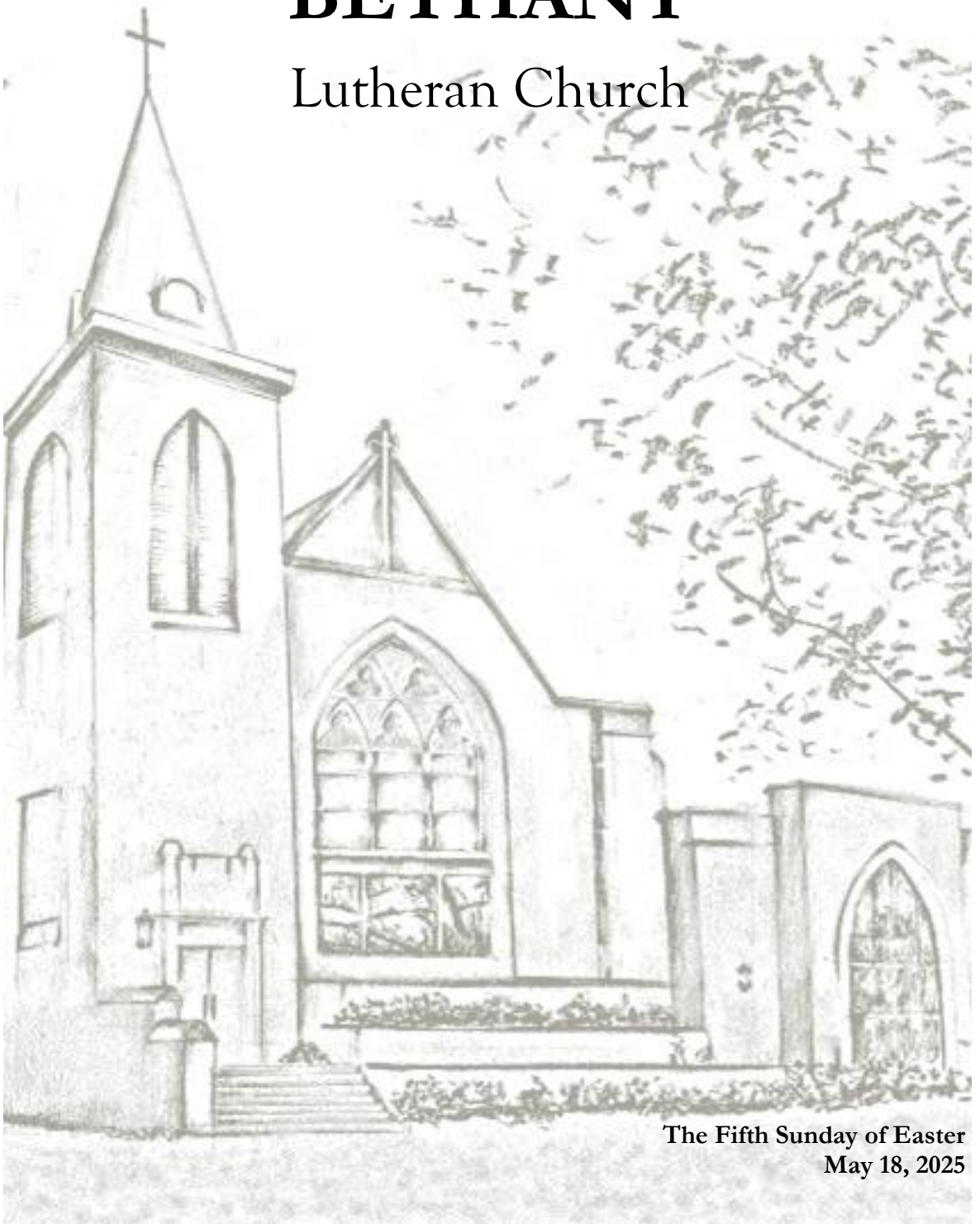


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 18, 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](http://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 baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

## **As We Gather:**

Keeping track of time...there always seems to be not quite enough time to go around. Deadlines loom. Work calendars and family calendars threaten to overwhelm each other. Our readings today move us through time. In the gospel reading, we're back on Maundy Thursday, in the Upper Room with Jesus. In Acts, we're on the road with Peter, as the Spirit reveals the new thing that God is doing in Christ. In Revelation, we're transported to the future, gathered around the throne. Our lives are bracketed by these things, for we live between resurrection and resurrection, Jesus' and our own. The promise is that we will have all the time, world without end. So what do we do in this moment? We stand with Peter, and watch the Spirit knock down barriers. We listen to Jesus. Now is the time to love, and to do so as Jesus loves us.

*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.*

# + GATHERING +

*Worship often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare their minds and hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDE:** It Is Well with My Soul  
It Is Well with My Soul

H. Spafford/P. Bliss  
Setting: Christine D. Anderson

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand to face the cross.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

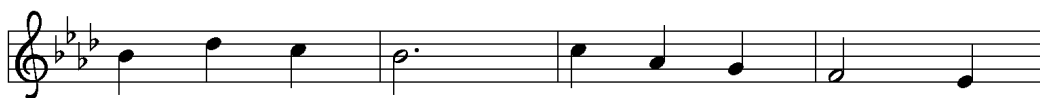
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



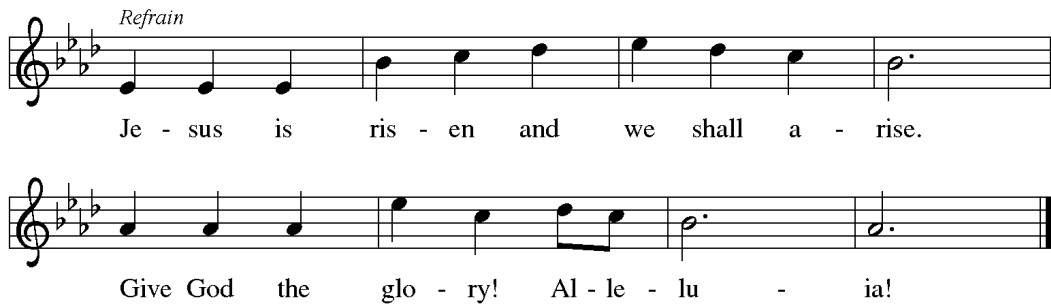
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



## 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: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord God,

you dwell among us and teach us to love as you love.

Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love,

that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace,

through 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 11:1–18**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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 148**

Carl Schalk

ANTIPHON: The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

L Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;\*  
praise him | in the heights.

C **Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;\*  
praise him, | all his host.**

L Praise him, | sun and moon;\*  
praise him, all you | shining stars.

- C **Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,\***  
**and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- L Let them praise the name | of the LORD;\*  
 for he commanded, and they | were created.
- C **He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;\***  
**he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**

ANTIPHON

- L Praise the LORD | from the earth,\*  
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- C **fire and hail, | snow and fog,\***  
**tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**
- L mountains | and all hills,\*  
 fruit trees | and all cedars;
- C **wild beasts | and all cattle,\***  
**creeping things and | winged birds;**
- L kings of the earth | and all peoples,\*  
 princes and all rulers of the world;
- C **young | men and maidens,\***  
**old and | young together.**
- L Let them praise the name | of the LORD,\*  
 for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- C **He has raised up strength for his people**  
**and praise for all his | loyal servants,\***  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!**

*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 21:1–6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

*(Reading continues on the next page.)*



<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
 "See, I am making all things new."  
 Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."  
<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
 the beginning and the end.  
 To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 13:31–35

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

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little 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.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By 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.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska  
John 13:31–35

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

*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 Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. 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.*

*We sit.*

# + MEAL +

*Having confessed our sins, received forgiveness, listened to the Word of God and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering we gratefully offer back to God some of what he has given us, symbolically in the gifts of bread and wine prepared at the table and the money we give.*

**OFFERTORY:** I Am the Alpha and the Omega

Michael D. Costello

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

“To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

“Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.”

“Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
For the first things have passed away.”

“God will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

“I am making all things new. I am coming soon!” Amen, come, Lord Jesus!

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” Amen.

*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.

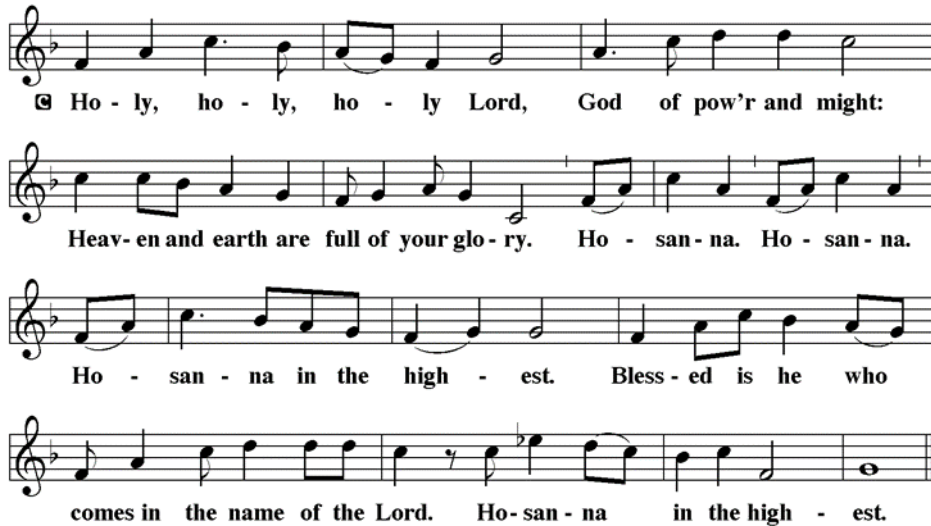
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.*



*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.*

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.

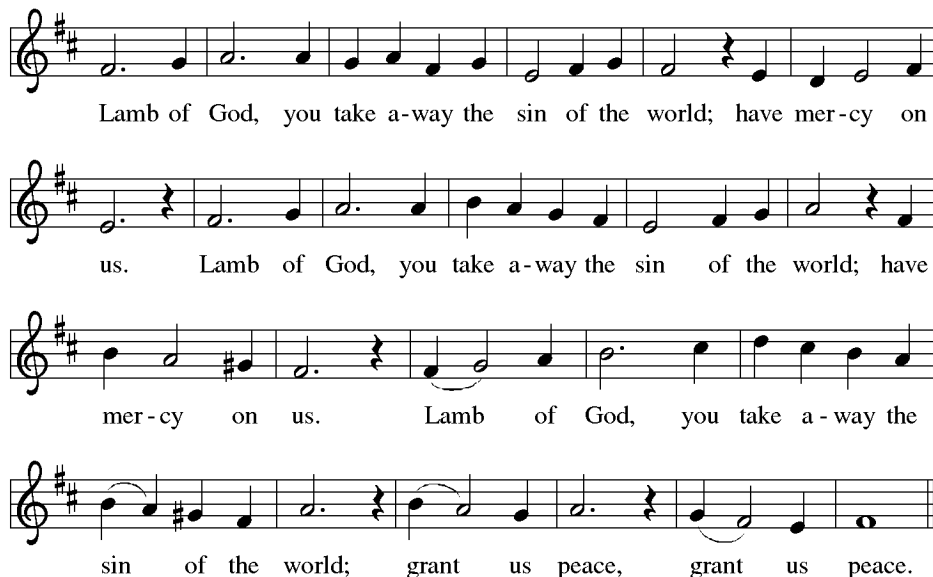
C **Thanks be to God.**

P All are welcome at the feast of the Lamb. 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

**VOLUNTARY:** Christ Is Alive  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Barbara B. Kinyon  
Kevin McChesney  
Grace Notes Bell Choir  
**ELW #482**

**HYMN:** I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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. 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: Awake, O Sleeper, Arise from Death

ELW #452



- 1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

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### DISMISSAL

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

L Go in peace. Send love out into the world and serve the risen Lord.

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

### POSTLUDE: Rondo

John Bull

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Steve Mickelson, Worship Leader  
Alan Spear, Organist  
Kristen Garrity, Reader  
Ryan Pieratt, Ben Toles, A/V  
Carol Thomassen, Kari McQuillan, Altar Guild  
Anthony Ariola, Frank Ariola, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Carole Benson, Ushers  
Steve Mickelson, Andrea Gustafson, Sue Colella,  
Comm. Asst's  
Festival Choir  
Ryan Howard, Emma Hess, Instrumentalists  
Grace Notes Bell 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:**

Ellen Grashorn, 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, 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:**

**Ken Munch, Bill Hutchens**

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 Ortegel  
Pat McDonald

**Father of Darlene & Billy Hutchens**

Sister of Jackie Page  
Mother of Nan Phillips – Celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:**

**Dottie & Nate Smith**  
**Louise Pruitt**  
**Don Lorenz**  
**Peggy Jensen**  
**Arthur Hartwig**

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

**Sister & Brother-in-Law of Sue (Chuck) Bauer**

**Father to Sue Lorenz**  
**Cousin of Jackie Page**  
**Father to Sandy Voss & Dear Friend of the Mikyska Family**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, May 18

9am .....	Worship .....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Last Class – Talking with God .....	Chapel

### Monday, May 19

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
12pm.....	Hope Circle.....	Library
12:30pm .....	Staff Meeting.....	Conference Room
7pm.....	Troop 6 Leaders.....	Lower Level

### Tuesday, May 20

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, May 21

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Men’s Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Music/Worship Committee .....	Library

### Thursday, May 22

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

### Friday, May 23

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

### Saturday, May 24

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

### Sunday, May 25

9am .....	Worship .....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall