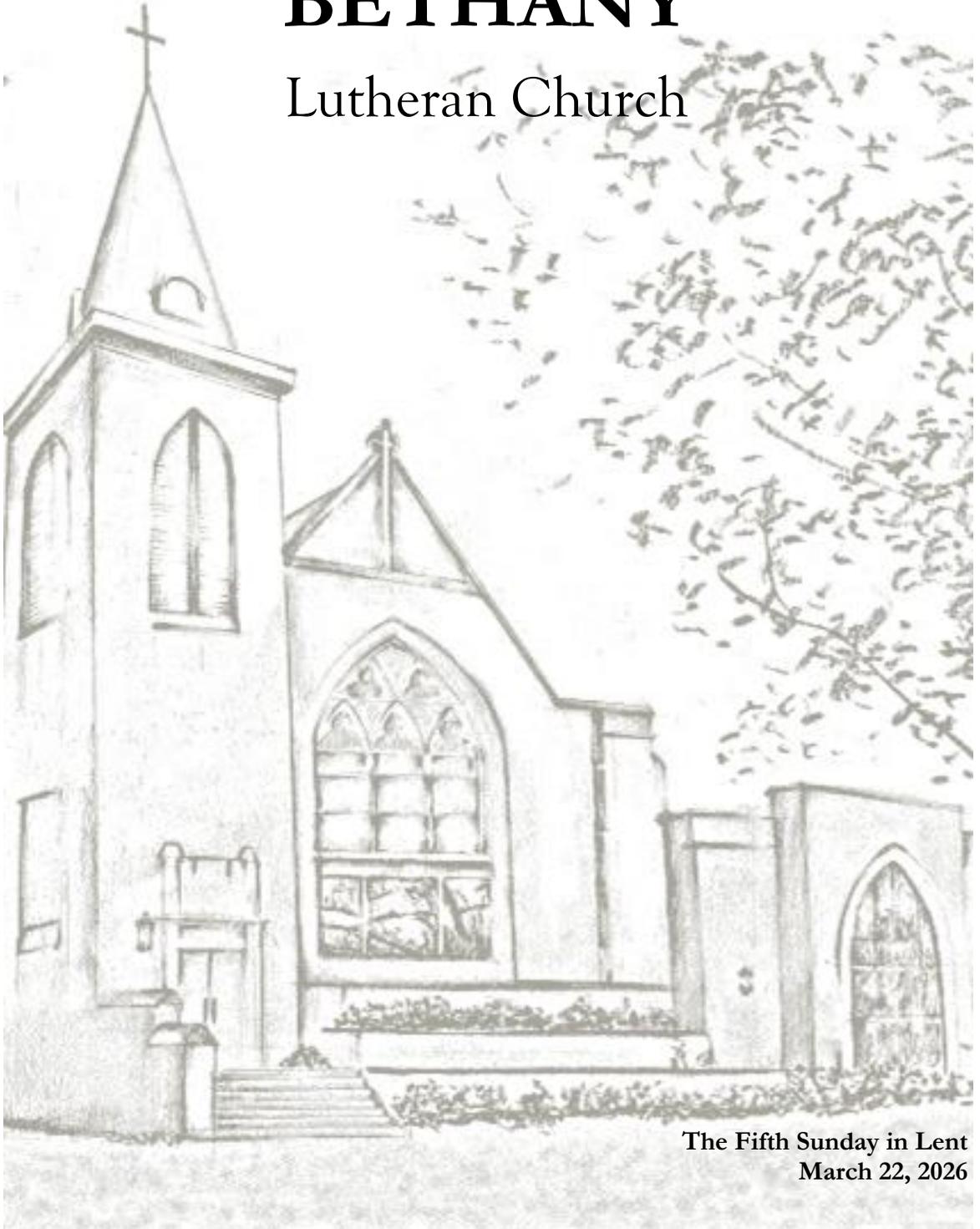


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026

# 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.

## **Coffee Hour**

Thank you to the Altar Guild ladies 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 invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

## **As We Gather:**

We may wonder why Jesus did not go immediately to Lazarus once he heard that Lazarus was ill. Why did Jesus wait so long? Why didn't he rush to heal his friend? We, too, often wonder the same: How long must we wait for God to act? How long must we wait for God to appear? Jesus is clear that the death of Lazarus will reveal the glory of God. But this is only because Lazarus is really, fully, unquestionably dead by the time Jesus arrives. It is in his death that Jesus works. And the same holds true for us: Jesus' presence in our life is not held within the finite boundaries of time and this world. Christ stretches out his hands to us both here and in the tomb, beckoning us to new life regardless of where we may be in any given moment.

## **For Palm Sunday (March 29):**

For Palm Sunday worship next week, it is the custom at Bethany to gather in the narthex before worship and receive palms. We'll process into the sanctuary during the singing of the Processional Hymn. Those choosing not to be part of the procession may be seated as usual when they arrive.

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

*The people's responses are in bold.*

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

## + GATHERING +

**PRELUDE:** Father Eternal

Turn Back, O'Man Forswear Thy Foolish Ways

Variation: Alan F. Spear

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness prepares us to receive Christ in the proclamation of his Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

*We stand*

### INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

C **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P God of grace,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Amen.**

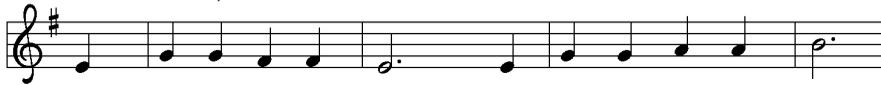
### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

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

### KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)



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



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

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God,  
your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death.  
Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit,  
that we may be raised to new life in Christ  
and serve you in righteousness all our days,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*We sit.*

# + WORD +

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

## **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1–14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*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: Romans 8:6–11**

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

L Word of God, word of life.

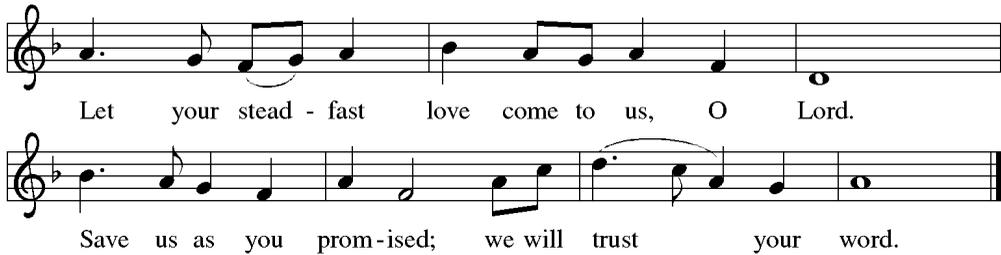
C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

*The Gospel acclamation, or sometimes sequence hymn, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #176



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.  
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

## HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1–45

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup>Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup>after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

<sup>11</sup>After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup>Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that God will give you whatever

you ask of him." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup>The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the day's scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska  
John 11:1-45



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!  
 2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.  
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;  
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,  
 Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?  
 faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;  
 But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
 Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
 e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
 with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
 for his people Christ will cherish.  
 Fear not, you will hear his voice;  
 dying, you will never perish;  
 for the very grave is stirred  
 when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts  
 rise from longings vain and hollow.  
 Seek what Christ your Lord imparts  
 while you in his footsteps follow.  
 As you now still wait to rise,  
 set your hearts beyond the skies!

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru. ger, 1598–1662

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

**NICENE CREED**

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

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

ELW #178



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

L Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

L We pray for the church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters, and sustain places where biodiversity thrives. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life in you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## + MEAL +

*We share Christ's peace with each other as a sign of charity and unity in preparation for the Holy Communion.*

### PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We sit.*

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

**OFFERING MUSIC:** Finding a Way

Alan F. Spear

*We stand.*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. God our provider,

C **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,

for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary and rose again to make us living branches, drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

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.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power, to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

*We sit.*

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

## AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

LBW #103

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

## COMMUNION

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

# MUSIC FOR HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW #666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

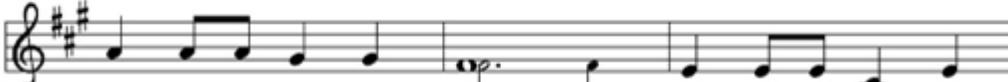
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . and . . .  
 I . . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . are the Christ, . . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . . of . . . God, who . . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, . . . . you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . the . . . . world. . . .

*Refrain*  
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day." The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the third phrase. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray.

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

C **Amen**

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

## + SENDING +

### BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



- the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

### DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in D Minor

J.S. Bach

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Steve Mickelson, Worship Leader  
Alan F. Spear, Organist  
Sandy Nash, Reader  
Bill Garrison, Ian Gutierrez, A/V  
Becky Klitzkie, Ann Holch, Altar Guild  
Isabella Lumsden, Avy Lumsden, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Virden Von Qualen,  
Ushers  
Steve Mickelson, Margie Schuett, Jackie Page,  
Communion Asst's

## STAFF

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor  
Mark Waldron, Director of Music  
Alan F. Spear, Organist  
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**Mission:** Called and Empowered by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we Worship God, Grow in Faith, and Reach Out to others.

**Code of Conduct:** At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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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:**

**Pam Klingberg, Alex Concha-Jordan, Sarah Concha, Lura Dreymler, Charley Andersen, Peg Wagenknecht, Roger Pieratt, Mal Seagren,** Sandy & Dale Christianson, John Cornwell, Diane Ekstam, Diane Garland, Mike & Deb Hruby, Luke & Diane Land, Jan Meling, Joan Munro, Bob Novy, Dorothy Patzer, Maureen Scollen, Paulette Smigo, Shirley Striedl, Richard White, Matt Whitelaw

### **Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:**

#### **Pam Klingberg**

Shyla Carbone  
David Furholman  
Shirley Grant  
Marie Holtz  
Bill Keele  
Wanda Krentz  
Dottie White  
Jay & Carol Wierz

#### **Aperion Care, Elgin**

Prairie Point Assisted Living, Sugar Grove  
Michaelson Health Center, Holmstad  
Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad  
Michaelson Health Center, Holmstad  
Heritage Woods  
Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad  
Asbury Gardens  
Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

### **Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation.**

Owen Schuster      Steven Surdynski      Jesse Ostermann      Ethan Skibins

### **Please pray for our family and friends:**

#### **Fred Boehm**

#### **Alex Greiff**

#### **Annika Lundgren (Daughter of Holly & Chris)**

#### **Gerta Beck**

#### **Madalyn**

#### **Tony & Teri Prokes**

Gordon Prigge

Ben

Fox River Community Peace Movement

Ann Bellair

Erich Lieser

Audrey Trotier

Phillip Snider

Bob

Baby Eleanor

Anatra Family

Janice Smith

Sally Adrian

Rich

Kris Poppe

Floyd Anderson

Gayna

Linda Meling

Phyllis, KC and Ben Johnsen

Christy Ainsworth

Kathy Novy

#### **Brother of Doug Boehm**

#### **Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska**

#### **Friends of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska**

#### **Mother & Grandmother of Jori (Todd & Ben) Toles**

#### **Friend of Bill Keele**

#### **Sister & Brother-in-law of Sue (Bob) Novy**

Friend of Debbie (Bill) Garrison

Grandson of Jackie Page

Friend of Tara Shannon

Great Nephew of Karol (John) Clark

Sister of John (Marilyn) Cornwell

Brother of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler

Uncle of Darlene (Billy) Hutchens

Daughter of Haley (Friend of Mindy Nicoloff & Jackie Page)

Friends of Pastor Jeff

Sister of Paulette Smigo

Friend of Ann (Fred) Holch

Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Friend of Sue DeLong

Father of Beth Richard

Friend of Bill Keele

Daughter-in-Law of Jan Meling

Friends of Chuck Bauer

Friend of Tara Shannon

Cousin of Bob & Sue Novy

Ann Sager  
Veronica Herbst  
Gina  
Michael Roberts  
Kate and Family  
Mick  
Jan  
Andrea  
Laurie Lombardo  
Mary Ellen Wolmer  
Phil Steadman  
Bruce Rusev  
Josh Schrepfer & Family  
Fred Boehm  
Cindy Smith  
Andrea Young  
John Guidarelli  
Nancy Bouloukos  
Rich White  
Kathy Wilson  
Lilly  
Rocci  
Susan P.  
Helen Reyes  
Jacki Ortegel  
Sofie  
Pam Waers  
Terri Wells  
Rosi  
Jim Martin  
Lili  
Carl C.  
Marcia McDugle  
Vicki Johnson  
Bonnie & Jim Hines  
Kristen Benakis  
Marilyn  
Tracy Clark  
Loda George Ricker  
Rick Gaston  
Lizzie Bork  
Damon Schultz  
Sue S.  
Nicole  
Chris Sidler  
Lisa  
Heather  
Gretchen VanKempema  
Ryan Anderson

Mother of Jim (Cheri) Sager  
Friend of Julie Howard  
Employee at Heritage Woods  
Friend of Janice Reynolds  
Friend of John & Karol Clark  
Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash  
Sister of Sandra (Jeff) Nash  
Neighbor of The Lumsden Family  
Mother of Mia (Chris) Rusev  
Requested by the Bond Family  
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  
Husband of Niece of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler  
Sister-in-Law of Tara Shannon  
Son of Dottie White  
Mother of Lori Wilson  
Neighbor of Dorothy Thorsen  
Friend of Beth Lawniczak Conley  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy & Marsha Habegger  
Family Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Friend of Sue DeLong  
Friend of Lynn Dreymler  
Friend of Janice Reynolds  
Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Friend of Bethany Walking Group  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk  
Parents of Suzanne Grashorn  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Sister of Tara Shannon  
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch  
Friend of Ann Holch  
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

Paul Mazen  
Phil  
Kathy Dee's Family  
Mary Jo Benstein's Family  
Bonnie  
Carole W.  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Ed Stahl

Lynn Dreymler's brother  
Teri Figura  
Teri Figura  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch  
Daughter of Shirley Streidl  
Father of Nicki McVey  
Father of Dan Stahl

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

**Neil Weir**

**Friend of Todd Toles**

**Kevin Kelly**

**Linda Toles**

**Mother & Grandmother of Todd, Jori, Ben Toles**

**Owen Laible**

**Brother of Lois Benson**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, March 22

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Main Church Bldg/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

### Monday, March 23

12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
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### Tuesday, March 24

9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym

### Wednesday, March 25

5:15pm	Soup Supper	Fellowship Hall
6pm	Confirmation	Chapel
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
7pm	Lenten Service	Chapel
7:30pm	Council	Library
7:30pm	Youth Group	Chapel

### Thursday, March 26

6:15pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Viljan Lodge	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary

### Friday, March 27

5pm	Community Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
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### Saturday, March 28

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

### Sunday, March 29

9am	Worship – Palm Sunday	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	No Sunday School – Spring Break	Main Church Bldg/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor