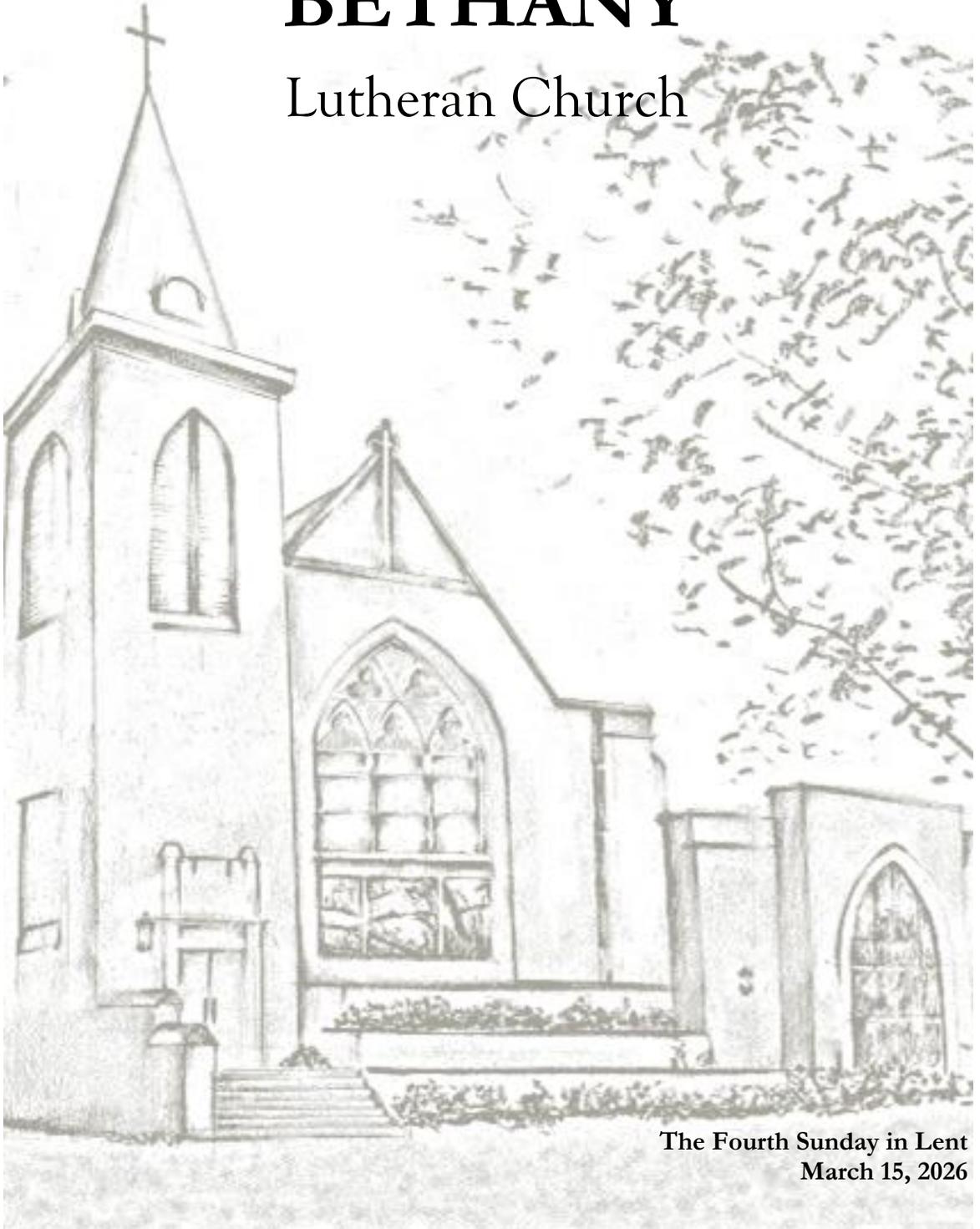


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 15, 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 Bill & Debbie Garrison 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:**

One thing we easily see is the blindness of others, whether it's a blown call by an umpire, the failure of another driver to heed a traffic signal, or what we would deem the ignorance of those who don't see what seems so clear to us. What we're not very good at is seeing our own blindness. We are simply blind to it, much like the Pharisees in today's gospel reading. We fail, again and again, to see what we're missing: the reality of our own sin and brokenness. But Jesus sees us, just as he saw the man born blind, not as a theological case study or a collection of symptoms, but simply as a human being in need of having his eyes opened to the One who is the light of the world. Yes, we are broken; but then again, that's how the light gets in.

*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:** Be Thou My Vision  
Abide With Me

Arr. H. Hopson/Alan F. Spear  
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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.**

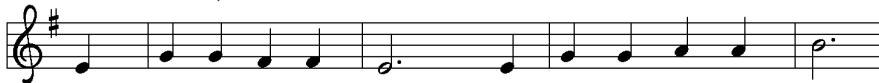
### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

By your gracious life and sacrificial death for us,

bring light into the darkness of our hearts,

and anoint us with your Spirit,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*We sit.*

# + WORD +

PSALM 23

ELW #778

Hymn Paraphrase



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by,  
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

*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 stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; 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 9:1–41

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

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

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."<sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it

been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

**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 9:1–41





1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

*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 God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Lead Christians in our community and across the globe in right paths for your name's sake. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all infected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. 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: I Heard the Voice of Jesus**

setting: Russell Schulz-Widmar

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down  
your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one;  
stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
"I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise,  
and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk  
till trav'ling days are done.

*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

**VOLUNTARY:** Ave Verum Corpus

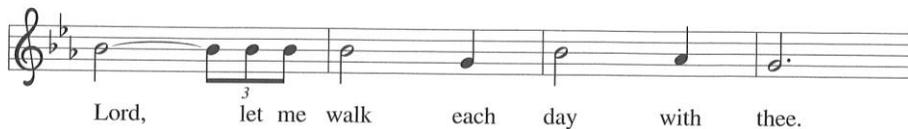
Arr. Arnold B. Sherman  
Grace Notes Bell Choir

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



*Refrain*  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995  
Music: Doris Akers  
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME  
Irregular



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
 2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
 3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
 e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
 for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
 for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN. *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

*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: Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

J.S. Bach



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Nora Storaasli, Worship Leader  
Alan F. Spear, Organist  
Ryan Grashorn, Ashley Grashorn, A/V  
Ruth Beck, Sandy Nash, Altar Guild  
Evan Piccony, Marissa Hunt, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Carole Benson,  
Ushers  
Nora Storaasli, Andrea Gustafson, Sue  
Colella, Communion Asst's  
Festival Choir  
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:**

**Alex Concha-Jordan, Sarah Concha, Lura Dreymiller, 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 |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|

### **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) Dreymiller                              |
| 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  
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

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 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

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

Friend of Schuman Family  
Daughter of Ann Holch  
Son of Aaron Anderson  
  
Lynn Dreymiller'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**  
**Kevin Kelly**  
**Linda Toles**  
**Owen Laible**

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

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### 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            |

### Monday, March 16

|               |                       |                 |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 12:30pm ..... | Staff Meeting.....    | Conference Room |
| 7pm.....      | Troop 6 Leaders ..... | Lower Level     |

### Tuesday, March 17

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

### Wednesday, March 18

|              |                               |                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5:15pm ..... | Soup Supper.....              | Fellowship Hall     |
| 5:15pm ..... | Music/Worship Committee ..... | Library             |
| 6pm.....     | Confirmation .....            | Youth Room/Chapel   |
| 7pm.....     | Men's Basketball.....         | Ministry Center Gym |
| 7pm.....     | Lenten Service .....          | Chapel              |
| 7:30pm ..... | Youth Group .....             | Chapel              |

### Thursday, March 19

|              |                                |                 |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 6pm.....     | Bell Choir .....               | Balcony         |
| 6:30pm ..... | Boy Scout Troop 6 .....        | Gym/Vlahn Room  |
| 7pm.....     | Festival Choir.....            | Sanctuary       |
| 7:30pm ..... | BSA – Order of the Arrow ..... | Fellowship Hall |

### Friday, March 20

### Saturday, March 21

|             |                       |                     |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 7:30am..... | Men's Basketball..... | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am .....   | Altar Guild .....     | Fellowship Hall     |
| 10am .....  | Al-Anon.....          | Library             |
| 10am.....   | Al-Ateen .....        | Lower Level         |
| 6pm.....    | Movie Night.....      | Fellowship Hall     |
| 8pm.....    | AA .....              | Fellowship Hall     |

### Sunday, March 22

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