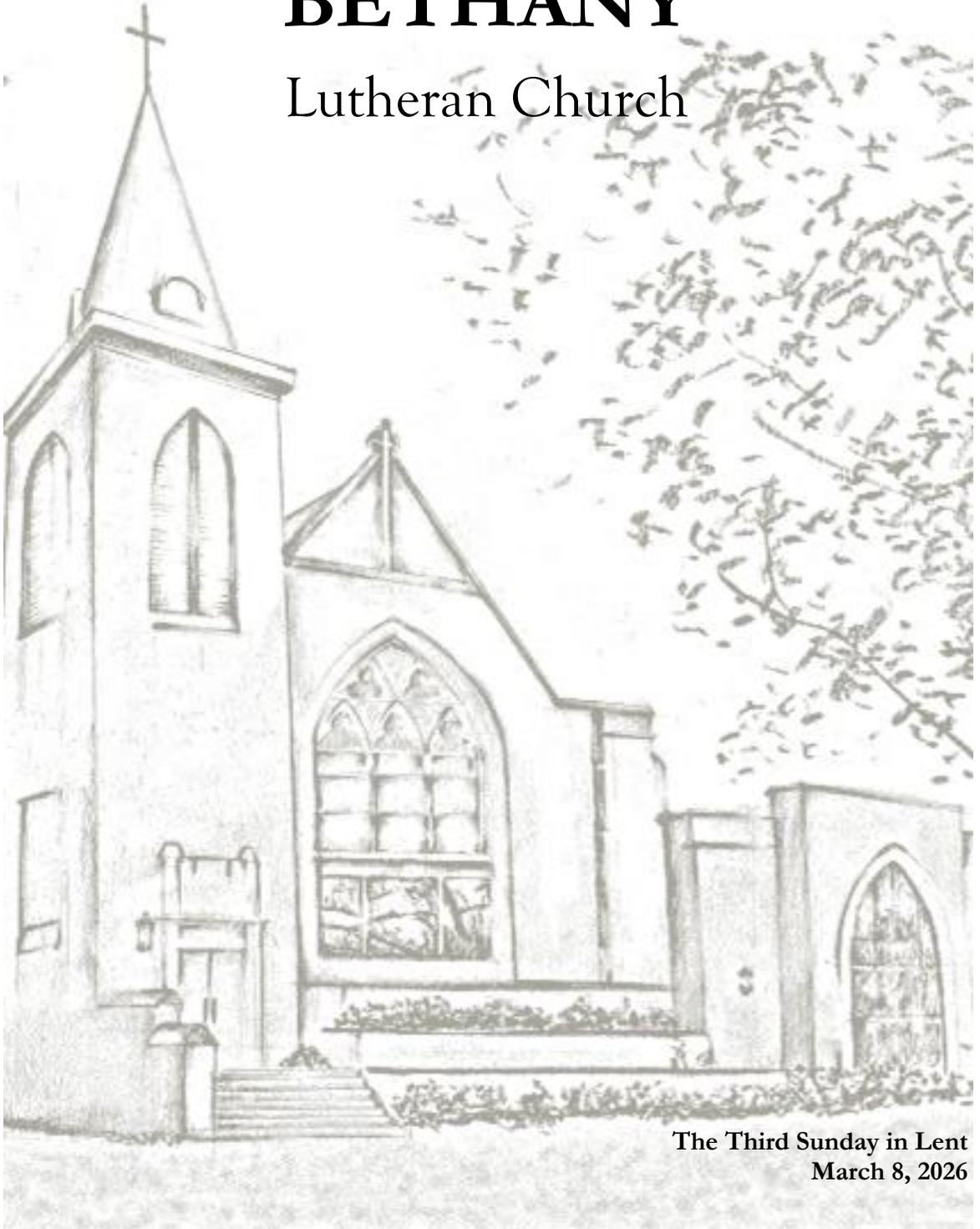


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 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.

## **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:**

Parallel strands of growth and transformation weave their way through this pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry, and indeed the world. Jesus begins to proclaim that salvation has come to more than a select few. The Samaritan woman begins to trust that there is more to living water than everyday buckets and wells. The disciples begin to understand that the one they are following will lead them in a most unusual direction. The villagers begin to trust in both what their ears have heard and their eyes have seen. No matter where you might be on your journey of growth, transformation, or faith there is a place for you in this Good News.

*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 +

**PRELUDES:** Lord I Want to be a Christian  
Nearer My God to Thee

Arr. 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.**

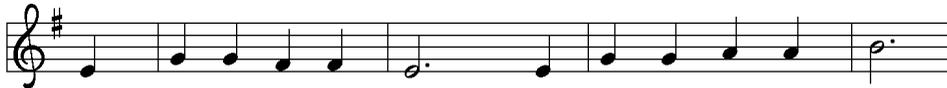
### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water,  
you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.

Give us this water always.

Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth  
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:** Exodus 17:1–7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 95**

Hal H. Hopson

*Choir sings the antiphon once, congregation repeats and sings as indicated*

#### **REFRAIN:**



Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

## REFRAIN

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

## REFRAIN



They put me to the test,  
though they had seen my works.  
Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."  
So I swore in my wrath,\*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

## REFRAIN

*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 5:1–11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*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.”*

*We stand.*

**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 4:5–42

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

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

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true

*(Reading continues on the next page.)*

worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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 4:5–42

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** As the Deer Runs to the River

**ELW #331**

Alternate tune: #490



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun - tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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

**NICENE CREED**

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

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
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.**



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 O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. 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:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
Take and seal it for Thy courts above.

*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: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

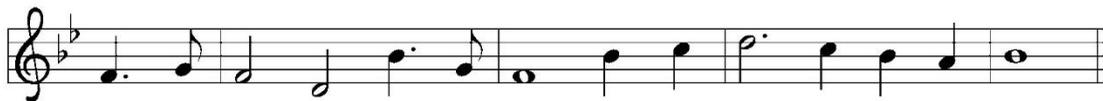
ELW #623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

*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: Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777



- 1 “Come to me, all pil-grims thirst-y; drink the wa-ter I will give.
- 2 “Come to me, all trav-’lers wea-ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 “Come to me, be-liev-ers bur-dened; find re-fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 “Come to me, re-pen-tant sin-ners; leave be-hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of-fer, you would come to me and live.”  
 Drink the cup of life I of-fer; at this ta-ble be my guest.”  
 Come, re-ceive the gift I of-fer, turn to me and seek my face.”  
 Come and know di-vine com-pas-sion, turn to me, I call your name.”

*Refrain*



Je-sus, ev-er-flow-ing foun-tain, give us wa-ter from your well.



In the gra-cious gift you of-fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| <p>5 “Come to me, distressed and needy;<br/>                 I would be your trusted friend.<br/>                 Come and seek the gift I offer,<br/>                 come, your open hands extend.” <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 “Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br/>                 lonely ways no longer roam.<br/>                 Come and take the gift I offer,<br/>                 let me make in you my home.” <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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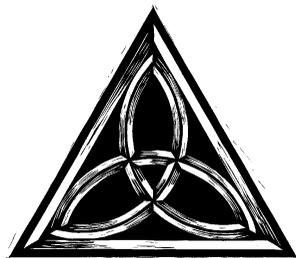
**DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

J.S. Bach



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Avy Lumsden, Worship Leader  
Alan F. Spear, Organist  
Nan Phillips, Reader  
Ryan Pieratt, Ryan Grashorn, A/V  
Dorothy Thorsen, Julie Howard, Altar Guild  
Anthony Ariola, Frank Ariola, Acolytes  
Jon Habegger, Steve Deller, Ushers  
Avy Lumsden, Tara Shannon, Ruth Beck,  
Communion Asst's  
Festival Choir

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## LET US PRAY...

*We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.*

### **Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:**

**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, Pam Klingberg, Luke & Diane Land, Jan Meling, Joan Munro, Bob Novy, Dorothy Patzer, Ed Schalk, Maureen Scollen, Paulette Smigo, Shirley Striedl, Richard White, Matt Whitelaw

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

Shyla Carbone	Prairie Point Assisted Living, Sugar Grove
David Furholman	Michaelson Health Center, Holmstad
Shirley Grant	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Marie Holtz	Michaelson Health Center, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Aperion Care, Elgin
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Dottie White	Asbury Gardens
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Owen Schuster	Steven Surdynski	Jesse Ostermann	Ethan Skibins
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### **Please pray for our family and friends:**

<b>Annika Lundgren (Daughter of Holly &amp; Chris)</b>	<b>Friends of Pastor Jeff &amp; Gail Mikyska</b>
<b>Gerta Beck</b>	<b>Mother &amp; Grandmother of Jori (Todd &amp; Ben) Toles</b>
<b>Madalyn</b>	<b>Friend of Bill Keele</b>
<b>David Johanson</b>	<b>Brother of Ruth (Ralph) Beck</b>
<b>Tony &amp; Teri Prokes</b>	<b>Sister &amp; Brother-in-Law of Sue (Bob) Novy</b>
Gordon Prigge	Friend of Debbie (Bill) Garrison
Ben	Grandson of Jackie Page
Fox River Community Peace Movement	
Ann Bellair	Friend of Tara Shannon
Erich Lieser	Great Nephew of Karol (John) Clark
Audrey Trotier	Sister of John (Marilyn) Cornwell
Phillip Snider	Brother of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler
Bob	Uncle of Darlene (Billy) Hutchens
Baby Eleanor	Daughter of Haley (Friend of Mindy Nicoloff & Jackie Page)
Anatra Family	Friends of Pastor Jeff
Dave Dockstader	Fox Valley Woodworkers
Janice Smith	Sister of Paulette Smigo
Sally Adrian	Friend of Ann (Fred) Holch
Rich	Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash
Kris Poppe	Friend of Sue DeLong
Floyd Anderson	Father of Beth Richard
Gayna	Friend of Bill Keele
Linda Meling	Daughter-in-Law of Jan Meling
Phyllis, KC and Ben Johnsen	Friends of Chuck Bauer
Christy Ainsworth	Friend of Tara Shannon
Kathy Novy	Cousin of Bob & Sue Novy

Ann Sager  
Gary Krohne  
Veronica Herbst  
Gina  
Michael Roberts  
Alex Greiff  
Kate and Family  
Mick  
Jan  
Andrea  
Joe Morgan  
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  
Neil Weir  
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

Mother of Jim (Cheri) Sager  
Friend of Pam & Charley Andersen  
Friend of Julie Howard  
Employee at Heritage Woods  
Friend of Janice Reynolds  
Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska  
Friend of John & Karol Clark  
Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash  
Sister of Sandra (Jeff) Nash  
Neighbor of The Lumsden Family  
Friend of Ed Schalk  
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 & Gail Mikyska  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
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  
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  
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Phil  
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Mary Jo Benstein's Family  
Bonnie  
Carole W.  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Ed Stahl

Friend of Beth Richard  
Friend of Schuman Family  
Daughter of Ann Holch  
Son of Aaron Anderson  
  
Lynn Dreymler's brother  
Teri Figura  
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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:**

**Linda Toles  
Owen Laible**

**Mother & Grandmother of Todd, Jori, Ben Toles  
Brother of Lois Benson**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, March 8

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

### Monday, March 9

12pm.....	Hope Circle.....	Library
12:30pm.....	Staff Meeting.....	Conference Room

### Tuesday, March 10

9am .....	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry .....	Fellowship Hall
5:30pm .....	Executive Team.....	Conference Room
6:30pm .....	Girls BSA Troop 606 .....	Vlahn Room/Gym
7pm.....	Fox River Radio League .....	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 11

11:30am.....	Marketing Meeting.....	Conference Room
5:15pm .....	Soup Supper.....	Fellowship Hall
6pm.....	Confirmation .....	Chapel
7pm.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Lenten Service .....	Chapel
7:30pm .....	Youth Group .....	Chapel

### Thursday, March 12

12pm.....	Conference Meeting .....	TBD
6pm.....	Bell Choir .....	Balcony
6:30pm .....	Boy Scout Troop 6 .....	Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm.....	Festival Choir.....	Sanctuary

### Friday, March 13

9:45am.....	Food Pantry Serving.....	Batavia Food Pantry
6pm.....	Troop 6 Campout (Day 1 of 3) .....	Gym/Vlahn Room

### Saturday, March 14

All Day .....	Troop 6 Campout (Day 2 of 3) .....	Gym/Vlahn Room
7:30am.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
9:30am.....	Visitation – Kevin Kelly .....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Al-Anon.....	Library
10am .....	Al-Ateen .....	Lower Level
10:30am.....	Memorial Service – Kevin Kelly.....	Sanctuary
8pm.....	AA .....	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, March 15

.....	Troop 6 Campout (until 9am) .....	Gym/Vlahn Room
9am .....	Worship .....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School .....	Main Church Bldg/2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
12pm.....	BSA Pack 153 – Blue & Gold Banquet... ..	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Gym