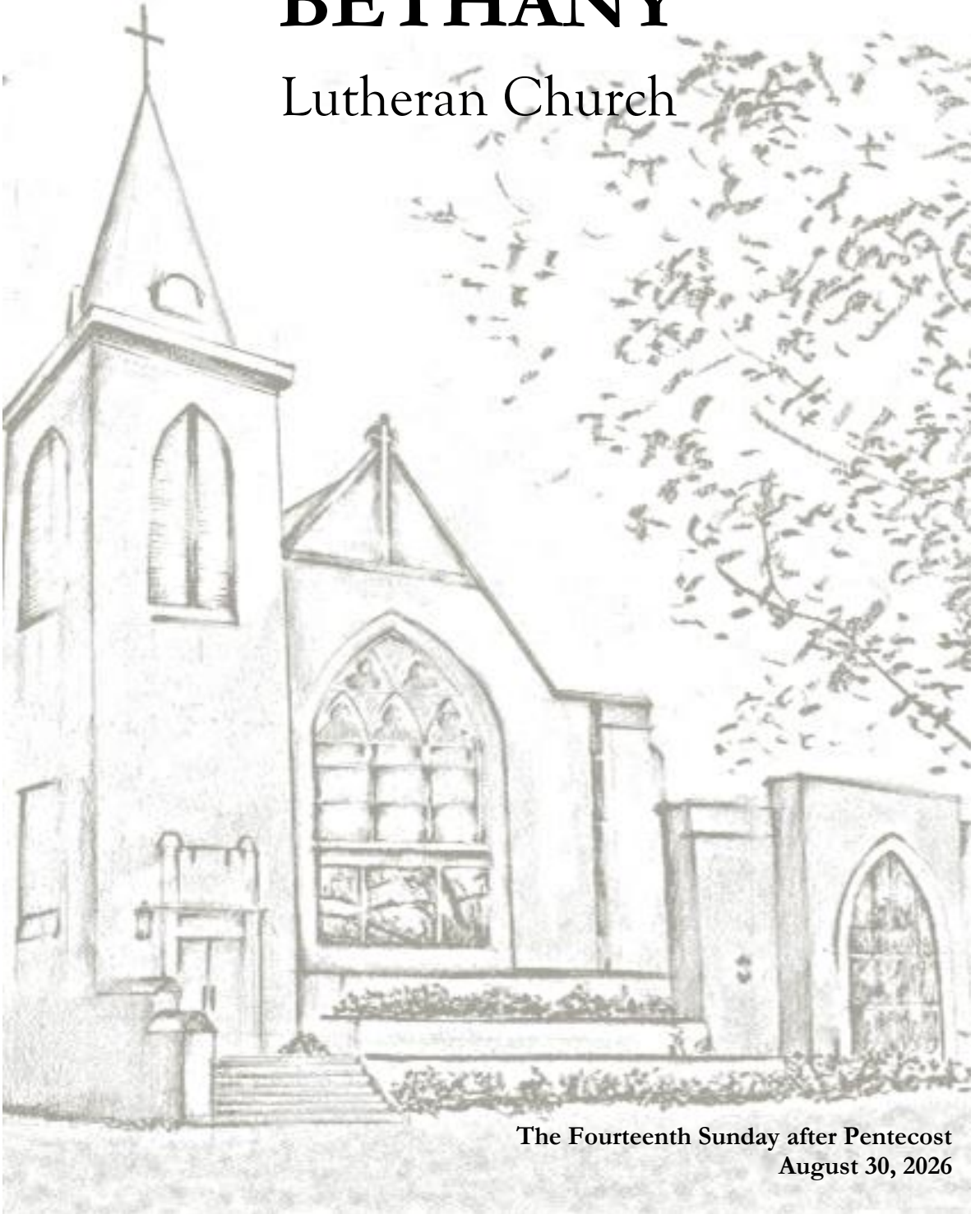


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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.

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Mary Helen Ekstam in memory of her mother and father, Fred and Diane Ekstam. They were married at Bethany 70 years ago on September 2, 1956.

Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host.

As We Gather:

You can do whatever you set your mind to!" It's a proclamation of encouragement from teachers, coaches, and motivational speakers. It's printed on inspirational posters hanging in classrooms and offices. And it's more true than we might even realize--in fact, it could be said, "You *will* do whatever you set your mind to." Our actions are so often directed by that which our minds are focused on. In the Gospel today, Jesus calls Peter out for having his mind set on human things rather than divine things. And truly, Jesus is calling us all out, as our minds consistently wander over to the human ways of sin instead of the divine way of Christ. In baptism, God has already calibrated our minds and our hearts to the way of the divine; in baptism, our minds are set for discipleship. Today Jesus' words of caution to Peter remind us: You will do whatever you set your mind to. So, let's live in the way of Jesus, the way of the divine. After all, our minds are already set on it.

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: Pastorale

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

Confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness prepares us to receive Christ in the proclamation of his Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Have mercy, O God,

C **against you, you alone, we have sinned.**

In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt.

Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.

**Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**

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

GATHERING HYMN: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW #802



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Salvation Belongs to Our God

ELW p.219



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

The prayer of the day, or collect, is appointed for each Sunday and “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for your Son,
who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of humble love,
and give us strength to follow your commands;
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: Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;
for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.
It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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 12:9–21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 16:21–28

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

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

From that time on [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah], Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the day's scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

Matthew 16:21–28

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, Still Lead On

ELW #624



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: SEELLENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

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 With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

L For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

L For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- L For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- L For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
- C **receive 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.**

+ MEAL +

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

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

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

OFFERING VOLUNTARY: Aria from "Goldberg Variations"

J.S. Bach

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,
- C **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.**
Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord, Amen.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

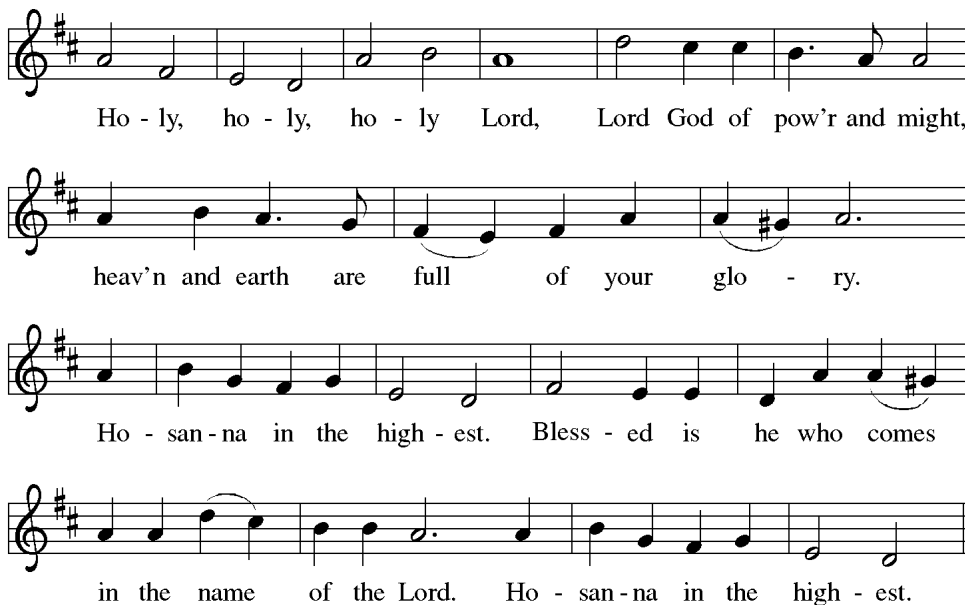
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right 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 constantly calls us and offers us reassurance.
Accordingly, we respond with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
in praising your name and joining 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 Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

ELW #656



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Follitt S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.

Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

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: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

ELW #799



1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spake, “all in my way a -
 2 “I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 “I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul’s sal -
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -



bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 va - tion; from ev - ’ry guile your heart I free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in



bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f’ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e’er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide.”
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low.”
 of the soul and lead you to your heav’n - ly goal.”
 bat - tle’s strain the crown of heav’n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.

Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: We All Believe in One True God

J.S. Bach

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LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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Kiera Piccony, Worship Leader
David Christiansen, Organist
Ann Holch, Reader
Todd Toles, Ben Toles, A/V
Norma Pieratt, Ann Holch, Altar Guild
Marissa Hunt, Leslie Grashorn, Acolytes
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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:

Tara Doman, Charley Andersen, Sandy Christianson, Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Lura Dreymler, David Furholman, Diane Garland, Mike & Deb Hruby, Diane Land, Jan Meling, Bob Novy, Dorothy Patzer, Maureen Scollen, Paulette Smigo, Shirley Striedl, Peg Wagenknecht, Richard White, Matt Whitelaw, John & Sandi Wilcox

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
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:

Jan	Sister of Sandra (Jeff) Nash
Mick	Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash
Linda & Jim	Sister and Brother-in-Law of Dee (Tom) Schuman
Ocampo Family & Friends	Daughter-in-Law of Tara Shannon
Nathan	Friend of Tom (Dee) Schuman
Myron	Cousin of Tom (Dee) Schuman
Kenzie	Friend of Diane Schalk's Daughter (Katie Robertson)
Joe	Friend of Bruce & Danise Simmons
Dennis	Friend of Bruce & Danise Simmons
Craig Mason	Friend of Julie Howard
McLaughlin Family	Friends of Julie Howard
Nancy Wicklund-Gill	Sister of Sandi Wilcox
Kelli	Granddaughter of Carole Benson
Julianne Lusch	Sister of Norma Pieratt
Pam Eckrad	Friend of Diane Schalk
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
 Richard Gorlewski
 Nora & Family
 George
 Nancy
 Pastor Steve Srock
 Orion Johnson & Family
 Leslie Jordain
 Fred Boehm
 Alex Greiff
 Madalyn
 Tony & Teri Prokes
 Fox River Community Peace Movement
 Ann Bellair
 Audrey Trotier
 Phillip Snider
 Anatra Family
 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
 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 Ortegell
 Sofie

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
 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
 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
 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

Terri Wells
Rosi
Jim Martin
Lili
Carl C.
Marcia McDugle
Vicki Johnson
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Kristen Benakis
Marilyn
Tracy Clark
Loda George Ricker
Rick Gaston
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Chris Sidler
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Paul Mazon
Phil
Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Bonnie
Carole W.
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Ed Stahl

Friend of Lynn Dreymler
Friend of Janice Reynolds
Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Bethany Walking Group
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Sister of Tara Shannon
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Friend of Ann Holch
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:
Marie Holtz



September Anniversaries

4	<i>Billy & Darlene Hutchens</i>	13	<i>Phil & Jordan Palmisano</i>
5	<i>Karl & Lisa Holzl, Jr.</i>	14	<i>Bill & Lynn Dreymler</i>
5	<i>Jeff & Sandy Nash</i>	16	<i>Pete & Deb Petges</i>
7	<i>Jerry & Marsha Schuster</i>	20	<i>Seth & Sara Habberfield</i>
9	<i>Bob & Sue Nory</i>	22	<i>Bill & Cheryl Pierson</i>
10	<i>Steve & Alice Deller</i>	27	<i>Ken & Judy Henschler</i>
10	<i>Joe & Sue Jarocki</i>	28	<i>Bill & Donna Dahlman</i>
12	<i>David Furholmen & Brigitte Winkler</i>		



September Birthdays

1	<i>Michael Goro</i>	15	<i>Bill Dreymler</i>
1	<i>Cheryl Pierson</i>	20	<i>Wendy McKiness</i>
2	<i>Kurt Grashorn</i>	20	<i>Bentley Palmisano</i>
2	<i>Dennis Schuett</i>	21	<i>Katie Clark</i>
3	<i>Victoria Zollers</i>	21	<i>Noah Fuller</i>
4	<i>Pam Foelske</i>	22	<i>David Morrison</i>
4	<i>Gretchen VanKempema</i>	23	<i>Benjamin Toles</i>
5	<i>Carrie Huebner</i>	24	<i>Julie Figura</i>
5	<i>Tori Kybartas</i>	25	<i>Maureen Scollon</i>
8	<i>Jen Lopez</i>	25	<i>Mary Von Qualen</i>
9	<i>Jaxton Heldman</i>	27	<i>Gail Mikyska</i>
9	<i>Tim West</i>	27	<i>Jackie Page</i>
10	<i>Gayle Conolty</i>	27	<i>Chris Sanchez</i>
10	<i>Eric Holzl</i>	27	<i>Margie Schuett</i>
12	<i>David Richard</i>	27	<i>Mark Waldron</i>
14	<i>Aidan Garrity</i>	28	<i>Kari McQuillan</i>
14	<i>Ashlyn Garrity</i>	29	<i>Iz Lopez, Jr</i>
14	<i>Reilly Garrity</i>	30	<i>Steve Brems</i>

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

Tuesday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

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

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

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

Sunday, September 6

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