



Maundy Thursday
April 17, 2025
11:00am & 7:00pm

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. Busy Bags are outside the sanctuary for ages 1-6 years.

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 final three days of Lent are often referred to as the Triduum. A triduum is a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important festival. The final three days of Lent and Holy Week, referred to as the Paschal Triduum, leads us into the feast of feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter.

Though chronologically three days, the Paschal Triduum is liturgically a single event revealing for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. For this reason there is no benediction on Maundy Thursday or Good Friday, for the Triduum isn't complete until the Easter Eucharist is celebrated.

+ GATHERING +

We gather in silence in keeping with the solemnity of this night.

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us pray.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation,
come to the aid of your people, turning us away from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P Let us make confession to God.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P We pray,

C **Almighty God, merciful Father:**

We are humble and penitent sinners, desperately in need of your boundless mercy and the fullness of your grace. We confess to you all our sins and iniquities with which we have offended you and those around us. We readily admit that we are deserving of punishment, and are fully aware of the consequences our sin brought upon Jesus and our world.

**For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ,
be gracious and merciful to us weak and sinful beings;
forgive our sins, grant us your Holy Spirit for the amendment of our sinful lives,
and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

Through the Holy Spirit, God cleanses us
and gives us the power to proclaim the mighty acts of the One
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, source of all love,
on the night of his betrayal Jesus gave us a new commandment,
to love one another as he loves us.

Write this commandment in our hearts,
and give us the will to serve others as he was servant of all;
through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1–14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

L I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.

C **How shall I re- | pay the LORD***
for all the good things he has | done for me?

L I will lift up the cup | of salvation*
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

C **I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD***
in the presence of | all his people.

ANTIPHON

L Precious in the sight | of the LORD*
is the death | of his servants.

C **O LORD, I | am your servant;***
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.

L I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name | of the LORD.

C **I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD***
in the presence of | all his people,

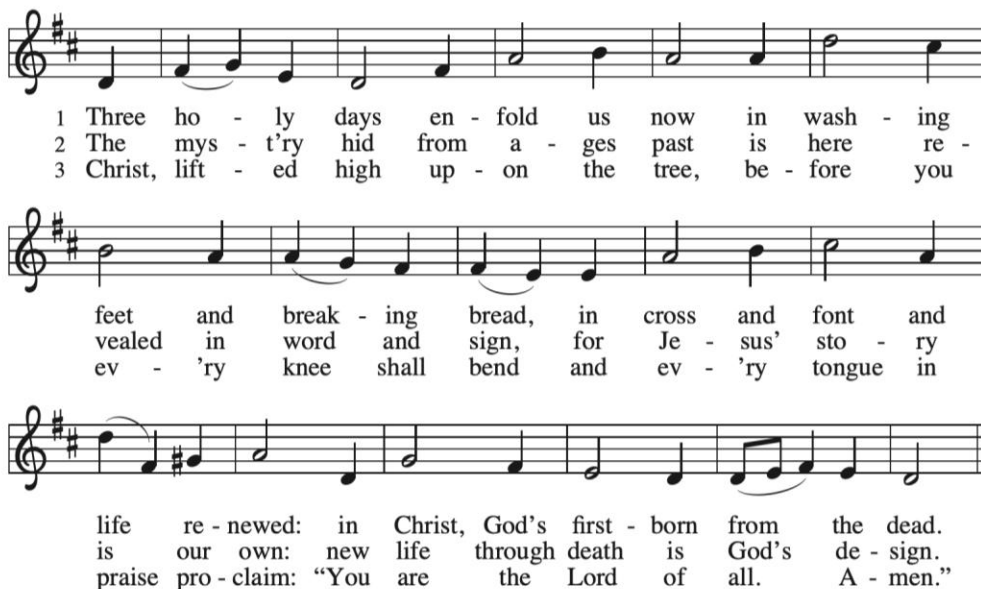
L in the courts of | the LORD's house,*
in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also

ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³¹Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

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1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and ha - loes mer - cy's deeds;
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true



it sheds a ben - e - dic-tion sweet and hal-lows hu - man needs.
of his dis - ci - ples, he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
has free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845–1917

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Holy God, we come to you in prayer for the church, your good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L Heal the wounds of your church, O God. As we remember your commandment to love one another, guide us toward reconciliation within the body of Christ. Bless all who gather around the world and in this community for these holy three days. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- L Renew the life of your creation. Restore lands suffering from chronic drought or flood, and protect fragile habitats from destruction. Encourage all who strive to build more sustainable systems for life and thriving. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L Bring peace and justice among your people. Where there is oppression or fear, bring liberation and hope. Instill wisdom and humility in local and national leaders, and guide them to serve their communities in the way of Jesus. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L Console all who suffer. We pray especially for all who are lonely and yearning for community. Assure them of your loving presence. Come alongside all who cry out to you in any need. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L In the bread and cup we share, you show us the way of love poured out for the whole world. Nourish all who hunger in body or in spirit, that they experience the life abundant that flows from you. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L We remember the saints who rest in you. We give thanks for all our beloved dead. Confident of your steadfast love, we commend them to your eternal care. God of grace,
 C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING MUSIC: Jesus, I will Ponder Now

Arr. Alan F. Spear

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
 C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
 our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our
 Lord. Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, Holy Father,
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us,
and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things, and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son,
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will
and won for you a holy people by
stretching out his hands in suffering
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,
in order to destroy death,
to break the bonds of the evil one,
to crush hell underfoot,
to give light to the righteous,
to establish his covenant,
and to show forth the resurrection,
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we lift this bread and cup before you,
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand before you and to serve as your priestly people.

And we ask of you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C Thanks be to God.

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

We sit.

AGNUS DEI: Lamb of God

John Carter

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
Have mercy upon us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
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: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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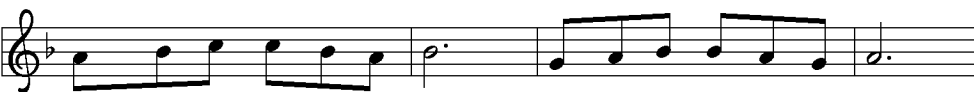
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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1 Go to dark Geth-se-m - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
 oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
 mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
 all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 "It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
 Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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.

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you

and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Jesus' words to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-42, "My soul is very sorrowful, even unto death; remain here and watch with me." are sung during the stripping of the altar as a reminder of Christ's deep sorrow at his humiliation and suffering.



(7:00 pm)

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.

Verses:

1. Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray!
2. Watch and pray not to give way to temptation.
3. The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.
4. My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here with me, stay awake and pray.
5. Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.
6. Father, if this cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done.

*At this time, our remembrance of the Triduum is suspended. Our service of the Holy Days will continue tomorrow. In keeping with the solemnity of this night and in consideration of one another **we depart in silence.** Those who wish to remain in the sanctuary for a time of meditation and prayer are welcome to do so.*

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Alan Spear, Organist

11:00am

Mark Waldron, Worship Leader
Ruth Beck, Jackie Page, Altar Guild
Mark Waldron, Reader
Ralph Beck, Usher

7:00pm

Todd Toles, Worship Leader
Sandy Nash, Reader
Fred Holch, Ben Toles, A/V
Ann Holch, Carol Thomassen, Karol Clark, Altar Guild
Jon Habegger, Usher
Todd Toles, Communion Assistant
Festival Choir

Worship during Holy Week

Good Friday, 7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae
Easter Sunday, 9:00am Festival Worship with Holy Communion
10:30am Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt



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