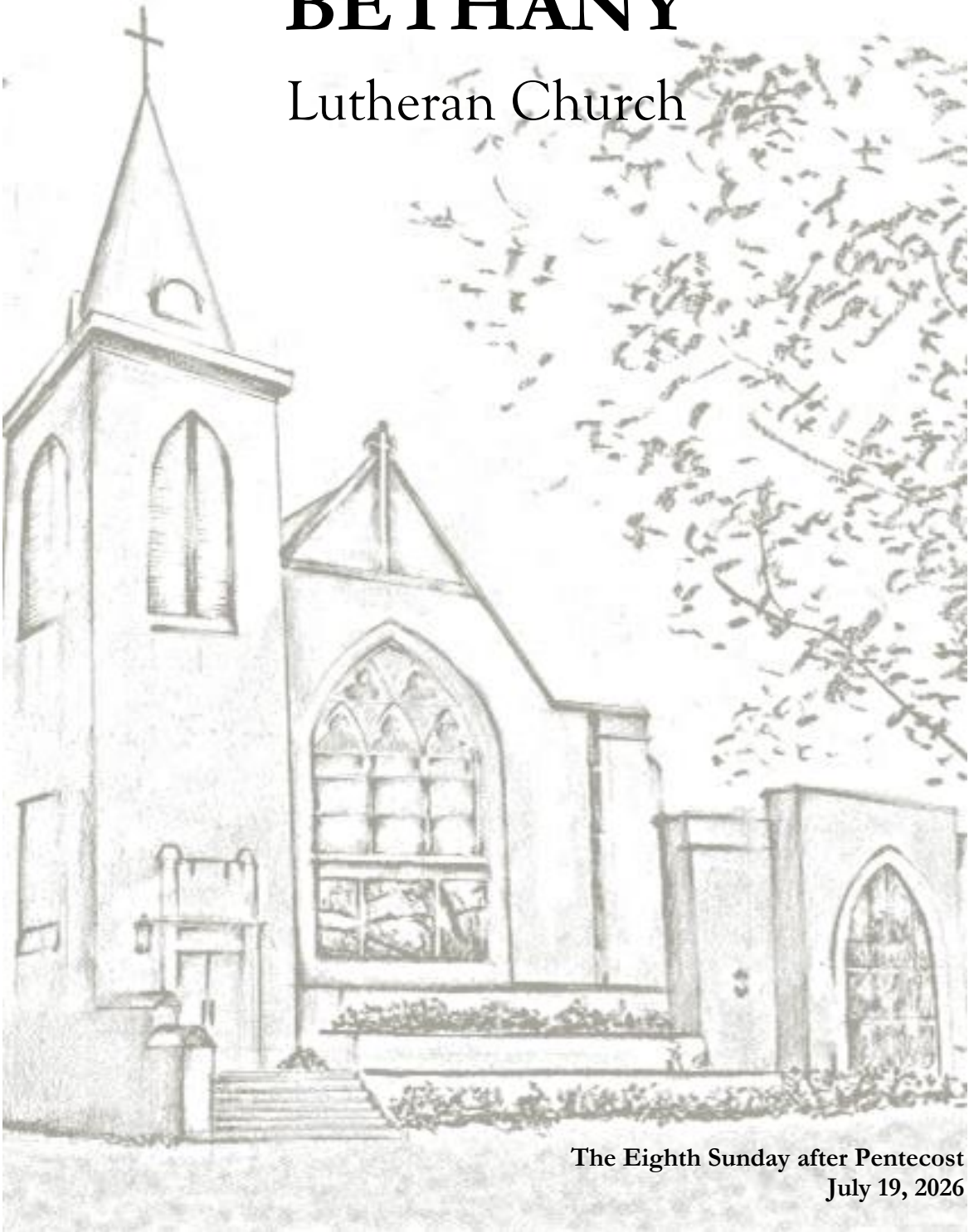


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 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. 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:

We may be tempted to scurry away from Matthew's continued revelation of God's judgment in a vain effort to save ourselves from impending doom. But all too often we confuse judgement with punishment. They are quite different. Jesus reveals that the God for whom we long in the midst of the world's – and our – sin and brokenness is a faithful God, a loving God, and a powerful God who holds true to the divine promise. The God of judgement is the very same God of grace. And in spite of all our fears and sins, this God loves us. This God saves from punishment.

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.

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.

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

Brent Edstrom

We stand.

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.

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1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in

work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -

O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your

giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

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

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



① 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.



II 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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge,
you care for your children with firmness and compassion.
By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom,
that we may be rooted in the way of 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: Isaiah 44:6–8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
8Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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 8:12–25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved.

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Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

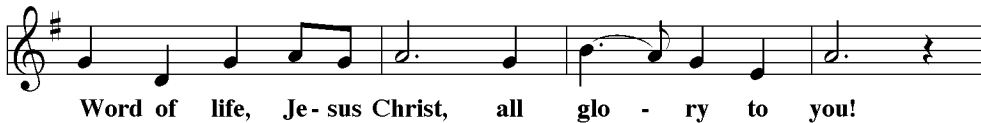
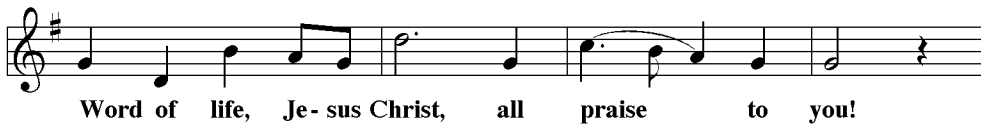
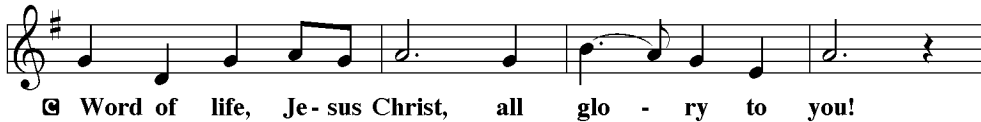
L Word of God, word of life.

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



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 13:24–30, 36–43

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

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

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore

grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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 13:24–30, 36–43

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, Ye Thankful People, Come

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- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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 source, protect your church from those who sow weeds among the wheat. Where we trade grace for judgment, restore us, and where we get lost among the complexities of life, guide us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our creator, sustain creation in places not easily seen; the depths of oceans, microscopic plants and animals, galaxies beyond our own. May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence. 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: Praise and Thanksgiving

Arr. David Christiansen

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.

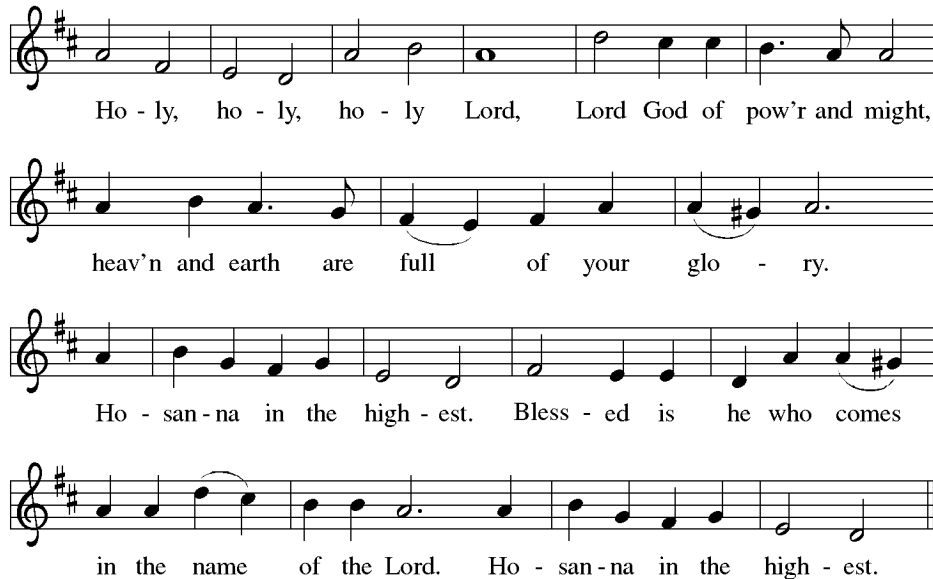
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, 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.

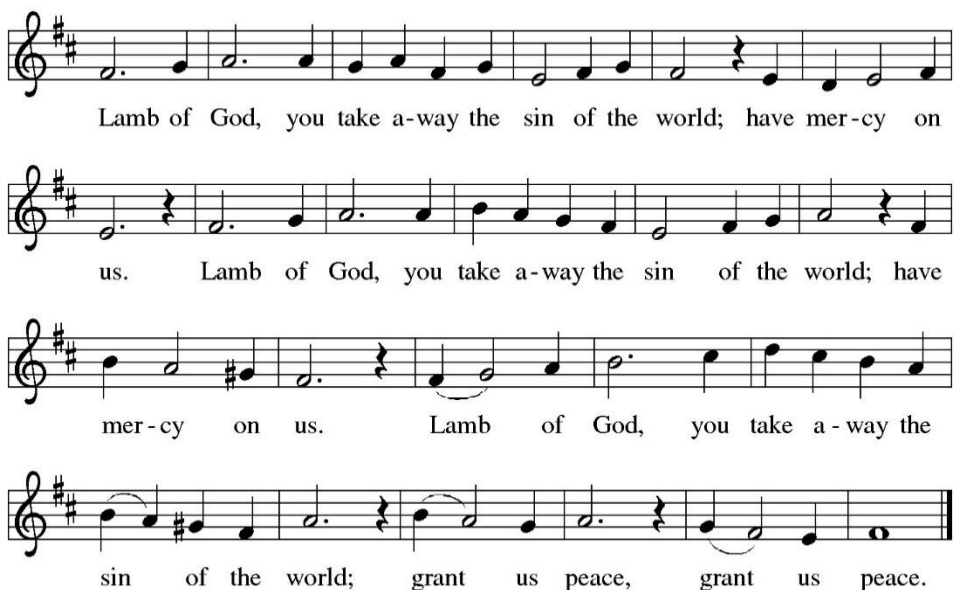
C Thanks be to God.

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.

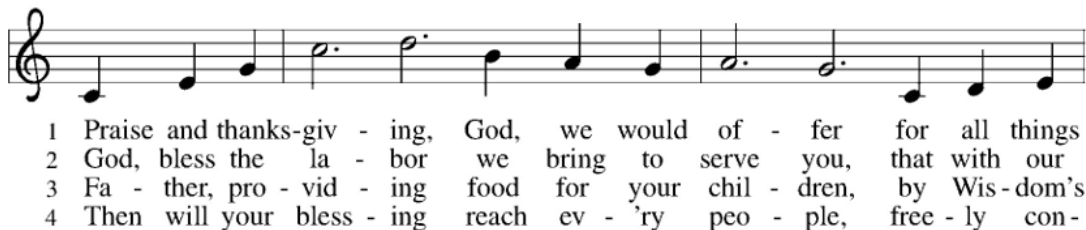
COMMUNION

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: Praise and Thanksgiving

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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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HYMN: Sing to the Lord of Harvest

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1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
 the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
 the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN, Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613

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.**



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: To God The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Arr. Gunther Martin Goettsche

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David Christiansen, Organist
Ann Holch, Reader
Dale Howard, Gail Mikyska, A/V
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Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

Mission: Called and Empowered by God's grace in Jesus Christ, we Worship God, Grow in Faith, and Reach Out to others.

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

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LET US PRAY...

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

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

Peg Wagenknecht, Judy Henschler, Charley Andersen, Diane Land, John & Sandi Wilcox, 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	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

Sherri 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

Great Nephew of Val Schalk

Orion Johnson & Family

Friend of Lynn Dreymler

Leslie Jordain

Brother of Doug Boehm

Fred 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
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 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

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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

Rotolo Middle School Student

Dorothy Thorsen

Kevin Taylor

Husband of Niece to Dee (Tom) Schuman

Luke Land

Dave Page

Brother-in-Law of Jackie Page

Andy Hodorewski

Brother-in-Law of Chris (Mia) Rusev

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

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

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

7pm..... Men's Basketball Ministry Center Gym

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

Saturday, July 25

7:30am Men's Basketball Ministry Center Gym
8am Blood Drive Vlahn Room/Ministry Ctr
10am Al-Anon Library
10am Al-Ateen..... Lower Level
10am Visitation – D. Thorsen..... Sanctuary
11am Memorial Service – D. Thorsen Sanctuary
8pm..... AA..... Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 26

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