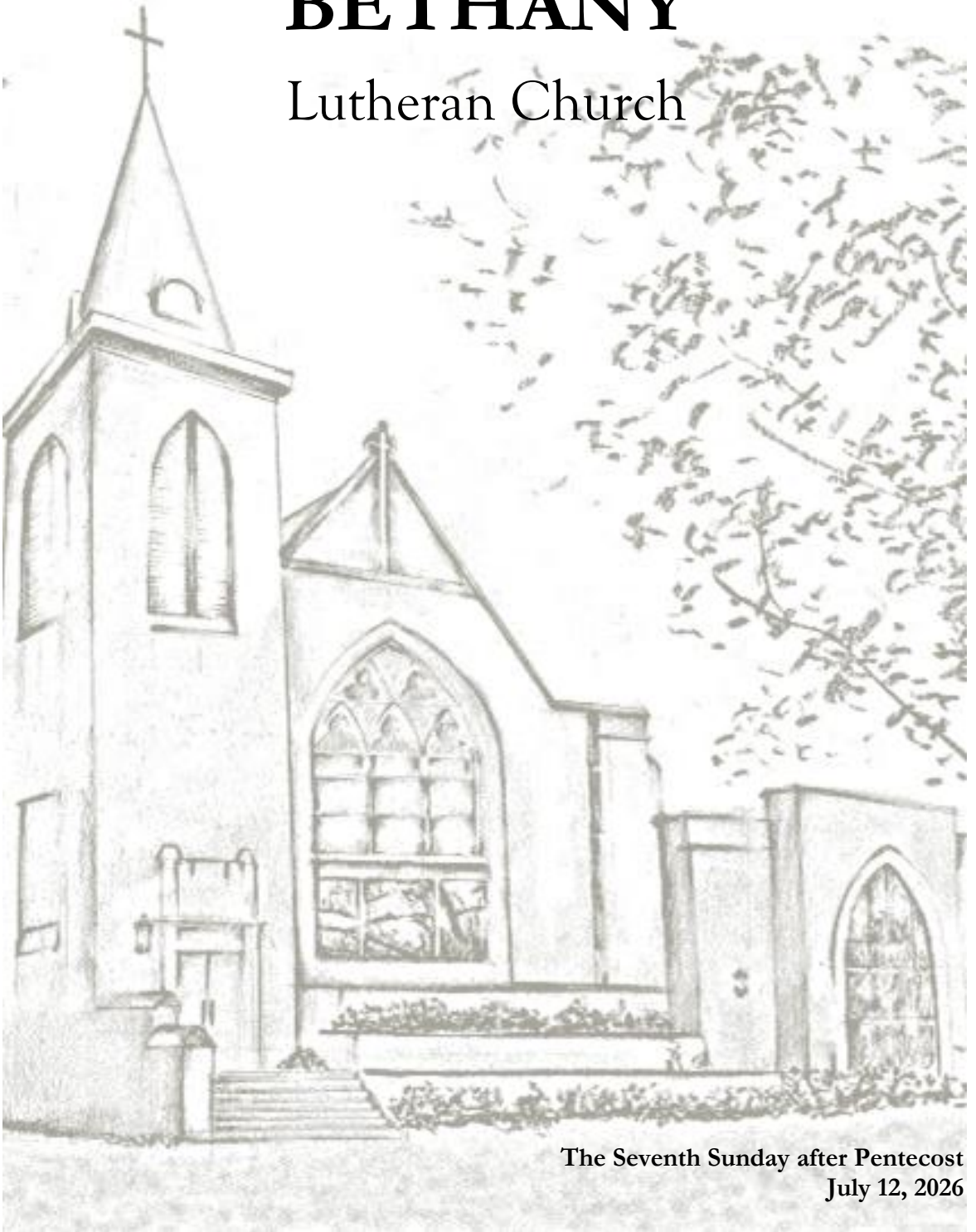


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 12, 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.

## **Altar Flowers**

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Norma Pieratt in remembrance of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## **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:**

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

*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:** O God, My Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

#### INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

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

**GATHERING HYMN:** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

**ELW #533**



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- 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.**

## 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.

Almighty God,

we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word.

By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy,

live according to it,

and grow in faith and hope and love,

through 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: Isaiah 55:10–13**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy,

and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,

for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:1–11**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law — indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

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

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 13:1–9, 18–23

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

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

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!"

<sup>18</sup>Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is

what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 13:1–9, 18–23

*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: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

ELW #516



- 1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.  
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.  
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.  
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.

Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

*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 gardener, you scatter grace like seed across the world. Continue to cultivate the garden of your church with your abundant Spirit. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our joy, your bountiful creation reflects your commitment to life despite our actions disregarding its wonder. We look toward Isaiah’s vision, when all creation rejoices, and the trees will clap for joy at your salvation. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our life, you give us the same Spirit by which you raised Christ from the dead. Set our minds on that Spirit whenever fear or condemnation overwhelm throughout the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our host and table, we pray for children who hunger and rely on school meals, for all who toil under the hot sun without refreshment, for the chronically ill who have exhausted their resources, and for local concerns. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our source, tend this assembly with your grace throughout this summer season. May those who travel for work or recreation do so safely, and may visitors find refreshment among us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L We give you thanks that the roots of your goodness run deep throughout history. We remember those saints who have gone before us in faith. 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:** Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

Paul Manz

*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  
should 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, Lord Jesus.**

*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.

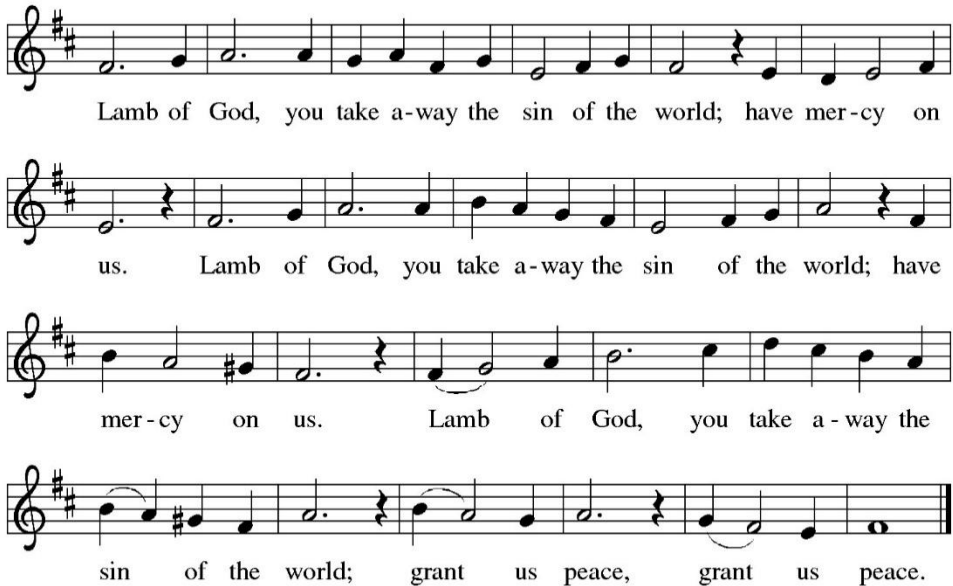
C **Thanks be to God.**

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: We Place Upon Your Table, Lord

ELW #467



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by  
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and  
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly  
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and  
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.  
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.  
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884–1944, alt.

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

*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.**

### **COMMISSIONING OF VBS LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

*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.**



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

H.F. Micheelsen

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Laurel Doman, Worship Leader  
Todd Carrico, Organist  
Ann Holch, Reader  
Todd Toles, Ben Toles, A/V  
Becky Klitzkie, Carol Thomassen, Altar Guild  
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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:**

**Judy Henschler, Charley Andersen, Diane Land, John & Sandi Wilcox, Sandy & Dale Christianson, Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Lura Dreymiller, 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	Ethan Skibins
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### **Please pray for our family and friends:**

#### **Rotolo Middle School Students & Families**

**Pam Eckrad**

**Friend of Diane Schalk**

**Peggy Lentz**

Robin Dunaway

Daughter of Dottie White

Karen Wake

Friend of Sandy Nash

Hodorewski Family

Family of Chris (Mia) Rusev

JoAnn Pedersen

Sister-in-Law of Sue DeLong

Tim Moyers

Friend of Debbie Garrison

Sherry 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 Dreymiller

Fred Boehm

Brother of Doug Boehm

Alex Greiff  
Madalyn  
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

Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska  
Friend of Bill Keele  
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  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
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

Carl C.  
Marcia McDugle  
Vicki Johnson  
Bonnie & Jim Hines  
Kristen Benakis  
Marilyn  
Tracy Clark  
Loda George Ricker  
Rick Gaston  
Damon Schultz  
Sue S.  
Nicole  
Chris Sidler  
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 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  
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:**

**Kate**  
**Dorothy Thorsen**  
**Kevin Taylor**  
**Luke Land**  
Dave Page  
Andy Hodorewski  
Heather

**Rotolo Middle School Student**  
**Husband of Niece to Dee (Tom) Schuman**  
Brother-in-Law of Jackie Page  
Brother-in-Law of Chris (Mia) Rusev  
Friend of Dee & Tom Schuman

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, July 12

9am .....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am .....	Coffee Hour .....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am .....	Constitution Forum.....	Lower Level
10:30am .....	VBS Volunteer Meeting	
12:30pm.....	Eagle Scout Troop 6 .....	Fellowship Hall
	Court of Honor	

### Monday, July 13

VBS WEEK – Day 1 of 5

12:30pm.....	Staff Meeting .....	Conference Room
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### Tuesday, July 14

VBS WEEK – Day 2 of 5

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

### Wednesday, July 15

VBS WEEK – Day 3 of 5

7pm.....	Men’s Basketball .....	Ministry Center Gym
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### Thursday, July 16

VBS WEEK – Day 4 of 5

6:30pm.....	Boy Scout Troop 6 .....	Gym/Vlahn Room
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### Friday, July 17

VBS WEEK – Day 5 of 5

### Saturday, July 18

7:30am .....	Men’s Basketball .....	Ministry Center Gym
9am .....	Memorial & Visitation – Luke Land	Sanctuary
10am .....	Al-Anon .....	Library
10am .....	Al-Ateen.....	Lower Level
8pm.....	AA.....	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, July 19

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