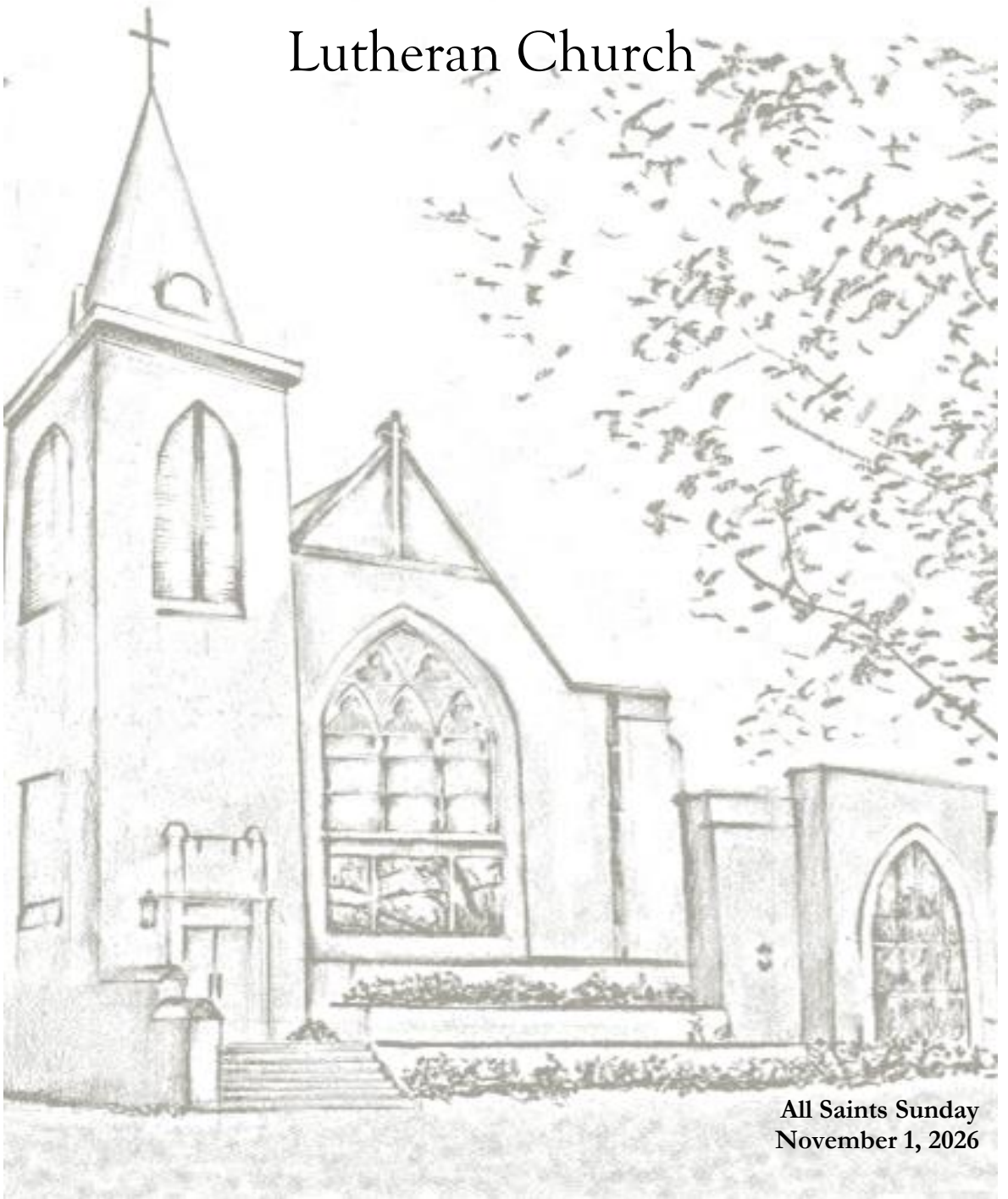


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday
November 1, 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

Please mute cell phones. Thank you.

Holy Communion

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

As We Gather:

The Revelation text for All Saints Sunday is often heard at funerals, and for good reason. It bears deeply comforting imagery and words that describe both the life with Christ that awaits us and the life with Christ in which we now live. Many of the words in this text we have heard in our hymnody and liturgical resources for years. Today, and in all the days to come, may the revelation we hear in this text give us comfort, inspire us in worship, and deepen our faith in all that God has in store.

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 +

PRELUDE: Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart
Before Thy Throne I Now Appear

Arr. John Behnke
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 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Give Thanks for Saints

ELW #428

1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -
round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their
while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that
ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: 'This Is the Feast of Victory

Refrain



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



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Refrain*

Refrain 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.

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.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion
in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment,
and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

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: Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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 34: 1 – 10, 22

Thomas Keesecker

ANTIPHON: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord;
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

L I will bless the Lord | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.

- C **I will glory | in the Lord;***
let the humble hear | and rejoice.
- L Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;*
 let us exalt his | name together.
- C **I sought the Lord, and he | answered me***
and delivered me out of | all my terror.
- L Look upon him | and be radiant,*
 and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- C **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me***
and saved me from | all my troubles.

ANTIPHON

- L The angel of the Lord encompasses | those who fear him,*
 and he will de- | liver them.
- C **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;***
happy are they who | trust in him!
- L Fear the Lord, you that | are his saints,*
 for those who fear | him lack nothing.
- C **The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,***
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
- L The Lord ransoms the life | of his servants,*
 and none will be punished who | trust in him.

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: 1 John 3:1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

The Gospel acclamation, or sometimes sequence hymn, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 5:1–12

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska

Matthew 5:1–12

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: For All the Saints

ELW #422

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 5 – Women

Stanza 2 – All

Stanza 6 – All

Stanza 3 – Choir

Stanza 7 – All

Stanza 4 – Men



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3–5 below.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful
 they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
 ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the
 thine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

NICENE CREED

L Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

L United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The last petition of the prayers is sung in a setting by Mark Mummert:

L Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

C REFRAIN

ELW #223

C All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we
make our song: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P We remember before you in thanksgiving all who have died in the faith of Christ:
(The minister names those in our congregation who have died since November 1, 2025.)

The prayers conclude:

L You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and maker of all that breathes;
And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return.
For when we were created, you said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

C REFRAIN *(above)*

+ 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.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

“To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

“Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.”

“Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
For the first things have passed away.”

“God will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

“I am making all things new. I am coming soon!” Amen, come, Lord Jesus!

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” Amen.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the
sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.

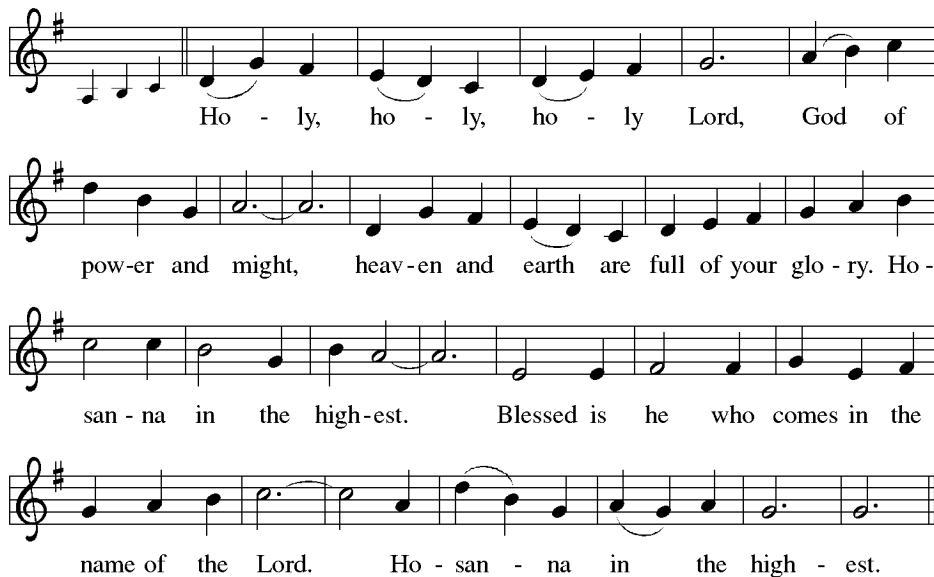
C We lift them to the Lord.

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.
In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge
of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness
and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance
the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.
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.



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 may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

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 The gifts of God for the people of God.

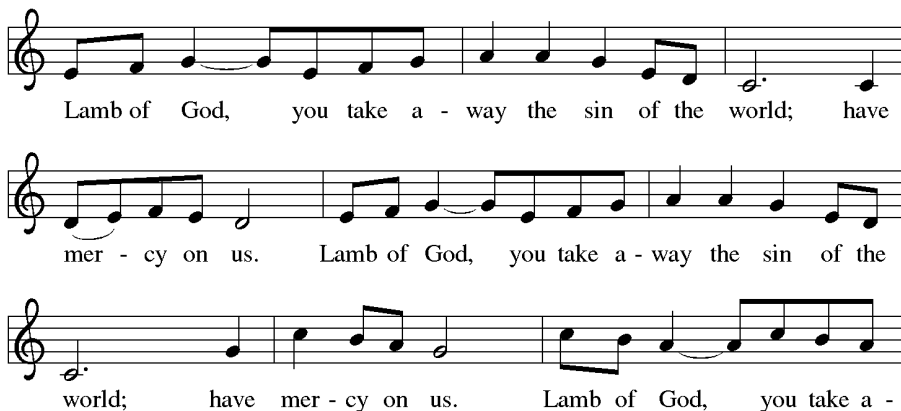
C Thanks be to God.

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





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

VOLUNTARY: You Are Mine

Lloyd Lason

Grace Notes Bell Choir

HYMN: Shall We Gather at the River

ELW #423



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap-py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



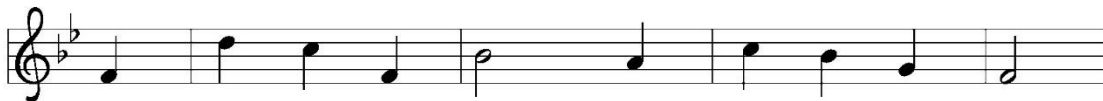
Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some-one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 +

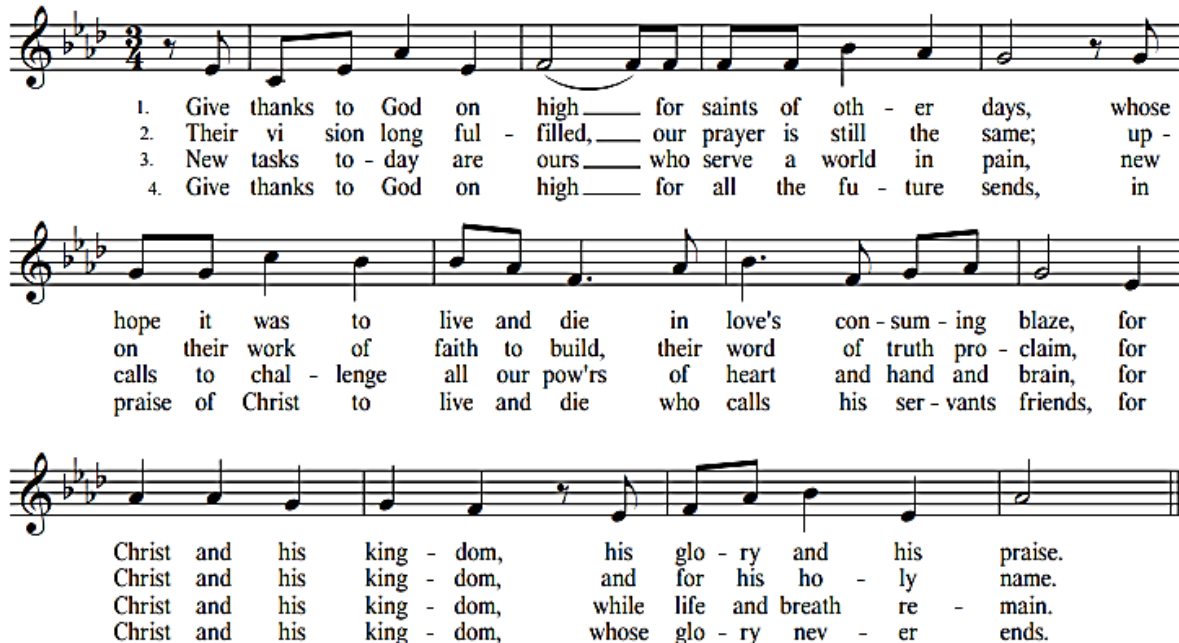
BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Give Thanks to God on High

Anniversary Hymn



1. Give thanks to God on high for saints of oth - er days, whose
2. Their vi sion long ful - filled, our prayer is still the same; up -
3. New tasks to - day are ours who serve a world in pain, new
4. Give thanks to God on high for all the fu - ture sends, in

hope it was to live and die in love's con - sum - ing blaze, for
on their work of faith to build, their word of truth pro - claim, for
calls to chal - lenge all our pow'rs of heart and hand and brain, for
praise of Christ to live and die who calls his ser - vants friends, for

Christ and his king - dom, his glo - ry and his praise.
Christ and his king - dom, and for his ho - ly name.
Christ and his king - dom, while life and breath re - main.
Christ and his king - dom, whose glo - ry nev - er ends.

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L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: For All the Saints

Arr. Charles Ore and David Cherwien



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Susan Walz, Reader
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Ruth Beck, Jackie Page, Altar Guild
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If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to council@bethanybatavia.org.

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:

Pastor Steve Ritter, Shirley Grant, David Furholman, Sandy Christianson, Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Tara Doman, Lura Dreymler, Diane Garland, Mike & Deb Hruby, Diane Land, Iz Lopez, Jan Meling, Bob Novy, Dorothy Patzer, Maureen Scollen, Paulette Smigo, Alan Spear, 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:

Helen Reyes

Judy Wondolawski

Tony Prokes

Teri Prokes

Rev. Lloyd Kittlaus

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

Sherri Jeffers

Family Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska

Friend of Linda Davis

Brother-in-law of Sue (Bob) Novy

Sister of Sue (Bob) Novy

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

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 Bethany

Autumn Whitwell
 David Seagren
 Thomas Hellman & Family
 Doug Pedersen
 Richard Gorlewski
 Pastor Steve Srock
 Orion Johnson & Family
 Leslie Jordain
 Fred Boehm
 Alex Greiff
 Madalyn
 Fox River Community Peace Movement
 Ann Bellair
 Audrey Trotier
 Phillip Snider
 Anatra Family
 Sally Adrian
 Rich
 Floyd Anderson
 Gayna
 Phyllis, KC and Ben Johnsen
 Christy Ainsworth
 Kathy Novy
 Ann Sager
 Veronica Herbst
 Gina
 Michael Roberts
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 Laurie Lombardo
 Mary Ellen Wolmer
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 Cindy Smith
 Andrea Young
 John Guidarelli
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 Rich White
 Kathy Wilson
 Lilly
 Rocci
 Susan P.
 Jacki Ortegell
 Sofie
 Terri Wells
 Rosi
 Jim Martin
 Lili

Friend of the Lumsden Family
 Son of Mal Seagren
 Friend of Julie Howard
 Brother of Sue DeLong
 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

Friend of Tara Shannon
 Sister of John (Marilyn) Cornwell
 Brother of Lynn (Bill) Dreymler
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 Friend of Ann (Fred) Holch
 Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash
 Father of Beth Richard
 Friend of Bill Keele
 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
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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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Samia

Jean Nepstad

Peggy Lentz

Ed Stahl

Nicole Stanley

Family of Sue J.

Father of Dan (Janna) Stahl

Sister of Shannon (Mitch) Argall

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, November 1

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

Monday, November 2

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4

6pm	Confirmation Class	Chapel
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
7pm	Youth Group	Chapel

Thursday, November 5

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

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Craft Fair	Fellowship Hall
10am	Al-Anon	Library
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 8

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday is the Festival of the Church when we remember and celebrate all the saints of God - living and dead. Today we honor all those who, in the past year, have joined the Church Militant (church on earth) through baptism and remember those who joined the Church Triumphant (church in heaven) through death.

**We celebrate the following individuals, who, in this past year, have joined
The Body of Christ serving here on Earth through Holy Baptism**



Victoria Rose Zollers
Vivienne Jean Zollers
Lorenzo Anthony D'Alessandro
Adella Louise Argall
Julia Charlotte Hess



**We remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant through
death**

Debbie
Dottie
Heather
Kate
Kurtis
Nick
Samia
Mary Bradtmueller
Nancy Brenski
Dale Christianson
Dorothy Dhom
Jessica Diaz
Diane Ekstam
Karen Figgins
Jackie Frantzen
Anna Johanson
JoAnn Gehrman
Charity Geisel
Therese Herman

Andy Hodorewski
Marie Holtz
Leo Janes
Kevin Kelly
Pam Klingberg
Owen Laible
Luke Land
Peggy Lentz
Annika Lundgren
James M.
Ty Mathus
Bob Nelson
Jean Nepstad
Margaret Ogden
Dave Page
Roger Pieratt
James E. Richardson
Michael Roberts

Janice Smith
Ed Stahl
Nicole Stanley
Bob Stran
Kevin Taylor
Dorothy Thorsen
Linda Toles
Don Troier
Mike Updyke
Richard Von Qualen
Neil Weir
Nancy Wicklund-Gill
Brice Worley
Patricia McDermott
Youngren
Mark Zelman
Grace Zielke Pope

MEMORIALS, BEQUESTS, & SPECIAL GIFTS

Memory is a priceless gift of God. Recognition and communication is made possible by our ability to remember. We are able to face the challenge and uncertainties of tomorrow because our memories enable us to recall the presence of God's grace in our past.

Gifts given in memory of loved ones or from our own estates stand as testimony that we remember with gratitude the gifts of life, and life eternal, given to us by our Lord. They witness to our living hope that "even though we die, yet shall we live" in the Lord. These Special Gifts are used in a variety of ways by our church to support its ongoing and specialized ministries. Other *Special Gifts* that are given *in honor of* or *in thanksgiving for* special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, restoration to health, etc. are used in the very same way.

Special gifts are kept separate from our General Fund, which is used for our routine operating expenses. Special Funds are held in savings accounts until such time as they are needed. Designations are determined by the donors, in the case of bequests, endowments, and special gifts or by the appointed family members, in the case of memorials. We request that all designations be done in consultation with pastor and/or a member of the Memorials/Gifts Committee. The determination of the use of Undesignated Gifts is made by the Congregation Council in consultation with the Memorial/Gifts Committee.

Many people want to provide for the ministry of the church, even after their own death. Consequently, more people are designating the church as a beneficiary in their wills. Members who have practiced sacrificial giving to the church throughout their lives often choose to set aside, in their wills, a portion of their estate, perhaps even a tithe. In this way, the ministry of the church is enhanced for years to come.

If you have any questions, or are considering making a special gift, please contact pastor or a member of Bethany's Finance Committee. One of us would be happy to talk with you.

THANK YOU

As we pause to remember the lives and faith of those members and loved ones who have died, we want to thank their families and friends who have given Memorials. In many cases, without these contributions, many important tools for ministry would not be available. Please accept our sincere thanks.