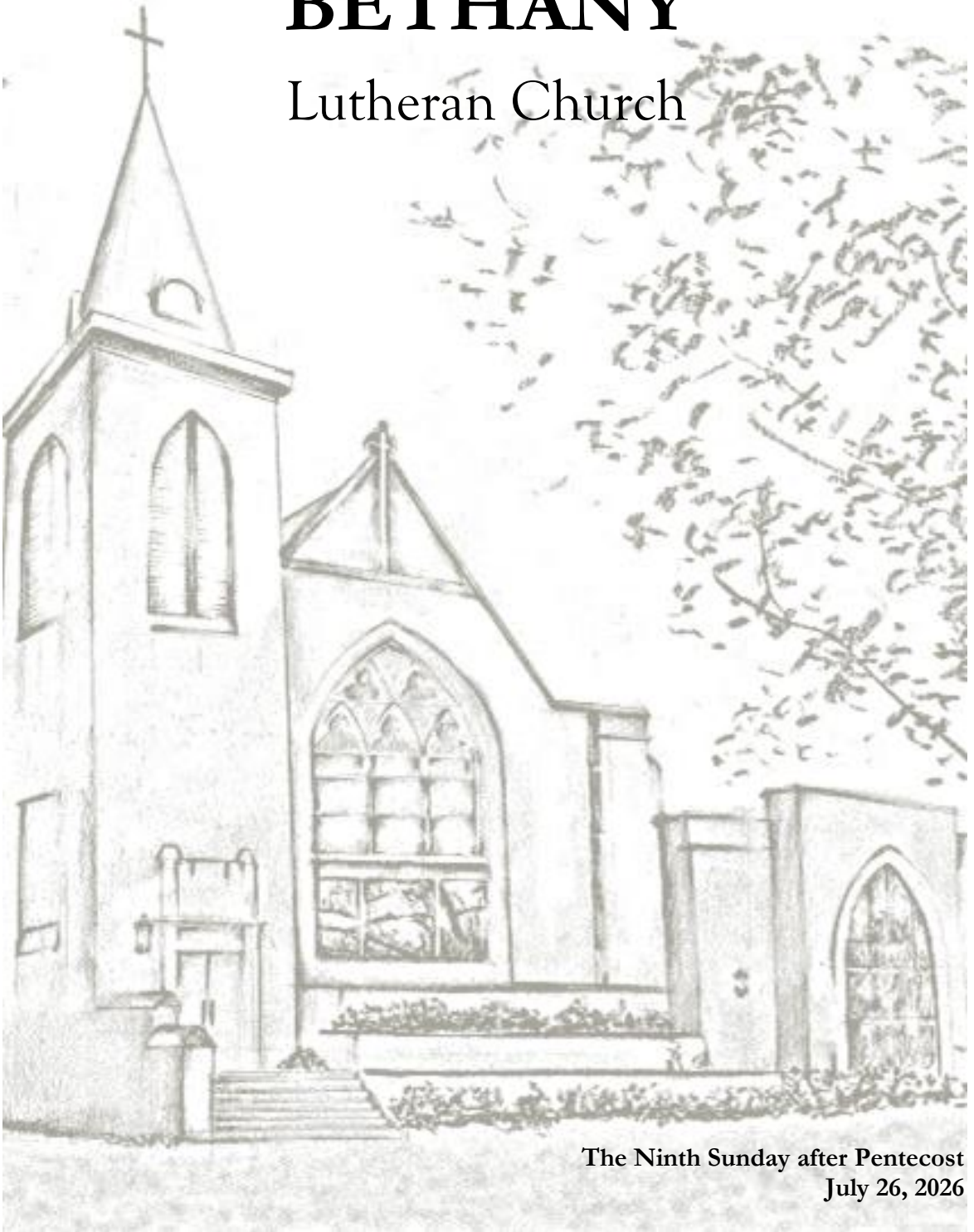


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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:

In the first reading the Lord appeared to King Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what I should give you." How many of us would ask for wisdom? Yet that was Solomon's request. He said, "Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people." From what we are told about Solomon up to this point I would have predicted he would ask for empire or wealth or long life. The text shows God's presence and God's call change a person. One commentator wrote, "As a ruler who more or less defined wisdom – most of the time – Solomon offers a precedent for a Messiah who would be Wisdom personified." In the Gospel reading Wisdom personified continues to impart God's wisdom in parables. Jesus began all five parables saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like...." Each parable sharpens our senses to eruptions of God's kingdom into our time. They give us the ears to hear and the eyes to see. Apparently the disciples became like Solomon. When Jesus finished the parables they claimed to understand all he had said.

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: Prelude in G
Fugue II from "A Triptych of Fugues"

Felix Mendelssohn
Gerald Near

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: Be Thou My Vision

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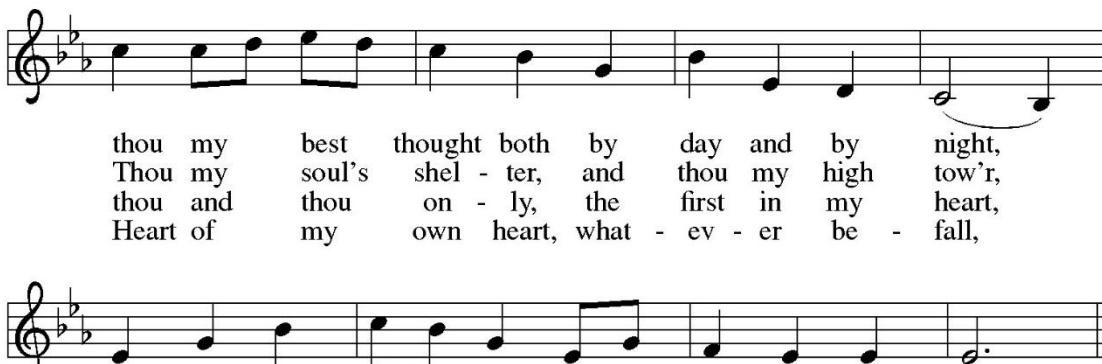


1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

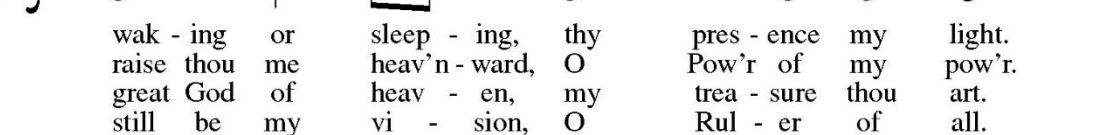


naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

(Hymn continues on the next page.)



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



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

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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.



☒ 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.

Beloved and sovereign God,
through the death and resurrection of your Son
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.
By your Spirit, give us your wisdom,
that we may treasure the life that comes from 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: 1 Kings 3:5–12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

¹⁰It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

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 8:26–39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

(Reading continues on the next page.)

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

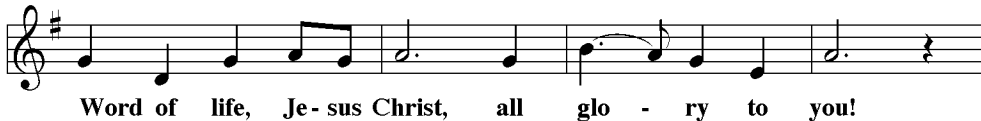
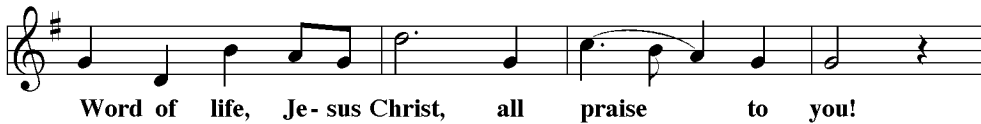
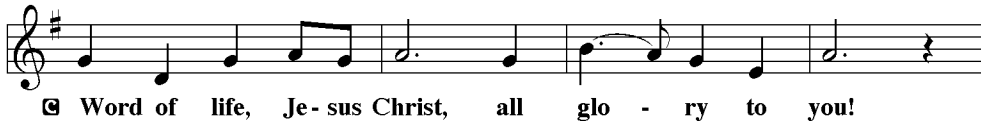
L Word of God, word of life.

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



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 13:31–33, 44–52

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 is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Have you understood all this? They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 13:31–33, 44–52

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: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

ELW #775



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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 wisdom and our song, we pray for bishops, candidacy committees, those preparing for seminary, those awaiting call as deacons or pastors, and all who seek to lead your disciples in any way. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our breath and our heartbeat, help us to recognize signs of your presence among us. Protect and support diverse ecosystems, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L God our peace and our guide, help civic leaders hear all their peoples’ stories with compassion and curiosity, and remind us of your love from which we can never be separated. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- L God our intercessor and our lawgiver, dismantle the barriers to care and recognition of all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- L God our redeemer, may we trust your love above and beyond all else that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- L God who seeks, finds, and saves, for our community's part in the ongoing gift of creation, and for the riches of faith and hope which came before, we give you thanks. 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: Holy, Holy, Holy

Arr. for Piano by Brent Edstrom

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.

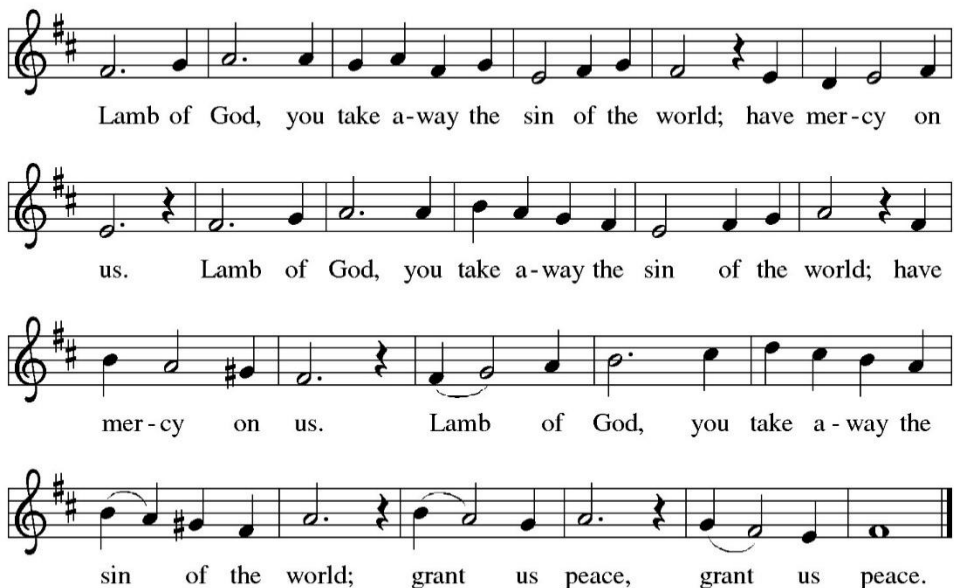
C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

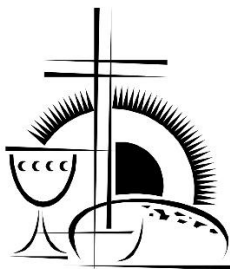
AGNUS DEI



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: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing; hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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1 Fa - ther, we thank you that you plant - ed your ho - ly name with -
 2 Watch o'er your church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,



in our hearts. Knowl-edge and faith and life im-mor-tal Je - sus your
 guard it still; per - fect it in your love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -



Son to us im - parts. Lord, you have made all for your plea - sure,
 formed un - to your will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,



and giv'n us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
 was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands your



bread e - ter - nal; yours is the pow'r, yours be the praise.
 church be gath - ered in - to your king - dom by your Son.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; para. F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.
 Music: RENDEZ À DIEU, attr. Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561
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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: God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

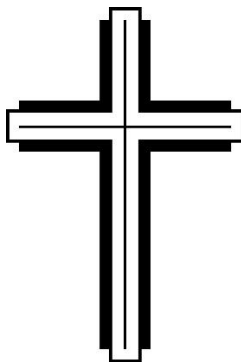
DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Processional in D

D.N. Johnson



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Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Lane Stahl, Worship Leader
David Christiansen, Organist
Sandy Nash, Reader
Ryan Pieratt, Ryan Grashorn, A/V
Sandy Nash, Ann Holch, Altar Guild
Jacob Harmon, Jackson Carter, Acolytes
Jon Habegger, Steve Deller, Ushers
Lane Stahl, Tara Shannon, Comm Asst's

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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.

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LET US PRAY...

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

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

Alex Concha, Peg Wagenknecht, Charley Andersen, Diane Land, John & Sandi Wilcox, Sandy Christianson, Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Lura Dreymler, David Furholman, Diane Garland, Judy Henschler, 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 Surdyski	Ethan Skibins
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Please pray for our family and friends:

Julianne Lusch

Pam Eckrad
Peggy Lentz
Robin Dunaway
Karen Wake
Hodorewski Family
JoAnn Pedersen
Tim Moyers
Sherri Jeffers
Autumn Whitwell
David Seagren
Thomas Hellman & Family
Doug Pedersen
Christine Kliebhan
Richard Gorlewski
Nora & Family
George
Nancy
Pastor Steve Srock
Orion Johnson & Family
Leslie Jordain
Fred Boehm

Sister of Norma Pieratt

Friend of Diane Schalk

Daughter of Dottie White
Friend of Sandy Nash
Family of Chris (Mia) Rusev
Sister-in-Law of Sue DeLong
Friend of Debbie Garrison
Friend of Bethany
Friend of the Lumsden Family
Son of Mal Seagren
Friend of Julie Howard
Brother of Sue DeLong
Niece of Jackie Page
Son of Kathi & Bob Gorlewski
Granddaughter of John & Karol Clark
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Friend of John & Karol Clark

Great Nephew of Val Schalk
Friend of Lynn Dreymler
Brother of Doug Boehm

Alex Greiff
Madalyn
Tony & Teri Prokes
Fox River Community Peace Movement
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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

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Bonnie & Jim Hines
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Marilyn
Tracy Clark
Loda George Ricker
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Damon Schultz
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Nicole
Chris Sidler
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Paul Mazen
Phil
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Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Bonnie
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Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Ed Stahl

Friend of Bethany Walking Group
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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:

Dale Christianson
Richard Von Qualen
Dorothy Thorsen

Brother of Virden Von Qualen

August Anniversaries

1	<i>Shawn & Melissa Davis</i>	19	<i>Mike & Katie Carter</i>
2	<i>Keith & Joan Clayton</i>	19	<i>Steve & Jonelle Mickelson</i>
4	<i>Kevin & Gayle Conolty</i>	23	<i>Ralph & Ruth Beck, Sr</i>
7	<i>John & Karol Clark</i>	24	<i>Jeremiah & Lyndsi Sauriol</i>
9	<i>Steve & Terri Brems</i>	25	<i>Mark & Sandy Larson</i>
10	<i>John & Marilyn Cornwell</i>	25	<i>Jim & Lisa Smigo</i>
14	<i>Dennis & Char Thomas</i>	31	<i>Brad & Beth Feller</i>

August Birthdays

1	<i>Andi Balloun</i>	11	<i>Madison Binkley</i>	19	<i>Joslyn Klitzkie</i>
1	<i>Ross Rohde</i>	11	<i>Christine Durbin</i>	20	<i>Connor Dahlman</i>
2	<i>Jack Carter</i>	11	<i>Jacob Harmon</i>	20	<i>Ann Holch</i>
2	<i>Nan Phillips</i>	12	<i>Morgan Hutchens</i>	20	<i>Diane Sommerfeld</i>
2	<i>Grace Rusev</i>	13	<i>Packey Burke</i>	22	<i>Fred Holch</i>
4	<i>Donn Scherer</i>	14	<i>Lorenzo D'Alessandro</i>	24	<i>John Stoffel</i>
6	<i>Mike Carter</i>	15	<i>Shirley Striedl</i>	25	<i>Jon Habegger</i>
6	<i>Bill Keele</i>	15	<i>Logan Trainor</i>	26	<i>Lisa Hodge</i>
6	<i>Matt Whitelaw</i>	16	<i>Brad Feller</i>	27	<i>Kelsey Buckley</i>
7	<i>Jake Feller</i>	17	<i>Aaron Anderson</i>	29	<i>Sandi Christianson</i>
7	<i>Deb Hunt</i>	17	<i>Margie Rohde</i>	31	<i>Allison Cooper</i>
7	<i>Steve Johnston</i>	18	<i>Karissa Niedzwiecki</i>	31	<i>Rev. Steve Ritter</i>
8	<i>John Cornwell</i>	19	<i>Doug Boehm</i>	31	<i>Owen Stahl</i>

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, July 26

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

Monday, July 27

12:30pm..... Staff Meeting Conference Room

Tuesday, July 28

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

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

5pm..... Community Supper Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Saturday, August 1

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

Sunday, August 2

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