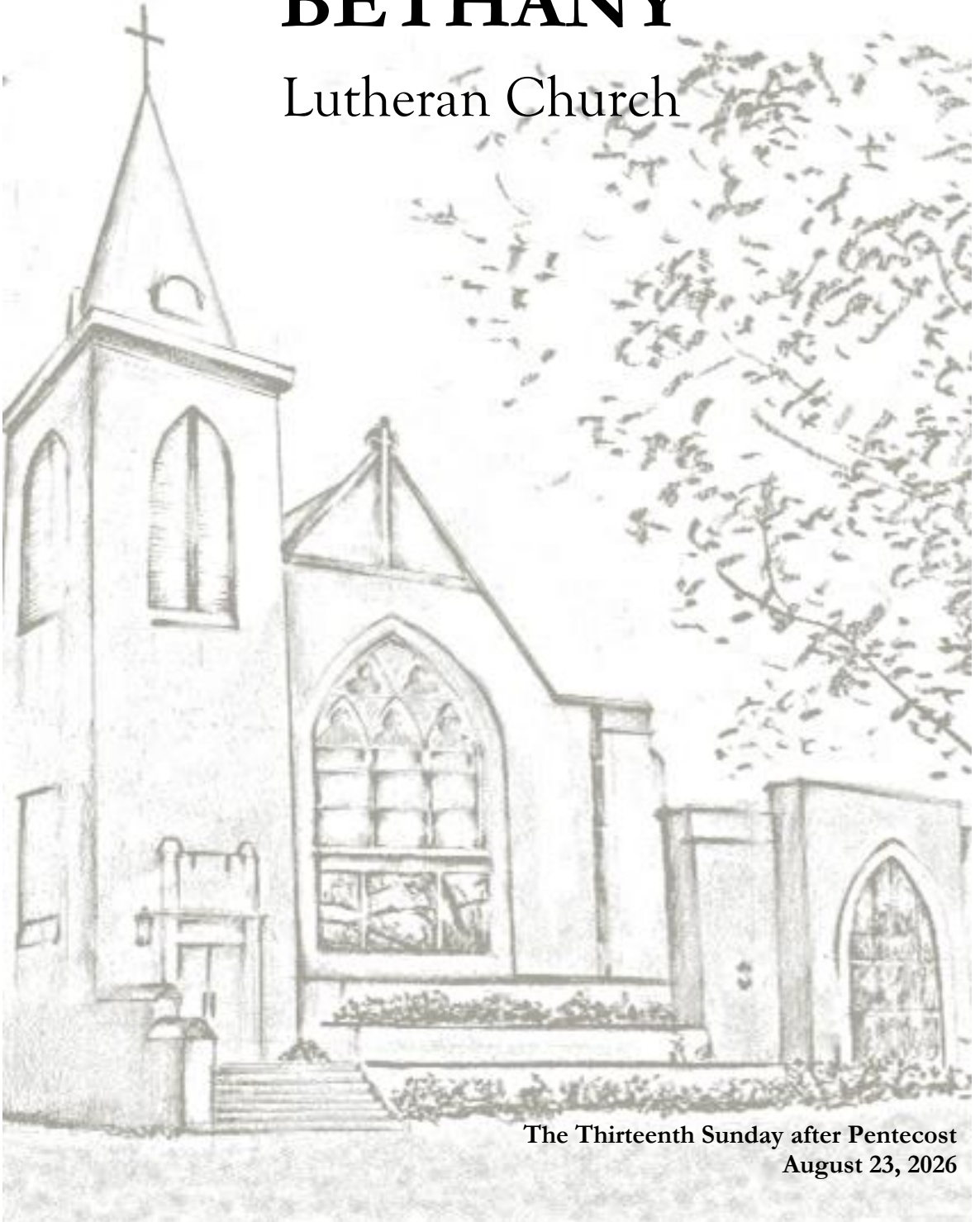


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 23, 2026

# WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Welcome**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at [www.bethanybatavia.org](http://www.bethanybatavia.org). Welcome!

## **Assistance in Worship**

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

## **Children's Resources**

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## **Nursery**

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

## **Cell Phones and Pagers**

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

## **Coffee Hour**

Thank you to the Lopez Family for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

## **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:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples by asking them who they think he is. Peter gives the correct answer, that Jesus is the Messiah. The reward for such an answer is authority that comes with great responsibility. The church will be built upon those who know Jesus, and they will have authority to both bind and loose on earth with the keys of the kingdom. That may seem like a great deal of power, but this power actually carries with it the responsibility of being the gatekeeper of Grace. And we must remember who Jesus is. He is the Messiah. The authority he hands out is based upon love, hope, empathy, and humility. The church is tasked with being the resurrected Body of Christ for the world. We are reflections of Christ himself.

*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, Fugue and Chaconne in C Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

### 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: We All Are One in Mission**

**ELW #576**



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life.  
Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly  
minister to all people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**+ 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 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden,  
her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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 12:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

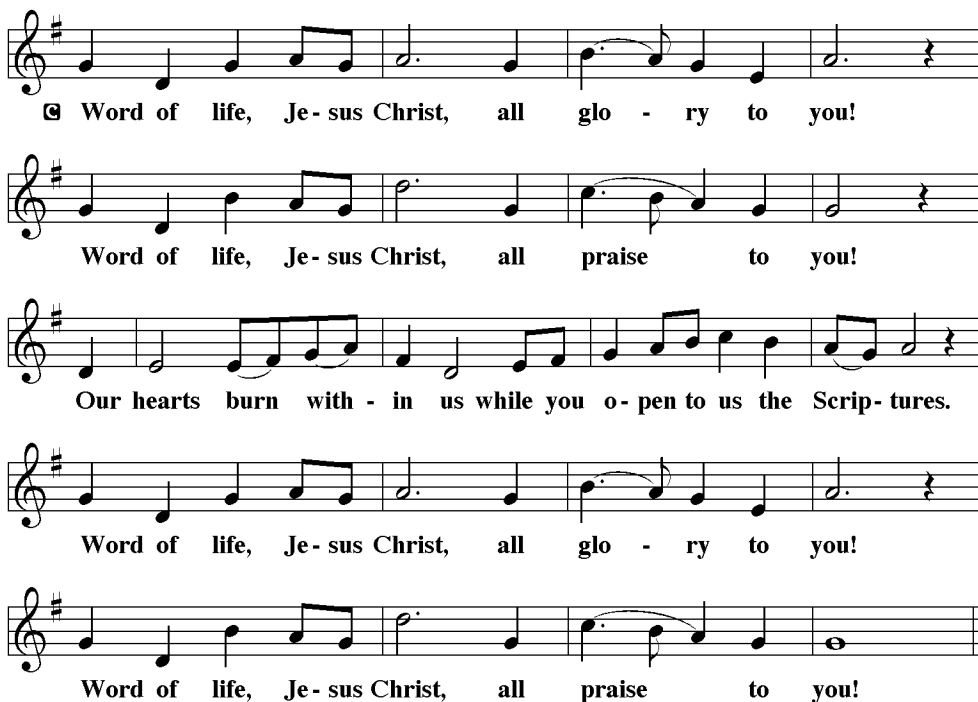
<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you

loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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 16:13-20

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY: Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW #645



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on’s  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

*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** God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**L** You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**L** You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

- L You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- L You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**
- L Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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 MUSIC:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Richard Proulx

*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 loves, celebrates, and grieves with us and who is ever aware of our needs.  
We are blessed to be his body in the world.  
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 Creating God and Loving Lord,  
the heavens and the earth reflect your majesty.  
The dawning of each new day brings with it the promise of new life.  
Every sunrise carries the hope of grace.  
Every summer rain calls forth new growth.  
Every sunset beckons peace into our world.  
Every night the stars and celestial bodies show off the brilliance of your artistic  
creativity.  
And every time we gather for this meal, the human family is brought together across all  
times and places.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,  
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

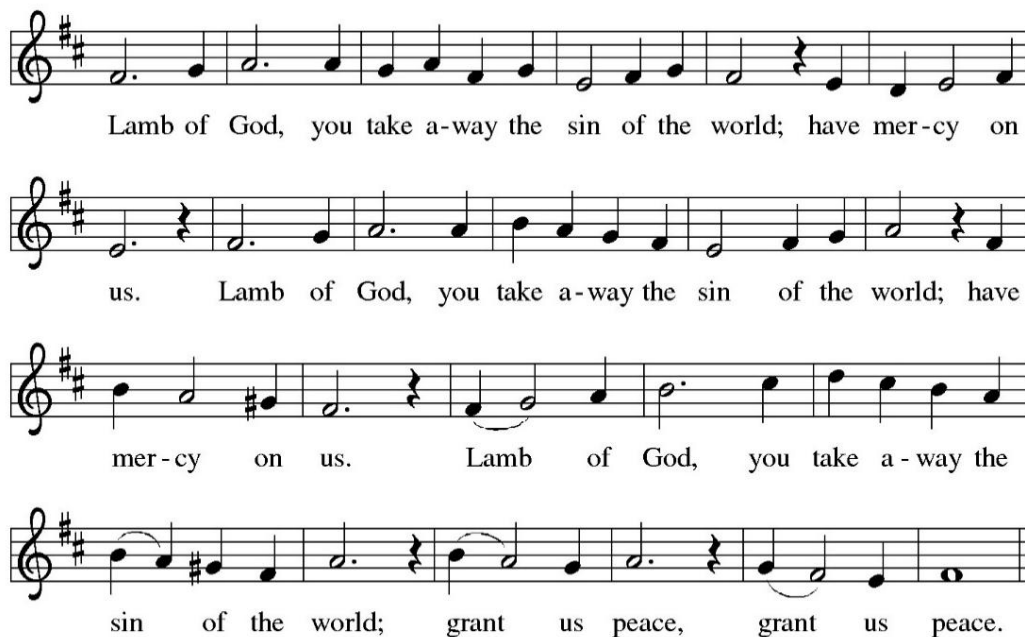
**C Thanks be to God.**

P All are welcome at the Lord's table. Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

*Echoing both John 1:29 and Revelation 5:6, this song addresses the risen Christ giving himself away at this table as the true Lamb.*

## 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: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 it shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 at thy feet its treasure store;  
 take myself, and I will be  
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

*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 The eternal Creator calls us.

The risen Savior sends us.

The dynamic Spirit empowers us.

Almighty God: Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forevermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: The Church’s One Foundation

ELW #654



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900  
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** The Church's One Foundation

Charles Ore

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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**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, Charley Andersen, Diane Land, John & Sandi Wilcox, Sandy Christianson,** Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Lura Dreymler, David Furholman, Diane Garland, Mike & Deb Hruby, Jan Meling, 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                   |
| 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:**

|                                    |                                                            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Linda &amp; Jim</b>             | <b>Sister and Brother-in-Law of Dee (Tom) Schuman</b>      |
| <b>Ocampo Family &amp; Friends</b> | <b>Daughter-in-Law of Tara Shannon</b>                     |
| <b>Nathan</b>                      | <b>Friend of Tom (Dee) Schuman</b>                         |
| <b>Myron</b>                       | <b>Cousin of Tom (Dee) Schuman</b>                         |
| <b>Kenzie</b>                      | <b>Friend of Diane Schalk's Daughter (Katie Robertson)</b> |
| <b>Joe</b>                         | <b>Friend of Bruce &amp; Danise Simmons</b>                |
| 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  
 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  
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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  
 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

Susan P.  
Helen Reyes  
Jacki Ortegell  
Sofie  
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Rosi  
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Lili  
Carl C.  
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Bonnie & Jim Hines  
Kristen Benakis  
Marilyn  
Tracy Clark  
Loda George Ricker  
Rick Gaston  
Damon Schultz  
Sue S.  
Nicole  
Chris Sidler  
Gretchen VanKempema  
Ryan Anderson  
Paul Mazen  
Phil  
Kathy Dee's Family  
Mary Jo Benstein's Family  
Bonnie  
Carole W.  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Ed Stahl

Friend of 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  
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**

**Nancy Brenski**

**Janice Smith**

**Friend of John & Karol Clark**

**Sister of Paulette Smigo**

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, August 23

9am ..... Worship ..... Sanctuary  
10am ..... Coffee Hour ..... Fellowship Hall  
2:30pm ..... Hesed House Preparation ..... Kitchen

### Monday, August 24

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

### Tuesday, August 25

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

### Wednesday, August 26

9am ..... Visitation – Marie Holtz  
10am ..... Memorial Service – Marie Holtz ..... Sanctuary  
11am ..... Memorial Luncheon ..... Fellowship Hall  
7pm ..... Council ..... Library  
7pm ..... Men’s Basketball ..... Ministry Center Gym

### Thursday, August 27

6:30pm ..... Boy Scout Troop 6 ..... Gym/Vlahn Room  
7pm ..... Viljan Lodge ..... Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

### Friday, August 28

5pm ..... Community Supper ..... Fellowship Hall/Kitchen  
6:30pm ..... Troop 6 Planning Meeting ..... Vlahn Room

### Saturday, August 29

7:30am ..... Men’s Basketball ..... Ministry Center Gym  
10am ..... Al-Anon ..... Library  
6pm ..... Movie Night ..... Fellowship Hall  
8pm ..... AA ..... Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, August 30

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