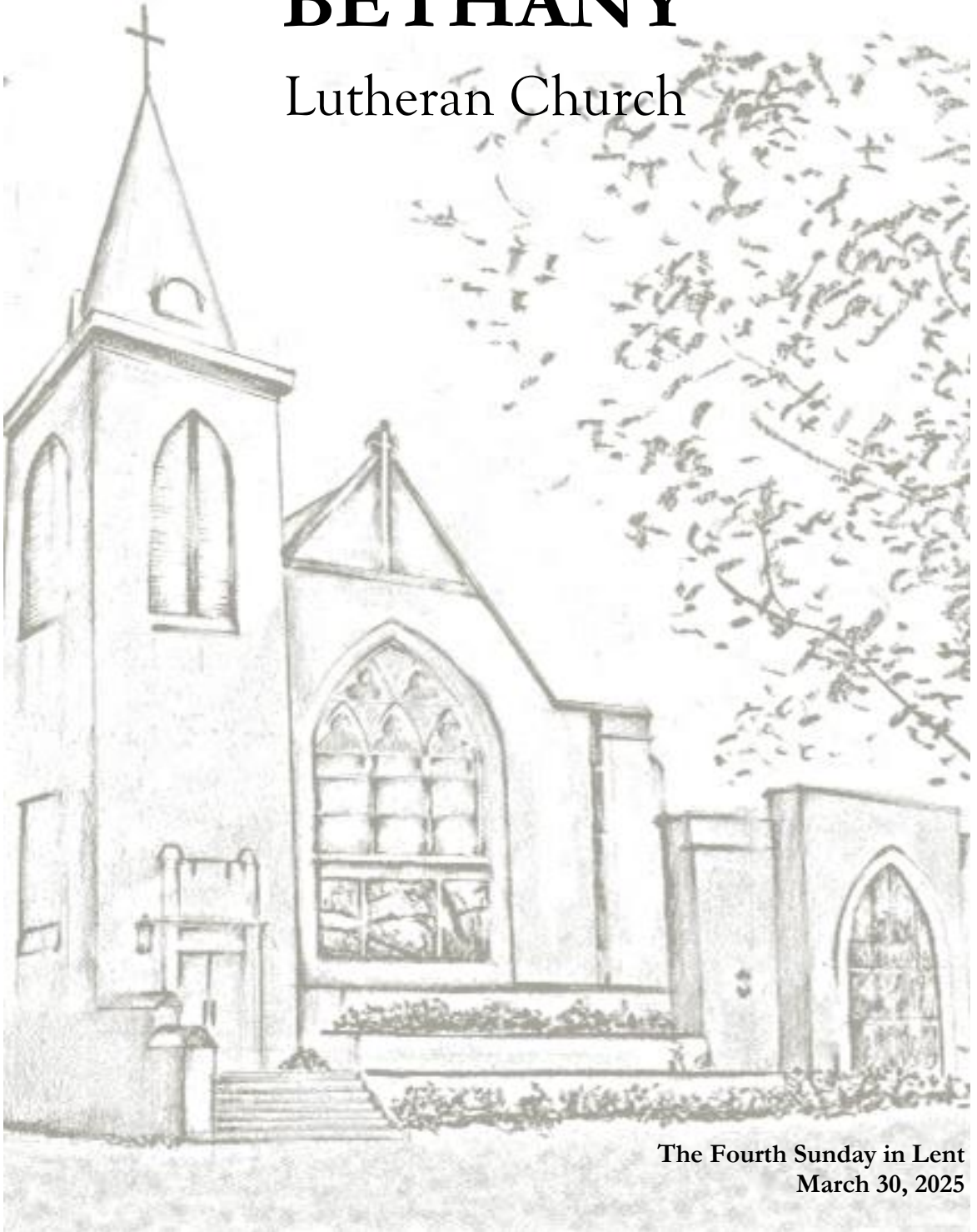


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 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 Parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the biblical stories that many of us have known since early childhood. "Prodigal" in this parable is often assigned to the son. The prodigal son is, well, prodigal; this means that prodigal must have some pretty seriously negative connotations. But what if we understand prodigal as lavish and extravagant and the parable's prodigality is properly assigned elsewhere? Well, that would change everything. And that's what this parable does. Graceful extravagance abounds in the Father and death is defeated at this surprising feast of the fatted calf, who is nothing less than the Lamb of God.

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.**

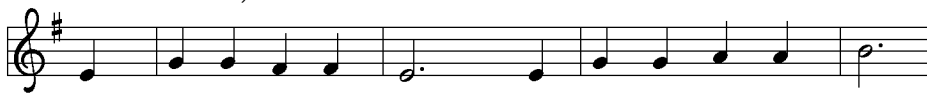
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward,
and you embrace us all with your mercy.

By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace,
and feed us at the table of your love,
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: Joshua 5:9–12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32

Thomas Keeseker

ANTIPHON: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord.

L Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,*
and whose sin is | put away!

C **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,*
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**

L While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,*
because of my groaning | all day long.

C **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night,*
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**

L Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,*
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

C **I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD."*
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.**

ANTIPHON

L Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;*
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.

C **You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;*
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**

L "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;*
I will guide you | with my eye.

C **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;*
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will | not stay near you."**

L Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;*
 but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.
 C **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;*
 shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.**

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: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

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

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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 15:1–3, 11b–32

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW #606



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com - pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

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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,**

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 God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love.
God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life.
God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. 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: Amazing Grace

Arr. Paul Bouman

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

Through many danger, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe so far,
His grace will see me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail
In heaven's joy and peace.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P 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 so love us that you welcome all of us sinners
and in baptism clothe us in garments of righteousness.

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: Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW #468



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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1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

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**

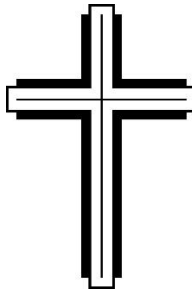
Sending reminds us that every Sunday worship gathering is a cycle, existing for a time and then dispersing. We arrive at the "sending" after traveling from the rite of gathering to the word and meal. We heard and proclaimed the Word; we were nourished at the Meal; and now we complete the cycle. We have 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.**





1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

J.S. Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Mark Waldron, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
Kris Kaar, Reader
Todd Toles, Ryan Grashorn, A/V
Karol Clark, Kristen Garrity, Altar Guild
Ash Herman, Isabella Lumsden, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Virden Von Qualen,
Ushers
Mark Waldron, Ed Schalk, Susan Walz,
Communion Asst's
Festival Choir

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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:

Kurt Grashorn, Diane Ekstam, Bob Novy, Diane Garland, 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 Sriedl, 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 Surdynski

Please pray for our family and friends:

Ian Gutierrez
Rodney Waller
Dave Pelkey
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
Cindy Smith
Andrea Young
Animals in Shelters
John Guidarelli
Nancy Bouloukos
Rich White
Holly Davison Davis
Kathy Wilson
Rev. Tim Robertson from Gloria Dei Church
Alex Greiff & Family
Lilly
Rocci
Susan P.
Helen Reyes
Jacki Ortegel

Encouragement for Citizenship Exam on March 31st

Uncle of Jacob (Allison) Dallen

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Friend of John & Karol Clark
Brother to Sandra (Jeff) Nash
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
Friend of Nan Phillips
Niece of Chris & Mia Rusev
Avy Lumsden
Husband of Niece of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler
Sister-in-Law of Tara Shannon
Son of Dottie White
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

Pat McDonald
Sofie
Owen Laible
Pam Waers
Terri Wells
Rosi
Neil Weir
Jim Martin
Lili
Carl C.
Student at Genoa-Kingston High School
Marcia McDugle
Molly & Mike Updyke
Vicki Johnson
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Kristen Benakis
Pat Pydo
Marilyn
Tracy Clark
Loda George Ricker
Katie Taylor
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.
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Ed Stahl

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 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



APRIL

Anniversaries

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|----|---|----|-----------------------------------|
| 4 | <i>Mark Waldron & Ian Gutierrez</i> | 19 | <i>Dee & Tom Schuman</i> |
| 9 | <i>Laurel & David Lundborg</i> | 23 | <i>Jane & Ken Holt</i> |
| 17 | <i>Suzanne & Kurt Grashorn</i> | 26 | <i>Allison & Jacob Dallen</i> |
| 17 | <i>Diane & Luke Land</i> | 28 | <i>Debbie & Bill Garrison</i> |



APRIL

Birthdays

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|----|-----------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Talitha Mueller</i> | 15 | <i>Abbi Harmon</i> |
| 2 | <i>Ryan Howard</i> | 15 | <i>Ted Richoz</i> |
| 2 | <i>Sue Jarocki</i> | 16 | <i>Mary Bradtmueller</i> |
| 6 | <i>Beth Feller</i> | 17 | <i>Doug Hodge</i> |
| 9 | <i>Irene Kaar</i> | 17 | <i>Ken Holt</i> |
| 10 | <i>Luke Feller</i> | 17 | <i>Dave Lundborg</i> |
| 12 | <i>Dr Don Hunt</i> | 17 | <i>Todd Toles</i> |
| 12 | <i>Marissa Hunt</i> | 18 | <i>Nathan Feller</i> |
| 12 | <i>Marihyn McConnaughay</i> | 20 | <i>JJ Freedlund</i> |
| 13 | <i>Gerry Hodge</i> | 20 | <i>Lorlie Pederson</i> |
| 13 | <i>Jack Macaione</i> | 22 | <i>Paulette Smigo</i> |
| 14 | <i>Mike Burke</i> | 23 | <i>Shyla Carbone</i> |
| 14 | <i>Gary Cooper</i> | 25 | <i>Lura Dreymler</i> |
| 14 | <i>Andrea Dahlman</i> | 27 | <i>Mal Seagren</i> |
| 14 | <i>Megan Deller</i> | 28 | <i>Dorothy Thorsen</i> |

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

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

Monday, March 31

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Fox Valley Beekeepers	Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 1

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
10am	Property Committee	Conference Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym
6:30pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Library/Lower Level/M111
7pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 2

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
5:15pm	Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
7pm	Lenten Service	Chapel
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym

Thursday, April 3

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
12:30pm	Synod Conference Meeting	TBD
6pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, April 4

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
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Saturday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 6

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