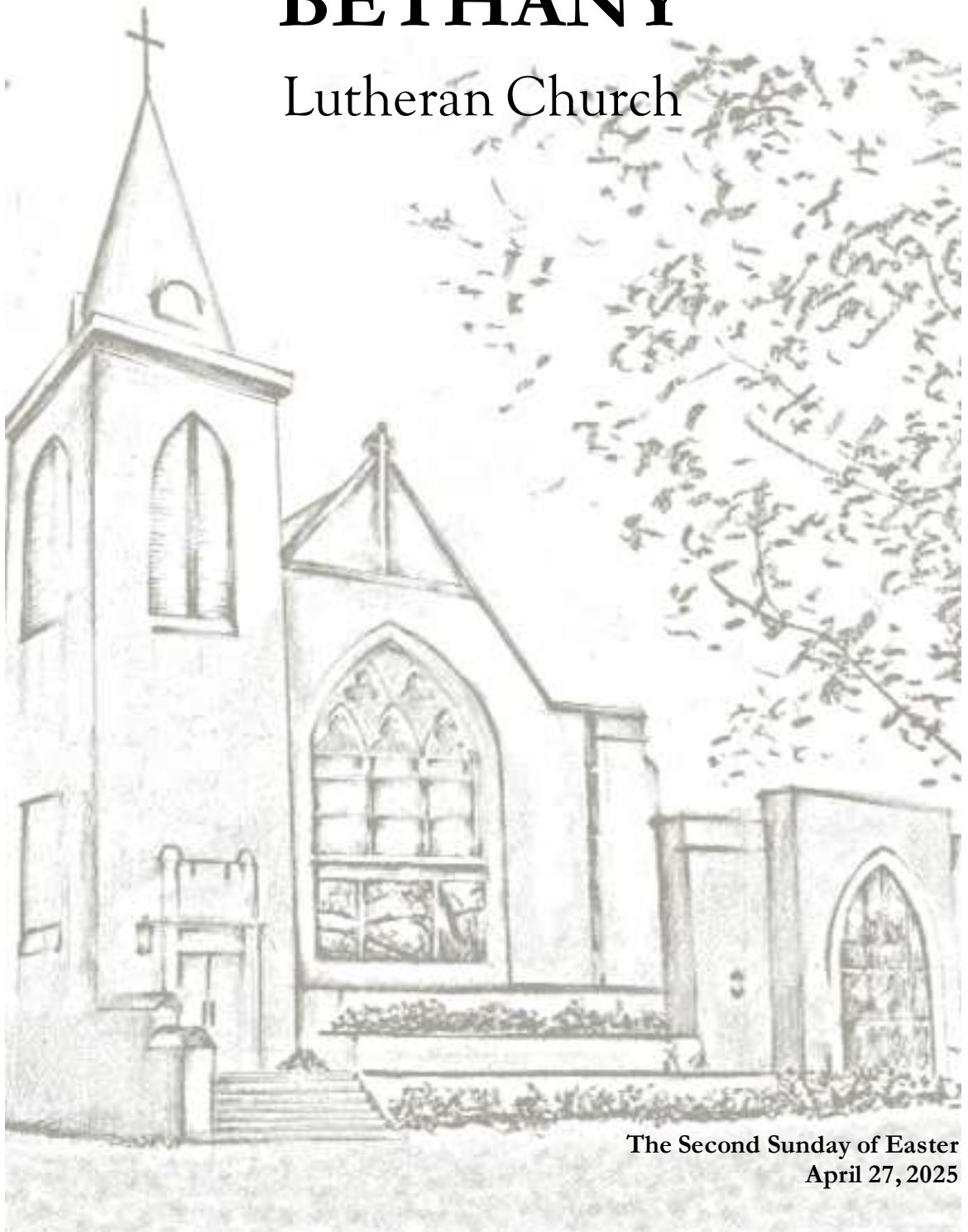


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 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.

Flowers

Altar flowers are given in celebration of Bill & Debbie Garrison's wedding anniversary.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the Senior Advocacy Team for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

Holy Communion

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

As We Gather:

The story of Doubting Thomas. In one sense, we can all relate to Thomas perfectly. We are inquisitive, and often like to challenge that which is told us. On the other hand, Thomas was one of the Twelve, having walked with Jesus throughout his ministry, watching him perform miracles and speak of these very moments. We want to say that we wouldn't have doubted. But we also know he was the only one to miss Jesus in the Upper Room, so believing was easy for the others. Maybe Thomas was too caught up in his fears and worries. He left the Upper Room with purpose, and it took courage! Perhaps this news was too good to be true. What does the news of Jesus' resurrection, and the promise of new life even here on earth, look like to us? Are our worries stronger than our hope? Do we dare live in accordance with our faith and hope against all that challenges us in this world? Maybe Thomas' reaction is easier to understand than we would like to think.

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: Song Without Words (1 and 2)

Mendelssohn

Temple Talk

Alan Spear

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN: I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

ELW #619



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



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



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

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

P We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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

C **And also with you.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Dona Nobis Pacem (*Grant us peace.*)

ELW #753

Sing 3 Times

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa-cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

2



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

3



Do - na no - bis pa-cem. Do-na no-bis pa - cem.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of life,

you reach out to us amid our fears
with the wounded hands of your risen Son.

By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy,
and strengthen us to be the body of your Son,
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: Acts 5:27–32

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey 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 100 (God is Faithful amidst our doubts...)

Read responsively

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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: Revelation 1:4–8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide

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

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: John 20:19–31

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

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

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

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus

(Reading continues on the next page.)

came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

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

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

John 20:19–31

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hallelujah, Jesus Lives

ELW #380



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

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

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

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

- L Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

- 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 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.

+ 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: The Earth Adorned in Verdant Robe

ACS #1068



1 The earth a - dorned in ver - dant robe sends prais - es
2 From out the wood, the birds now sing and each its
3 O God, a - mid these joys of life, cre - a - tion's

up - ward surg - ing, while soft winds breathe on fra - grant
song now rais - es, to join with all the u - ni -
glo - ry beam - ing, grant us the grace to keep your

flow'rs from win - ter now e - merg - ing. The sun - shine
verse in voic - ing thank - ful prais - es. With hope and
word and live in love re - deem - ing. All flesh is

bright gives warmth and light to bud - ding blos - soms ten -
joy their songs em - ploy a rap - turous ex - ul - ta -
grass, the flow - ers fade, and time is fleet - ing ev -

der, pro - claim - ing sum - mer splen - dor.
er; in praise of God's cre - a - tion.
God's word re - mains for - ev - er.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

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

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.

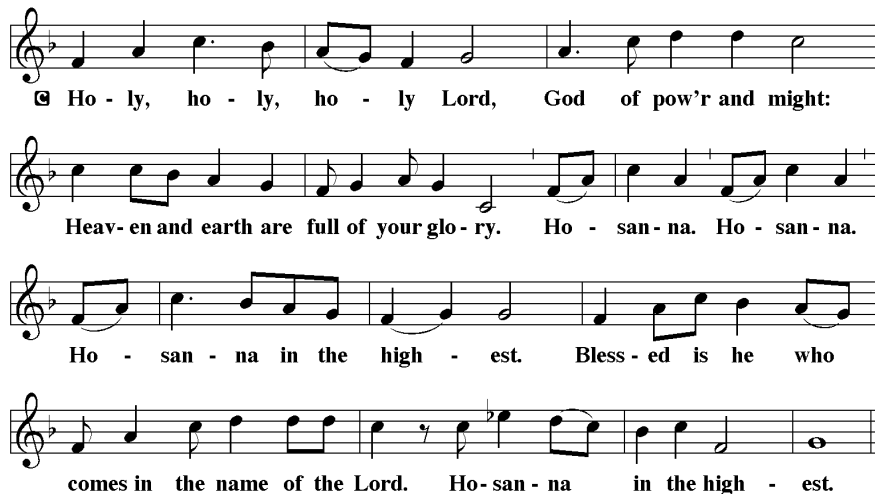
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, almighty and ever-living God.
But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;
for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,
who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels,
cherubim and seraphim 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:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

LORD'S PRAYER *(read responsively between two readers...)*

L Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

P *O Breathing Life, Your Name shines everywhere!*

L thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

P *Release a space to plant your Presence here. Envision your "I can" now. Embody your desire in every light and form.*

L Give us this day our daily bread;

P *Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom.*

L and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

P *Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of other's faults.*

L and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

P *Help us not forget our Source, Yet free us from not being in the Present.*

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

P *From you arises every Vision, Power, and Song, from gathering to gathering. Amen.*

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

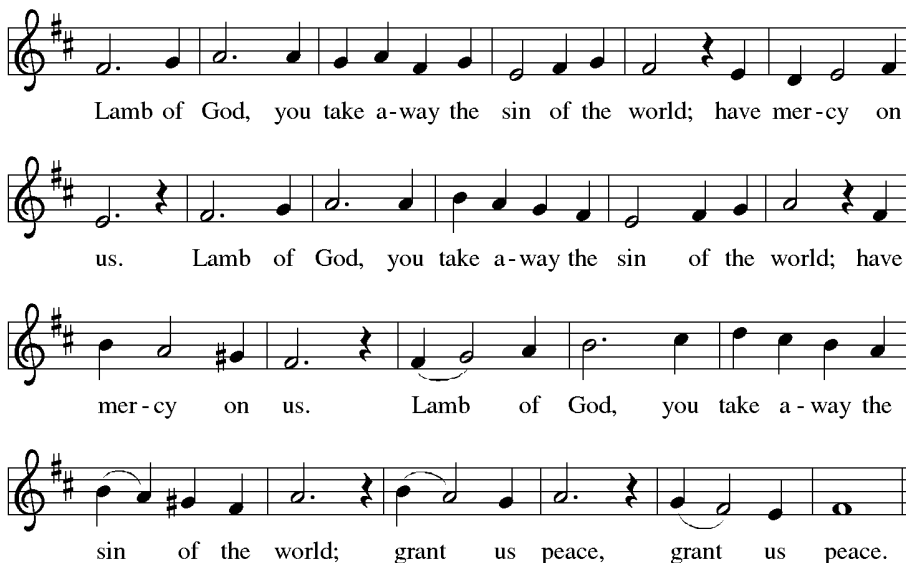
C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

Echoing both John 1:29 and Revelation 5:6, this song addresses the risen Christ giving himself away at this table as the true Lamb.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his holy banquet. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, are the cups in the center of each wine tray, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

ELW #616



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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

C **Amen.**

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

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

ELW #384



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



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



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

DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Gloria

W.A. Mozart



LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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Debbie Garrison, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
Ellen Grashorn, Reader
Fred Holch, Ryan Grashorn, A/V
Ann Holch, Ruth Beck, Altar Guild
Marissa Hunt, Nate Hunt, Acolytes
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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:

Louise Pruitt, Ellen 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, 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:

Tina Motter
Grace Pope
Alex Greiff
Greg Hall
Kate and Family
Mick
Sherri Benson
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
Lilly
Rocci
Susan P.
Helen Reyes
Jacki Ortegell
Pat McDonald
Sofie
Owen Laible
Pam Waers
Terri Wells

Sister of Jackie Page
Mother of Nan Phillips – Celebrating her 100th Birthday
Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Friend of Bill & Debbie Garrison
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Brother to Sandra (Jeff) Nash
Fox Valley Beekeepers
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
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
Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Brother of Lois Benson
Friend of Sue DeLong
Friend of Lynn Dreymler

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

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:

Peggy Jensen
Arthur Hartwig
Dave Pelkey
Rev. Gary Heedum
Rodney Waller

Cousin of Jackie Page
Father to Sandy Voss & Dear Friend of the Mikyska Family
Uncle of Jacob (Allison) Dallen
Colleague/Mentor of Pastor Jeff Mikyska/Former Pastor of ELCA
Uncle of Jacob (Allison) Dallen



May Anniversaries



6 Mike & Carol Thomassen
12 Tim & Sue West
14 Lyn & Sandra Daunheimer
16 Brian & Tara Shannon
19 Barry & Sue Carney

21 Jon & Marsha Habegger
24 Iz & Jen Lopez, Jr
25 Matt & Susan Whitelaw
30 Virden & Mary Von Qualen



May Birthdays



2 Katie Ann Buell
4 Joseph Burke
4 Callum Galeski
4 Kyle Niedzwiecki
5 Jan Beil
5 Mindy Nicoloff
5 Sue West
6 Xander Couperus
6 Jamie Figura
6 Archer Ruhl
6 Lila Storaasli
7 Amanda Anderson
9 Karl Holzl, Jr
9 Matthew Pfau
10 Ed McQuillan
11 Linda Sullivan
12 Marilyn Cornwell
12 Lisa Smigo
12 Rev. Jerry Wagenknecht

13 Lyn Daunheimer
13 Carie Holzl
13 Karin Johnston
13 Tracy Mathisen
13 Rev. Jeff Mikyska
13 Maggie Walz
15 Maddie Haug
15 Alan Spear
16 Tyler Mathisen
17 Matt Nallenweg
18 Dale Christianson
18 Marsha Habegger
18 Janna Stahl
18 Kathy Symons
20 Jim Freedlund
20 Diane Garland
21 Ralph Beck, Jr
21 Anna Holzl

22 Sherry Stoffel
23 Ava Redar
23 Sue Walz
24 Ann Niedzwiecki
24 Julia Solberg
24 Valentina Solberg
25 Nancy Freedlund
26 Leslie Grashorn
26 Ryan Grashorn
27 Katie Brems
27 Sharon Cryer
27 Amy Frankowski
27 Dan Freedlund
27 Nancy Moe
28 Danise Simmons
29 Olivia Depke
29 Pam Klingberg
30 Ryan Pieratt

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, April 27

9am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School.....	Main Church Building/2 nd Floor
2:30pm.....	Hesed House Preparation.....	Kitchen

Monday, April 28

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

Tuesday, April 29

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, April 30

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm.....	Confirmation	Fellowship Hall
7pm.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Youth Group.....	Chapel

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 3

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

Sunday, May 4

9am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Class – Talking With God.....	Chapel
10:30am	Last Day – Sunday School.....	Main Church Building/2 nd Floor
1pm.....	Troop 6 – Eagle Court of Honor Event	Fellowship Hall
2:30pm.....	Honna Austin – Student Recitals	Sanctuary