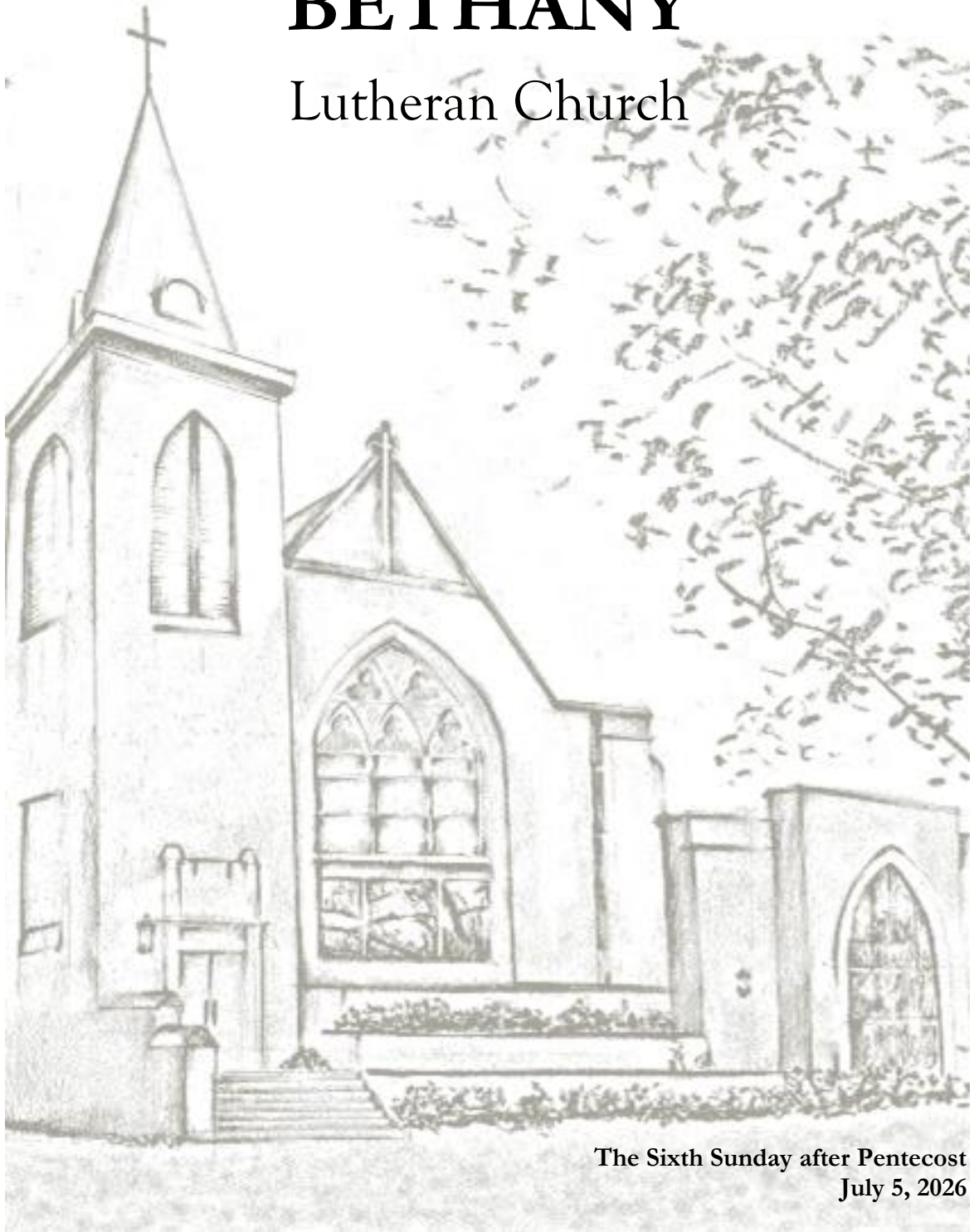


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 5, 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 baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

## **As We Gather:**

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

*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 +

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

**PRELUDE:** Settings of National Songs Charles Ore, David Schack, A.F. Schulz,  
Mary McDonald

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

### INVOCATION AND GATHERING LITURGY

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

C **Amen.**

L A land acknowledgment is a traditional custom in many Native communities and nations to show respect to the people of the land since time immemorial. The importance of land acknowledgments for non-indigenous individuals and communities relies on the recognition of their relationship to the original inhabitants of a location and its land. Furthermore, it is a way to show respect and gratitude to the traditional stewards of a specific location.

P As we begin worship today, we take a moment to recognize and remember the Native brothers and sisters who are the first peoples of these lands. The Potawatomi people inhabited this area for several centuries. We honor their presence here, and thank God for their work, play, and stewardship of this land in the past. Most of all, we pray for our Potawatomi brothers and sisters today.

P Creator God, we thank you for the diversity of us, your children, in the world...both past and present. We especially remember before you today the Potawatomi people who inhabited these lands before us.

C **We recognize the stewardship and blessing of those who cared for these lands we now inhabit.**

P Forgive us, those of us who are immigrants to and settlers in this country, for so often forgetting that we are guests of the First Nations people of North America.

C **Please help us to live on these lands with respect.**

P We pray for the Potawatomi people today.

C **Creator, hear our prayers.**

- P May they have unity in their tribe.  
 C **Creator, hear our prayers.**  
 P May their remaining sacred lands be honored and protected.  
 C **Creator, hear our prayers.**  
 P May you bless their efforts to revitalize their language and their culture.  
 C **Creator, hear our prayers.**  
 P May we and all the people who live in and visit these lands remember that we are always guests to You, O Lord, and to those who have come before us.  
 C **Creator, hear our prayers.**  
 P May all the Potawatomi people experience Your grace and love.  
 C **Creator, hear our prayers.**  
 C **O Lord, Creator of every tribe, nation and tongue, may you richly bless the Potawatomi people, and all the First Nations peoples of North America. Amen.**

*We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.*

**GATHERING HYMN:** This Is My Song

**ELW #887**



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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### 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.**

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Salvation Belongs to Our God**

**ELW p.219**

**☐ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.**

**☐ Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;**

**just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.**

**Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?**



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☩ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All



na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,



for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.



☩ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

*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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.

You have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you,

know you, and serve you,

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: Zechariah 9:9–12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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 7:15–25a**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

<sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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



**☩** Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

*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:** Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

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

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup>We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes,

Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

<sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**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**

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska  
Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

*We stand.*

*The Hymn of the Day follows the sermon because it is to amplify the themes of the readings and sermon.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 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-<sup>3</sup>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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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></li></ol> |
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Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844  
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*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” The Apostles’ Creed expresses biblical doctrines that have been articulated, defended, and embraced as central to the Christian faith for nearly two thousand years of church history.*

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L God our freedom, you teach us the value of peace over tyranny. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, guide us to be good stewards of our gifts, sharing with all people and working toward peace and abundance for future generations of the entire human family. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

- L God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need. God of grace,  
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all will know your liberation. God of grace,  
 C **hear our prayer.**
- L God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace,  
 C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
 Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
 C **Amen.**

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

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**+ MEAL +**

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

**OFFERING MUSIC:** Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

David Cherwien

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

- P Let us pray. Merciful God,  
 C **As grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

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

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

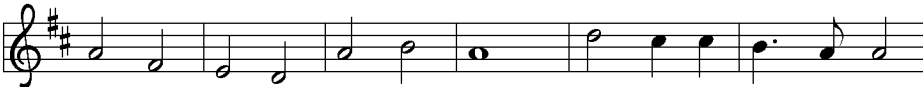
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.


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

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places  
offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.  
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

*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.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
shall not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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 now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

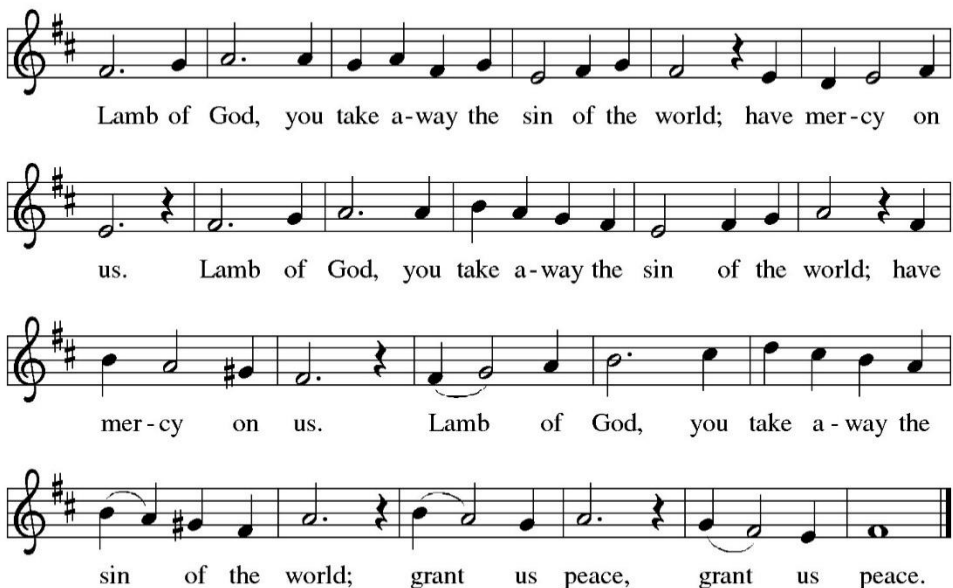
C **Thanks be to God.**

P All are welcome at the 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, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

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

# MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

ELW #608

(Stanza 1 sung by the soloist; congregation joins for 2 and 3)



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909

Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rowsshare?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

*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. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, 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 now and forevermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

ELW #888



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

**DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** National Anthem

Arr. Mary McDonald

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Grace Rusev, Worship Leader  
Mark Waldron, Organist  
Debbie Garrison, Reader  
Ann Holch, Jackie Page, Altar Guild  
Evan Piccony, Maddie Minuth, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Bill Dreymler, Ushers  
Grace Rusev, Ruth Beck, Comm Asst's  
Ed Schalk, Soloist

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**Vision:** We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

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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:**

**Diane Land, John & Sandi Wilcox, Dorothy Thorsen, Sandy & Dale Christianson, Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Lura Dreymler, David Furholman, Diane Garland, Mike & Deb Hruby, 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:**

Shyla Carbone	Prairie Pointe Assisted Living, Sugar Grove
Shirley Grant	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Marie Holtz	Michaelson Health Center, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
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>Robin Dunaway</b>	<b>Daughter of Dottie White</b>
<b>Karen Wake</b>	<b>Friend of Sandy Nash</b>
<b>Hodorewski Family</b>	<b>Family of Chris (Mia) Rusev</b>
<b>JoAnn Pedersen</b>	<b>Sister-in-Law of Sue DeLong</b>
<b>Tim Moyers</b>	<b>Friend of Debbie Garrison</b>
Sherrri Jeffers	Friend of Bethany
Autumn Whitwell	Friend of the Lumsden Family
David Seagren	Son of Mal Seagren
Thomas Hellman & Family	Friend of Julie Howard
Doug Pedersen	Brother of Sue DeLong
Christine Kliebhan	Niece of Jackie Page
Richard Gorlewski	Son of Kathi & Bob Gorlewski
Nora & Family	Granddaughter of John & Karol Clark
George	Friend of John & Karol Clark
Nancy	Friend of John & Karol Clark
Pastor Steve Srock	
Orion Johnson & Family	Great Nephew of Val Schalk
Leslie Jordain	Friend of Lynn Dreymler
Fred Boehm	Brother of Doug Boehm
Alex Greiff	Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Madalyn	Friend of Bill Keele

Tony & Teri Prokes  
Fox River Community Peace Movement  
Ann Bellair  
Audrey Trotier  
Phillip Snider  
Anatra Family  
Janice Smith  
Sally Adrian  
Rich  
Floyd Anderson  
Gayna  
Linda Meling  
Phyllis, KC and Ben Johnsen  
Christy Ainsworth  
Kathy Novy  
Ann Sager  
Veronica Herbst  
Gina  
Michael Roberts  
Kate and Family  
Mick  
Jan  
Andrea  
Laurie Lombardo  
Mary Ellen Wolmer  
Phil Steadman  
Bruce Rusev  
Cindy Smith  
Andrea Young  
John Guidarelli  
Nancy Bouloukos  
Rich White  
Kathy Wilson  
Lilly  
Rocci  
Susan P.  
Helen Reyes  
Jacki Ortegel  
Sofie  
Terri Wells  
Rosi  
Jim Martin  
Lili  
Carl C.  
Marcia McDugle

Sister & Brother-in-law of Sue (Bob) Novy  
Friend of Tara Shannon  
Sister of John (Marilyn) Cornwell  
Brother of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler  
Friends of Pastor Jeff  
Sister of Paulette Smigo  
Friend of Ann (Fred) Holch  
Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash  
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  
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  
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  
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Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
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

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Tracy Clark  
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Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk  
Parents of Suzanne Grashorn  
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Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Sister of Tara Shannon  
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch  
Friend of Ann Holch  
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Friend of Linda Sullivan  
Friend of Luke & Diane Land  
Daughter of Ann Holch  
Son of Aaron Anderson

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:**

**Luke Land**

**Dave Page**

**Andy Hodorewski**

**Heather**

**Brother-in-Law of Jackie Page**

**Brother-in-Law of Chris (Mia) Rusev**

**Friend of Dee & Tom Schuman**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, July 5

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

### Monday, July 6

### Tuesday, July 7

9am ..... Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry ..... Fellowship Hall  
10am ..... Property Committee..... Conference Room  
6:30pm..... Girls BSA Troop 606 ..... Vlahn Room/Gym

### Wednesday, July 8

10am ..... Senior Advocacy Meeting..... Library  
11:30am..... Marketing Meeting..... Conference Room  
7pm..... Men's Basketball ..... Ministry Center Gym

### Thursday, July 9

6:30pm..... Boy Scout Troop 6 ..... Gym/Vlahn Room

### Friday, July 10

9:45am ..... Food Pantry Serving..... Batavia Food Pantry  
10am ..... Memorial – Diane Ekstam ..... Sanctuary

### Saturday, July 11

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

### Sunday, July 12

9am ..... Worship..... Sanctuary  
10am ..... Coffee Hour ..... Fellowship Hall  
12:30pm..... Eagle Scout Troop 6 ..... Fellowship Hall  
Court of Honor