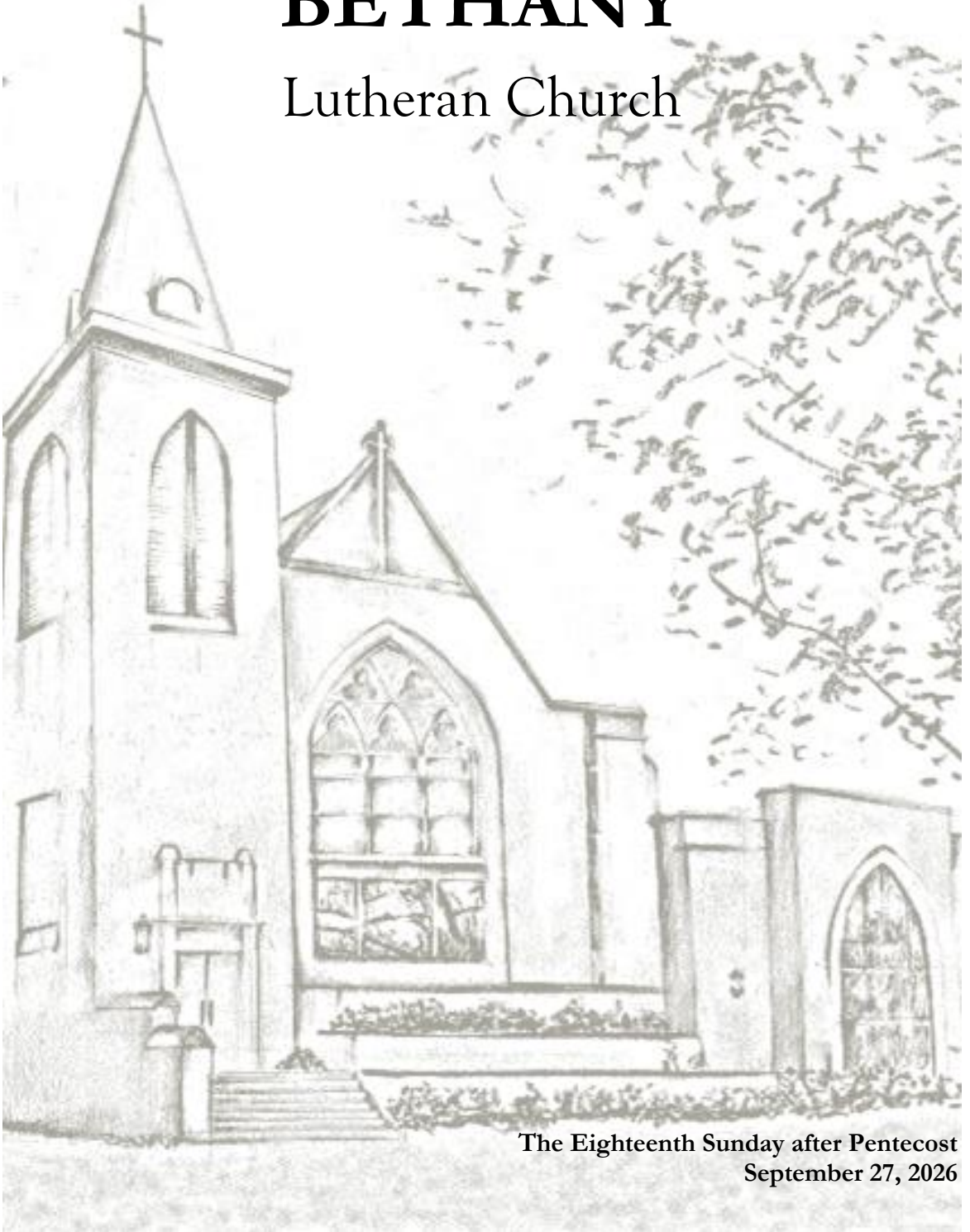


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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.

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration for the birthdays of Jackie Page, Margie Schuett, Gail Mikyska and Mark Waldron on September 27th and also from Ken and Judy Henschler in celebration of their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

Holy Communion

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

As We Gather:

What do you think? That's the question posed by Jesus in today's parable. Which of the two sons did the will of the father? The son who said he would work but didn't, or the son who said he wouldn't but did? In the end, the chief priests and the elders miss the point (again!). Neither son did the will of the father. And that's just the point. None of us have done the will of God our Father. It is not by our effort or attitude that we are saved. The only One who has fulfilled the Father's will is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the end, it is by faith in God's grace that we are saved. Thanks be to God for the Son who has emptied himself that we, in spite of ourselves, may be saved.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Lutheran Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red) – referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

+ GATHERING +

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

PRELUDE: O God, My Faithful God

Flor Peeters

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We stand.

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

ELW #557



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélemon, 1741–1808

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: This Is the Feast of Victory



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



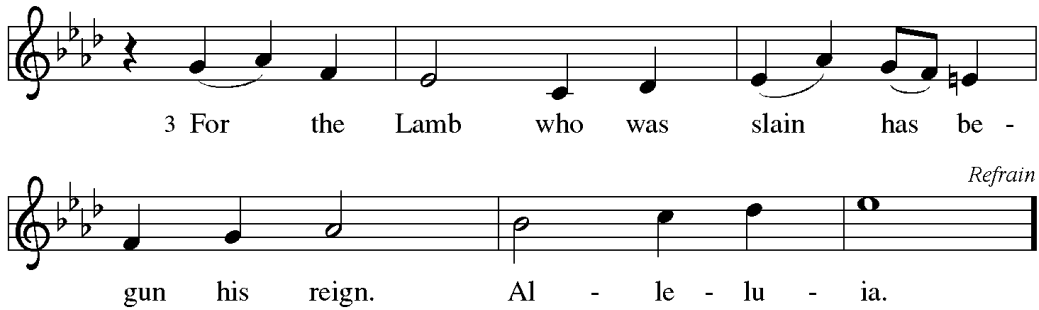
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and

Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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.

God of love, giver of life,
you know our frailties and failings.

Give us your grace to overcome them best as we can,
And bless us with strength to be mindful of your will for the world.

We pray 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: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall

surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The biblical book of Psalms is the hymnal of ancient Israel, many written for use in temple worship.

PSALM 25:1–9

David Catherwood

Teach me your ways, O Lord, and make them known to me.
Teach me to live in truth, your servant here to be.
I put my trust in you for days I cannot see.
Teach me your ways, O Lord, and make them known to me.

Teach me your will, O lord, and make it known to me.
Teach me to live in love, a friend to others be.
I put my trust in you for days I cannot see.
Teach me your will, O lord, and make it known to me.

Teach me your ways, O lord, and make them known to me.
Teach me to live in truth, your servant here to be.
I put my trust in you for days I cannot see.
Teach me your ways, O Lord, and make them known to me.

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: Philippians 2:1–13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,

(Reading continues on the next page.)

being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
 ⁸he humbled himself
 and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
 and gave him the name
 that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

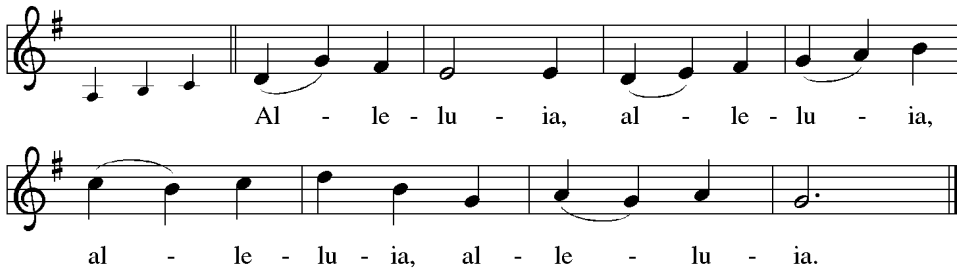
L Word of God, word of life.

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.”

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Choir: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C **Repeat Alleluia**

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 21:23–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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 21:23–32

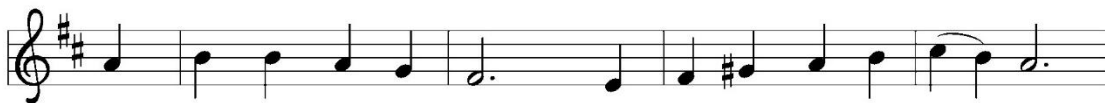
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O God, My Faithful God

ELW #806



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com-mand, my call-ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con-science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

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 Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

L Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- L Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**

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.

OFFERING MUSIC: What God Ordains Is Always Good Johann Gottfried Walther

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- L 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.

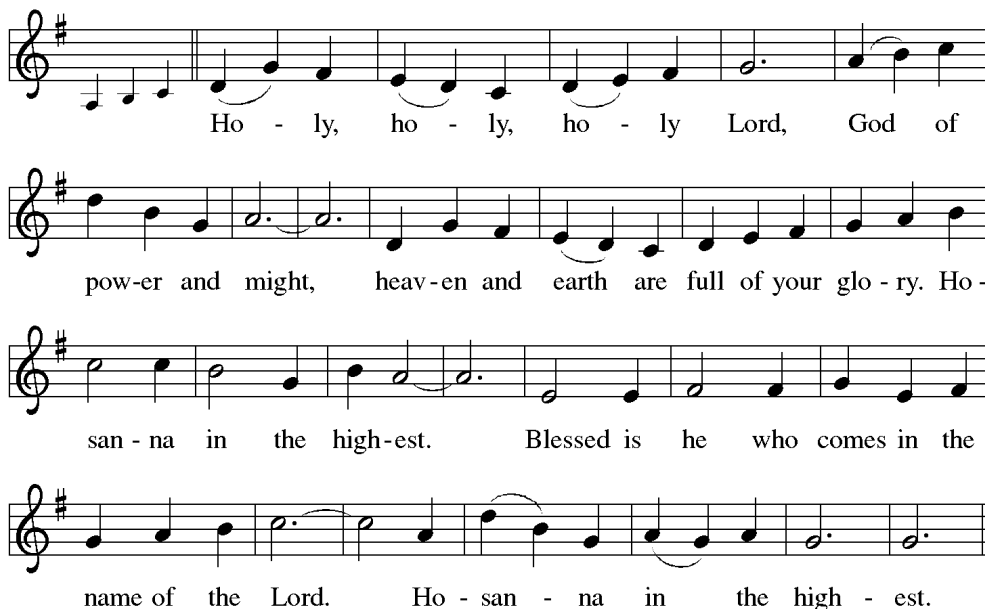
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed 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 You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
Your greatest request in return is for us to love one another as you have first loved us.
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.
- Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.
- All glory and honor is yours, O God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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 The gifts of God for the people of God.

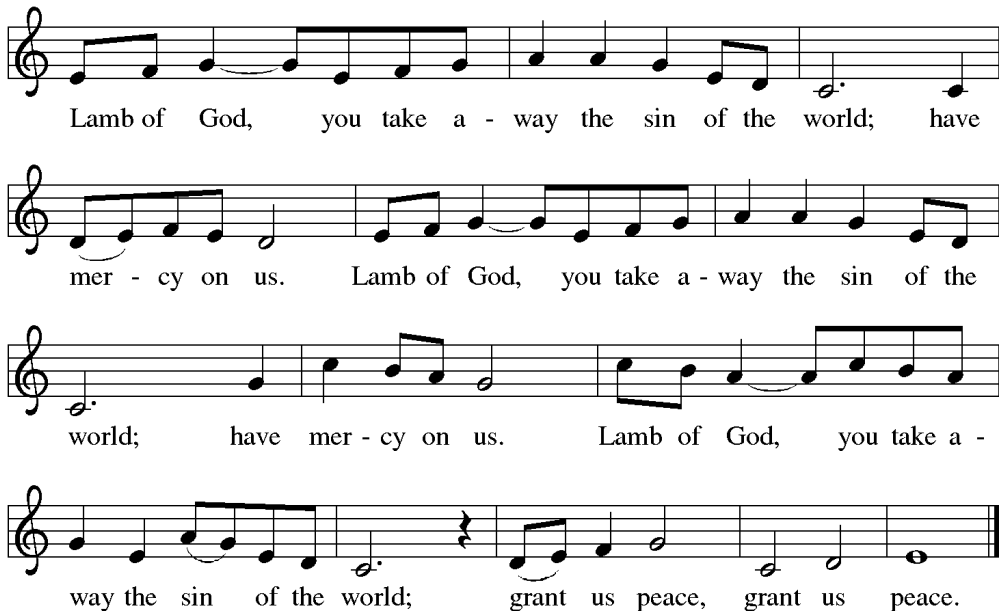
C **Thanks be to God.**

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: What God Ordains Is Good Indeed

ELW #776



- 1 What God or - dains is good in - deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
- 2 What God or - dains is good in - deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
- 3 What God or - dains is good in - deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
- 4 What God or - dains is good in - deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."
on dan - ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -
Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing
God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and that my hand you are hold - ing.
clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.
mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.
hold me, at last in light en - fold - me.

Text: Samuel Rodigast, 1649–1708; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: WAS GOTT TUT, Severus Gastorius, 1646–1682

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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, 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: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW #517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
 may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 and lead us out of death to life.

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Johann Gottfried Walther

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Avy Lumsden, Worship Leader
Mark Waldron, Organist
Nan Phillips, Reader
Bill Garrison, Ian Gutierrez, A/V
Ruth Beck, Norma Pieratt, Altar Guild
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Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Virden Von Qualen,
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Avy Lumsden, Margie Schuett, Jackie Page,
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Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

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

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

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LET US PRAY...

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

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

Alan Spear, Iz Lopez, Tara Doman, 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, 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 Surdyski	Ethan Skibins
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Please pray for our family and friends:

Jenny Baron

The Markuson Family

Kate and Family

Nora & Family

Jan

Mick

Linda & Jim

Ocampo Family & Friends

Nathan

Myron

Joe

Dennis

Craig Mason

McLaughlin Family

Kelli

Julianne Lusch

Pam Eckrad

Robin Dunaway

Karen Wake

Hodorewski Family

JoAnn Pedersen

Tim Moyers

Sherri Jeffers

Autumn Whitwell

David Seagren

Friend of Kathleen Lumsden

Friends of John & Karol Clark

Friend of John & Karol Clark

Granddaughter of John & Karol Clark

Sister of Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Sister and Brother-in-Law of Dee (Tom) Schuman

Daughter-in-Law of Tara Shannon

Friend of Tom (Dee) Schuman

Cousin of Tom (Dee) Schuman

Friend of Bruce & Danise Simmons

Friend of Bruce & Danise Simmons

Friend of Julie Howard

Friends of Julie Howard

Granddaughter of Carole Benson

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

Thomas Hellman & Family
 Doug Pedersen
 Christine Kliebhan
 Richard Gorlewski
 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
 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
 Terri Wells
 Rosi

Friend of Julie Howard
 Brother of Sue DeLong
 Niece of Jackie Page
 Son of Kathi & Bob Gorlewski

 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
 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

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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

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:

Nancy Wicklund-Gill

Sister of Sandi Wilcox

James Edward Richardson



October Anniversaries



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|---|-------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Gardner & Megan Fuller</i> | 11 | <i>John & Carie Holzl</i> |
| 6 | <i>David & Amanda Balsan</i> | 14 | <i>Gary & Allison Cooper</i> |
| 6 | <i>Matt & Carrie Dalicandro</i> | 18 | <i>John & Denise Higgins</i> |
| 6 | <i>Gregg & Nancy Hodge</i> | 18 | <i>Denny & Margie Schuett</i> |
| 7 | <i>John & Sherry Stoffel</i> | 24 | <i>Dan & Janna Stahl</i> |
| 8 | <i>Patrick & Cindy Morrison</i> | | |



October Birthdays



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|----|------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | <i>Joan Clayton</i> | 18 | <i>Nate Hunt</i> |
| 1 | <i>Kiera Piccony</i> | 18 | <i>Darlene Hutchens</i> |
| 2 | <i>Ana Gelardi</i> | 18 | <i>Joe Jarocki</i> |
| 2 | <i>Dan Huebner</i> | 20 | <i>Suzanne Grashorn</i> |
| 6 | <i>Leiana Balsan</i> | 21 | <i>Kennedy Habberfield</i> |
| 6 | <i>Lucas Balsan</i> | 21 | <i>Liz Lenihan</i> |
| 6 | <i>David Furholmen</i> | 21 | <i>Mary North</i> |
| 6 | <i>Katie Haug</i> | 22 | <i>Brigitte Winkler</i> |
| 7 | <i>Emma Redar</i> | 24 | <i>Bob Novy</i> |
| 8 | <i>Andy Freedlund</i> | 25 | <i>Carolyn Rominski</i> |
| 8 | <i>Jim Sager</i> | 25 | <i>Chris Rusev</i> |
| 9 | <i>Bill Dahlman</i> | 28 | <i>Laurie Pederson</i> |
| 9 | <i>John Holzl</i> | 30 | <i>Kevin Conolty</i> |
| 9 | <i>Linda Stephano</i> | 30 | <i>Mike Depke</i> |
| 13 | <i>Colton Powell</i> | 30 | <i>Sara Habberfield</i> |
| 14 | <i>Lois Benson</i> | 30 | <i>Molly Schuster</i> |
| 17 | <i>Ruth Beck</i> | 30 | <i>Joey Xotla</i> |

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, September 27

9am.....	Worship	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Constitution Ratification Vote.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School	Main Church Bldg/2 nd Fl.
1pm.....	Ben Toles' Eagle Scout Project.....	Parking Lot/Courtyard

Monday, September 28

12:30pm	Staff Meeting.....	Conference Room
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Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

6pm.....	Bell Choir	Balcony
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm.....	Festival Choir.....	Sanctuary

Friday, October 2

10am	Visitation/Memorial	Sanctuary
	Nancy Wicklund-Gill	

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

9am	Worship – Pet Blessing Outside.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School	Main Church Bldg/2 nd Fl.