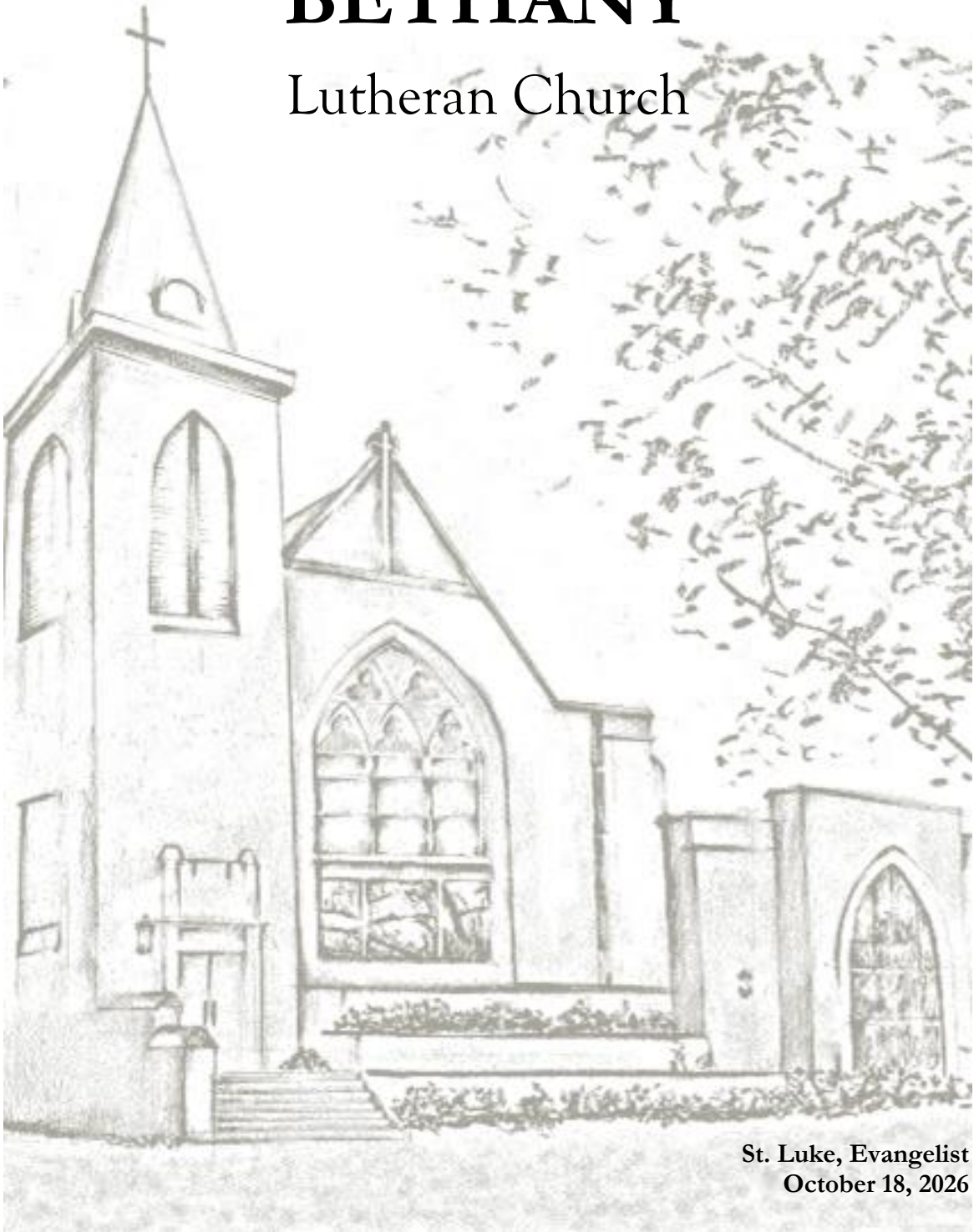


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



St. Luke, Evangelist
October 18, 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 in celebration for the Baptism of Julia Charlotte, daughter to parents Emma and Danny Hess, Brother: Franklin, Grandparents: Pam and Dan Foelske.

Coffee Hour

Thank you to the Foelske and Hess Families 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:

Luke, Evangelist

St. Luke is identified by tradition as the author of both Luke and Acts. Luke is careful to place the events of Jesus' life in both their social and religious contexts. Some of the most loved parables, including the good Samaritan and the prodigal son, are found only in this gospel. Luke's gospel has also given the church some of its most beautiful songs: the Benedictus sung at morning prayer, the Magnificat sung at evening prayer, and the Nunc dimittis sung at the close of the day. These songs are powerful witnesses to the message of Jesus Christ. Luke is believed to have been a doctor and so we add a rite of healing to our liturgy during the communion distribution.

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: Andante con moto (from "Songs without Words")
Beautiful Savior

Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Brent Edstrom

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.

GATHERING HYMN: O God of Light

ELW #507



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing,
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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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: 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, who inspired your servant Luke the physician
to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of your Son:
Graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal,
to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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: Isaiah 35:5–8

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

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: 2 Timothy 4:5–11

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

⁹Do your best to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry.

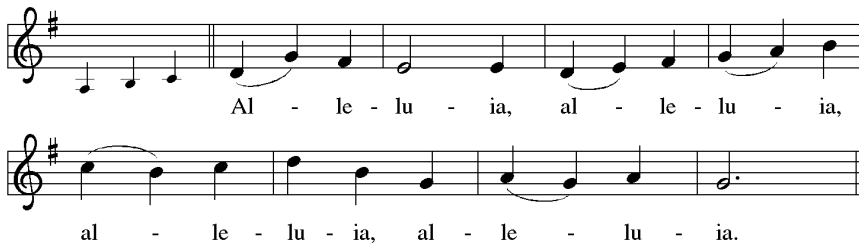
L Word of God, word of life.

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: Luke 4:14-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

Luke 4:14–21

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: By All Your Saints

ELW #421



- 1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
- 2 For Luke, be - lov'd phy - si - cian, all praise, whose gos - pel shows
- 3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!
the heal - er of the na - tions, the one who shares our woes.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown
Your wine and oil, O Sav - ior, up - on our spir - its pour,
till all the ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.
and with true balm of Gil - ead a - noint us ev - er - more.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +

JULIA CHARLOTTE HESS

OCTOBER 18, 2026

PRESENTATION

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, which is the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Baptismal Party is invited to approach the font.

Pastor: Would **Riley and Eric** please present their God-child for Baptism.

Sponsors: **We** present **Julia Charlotte** for baptism.

Pastor: **Danny and Emma**, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have **Julia Charlotte** baptized into Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: As you bring **Julia Charlotte** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with certain responsibilities:

- ✠ to live with her among God's faithful people,
- ✠ bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
- ✠ teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- ✠ place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that **Julia Charlotte** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.
- ✠ Do you promise to help **Julia Charlotte** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: **Riley and Eric**, do you promise to nurture **Julia Charlotte** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help **Julia Charlotte** live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: **We do.**

The pastor questions the Parents and Sponsors and then the congregation.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support **Julia Charlotte**, and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**

We stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces of evil that defy God?

***Congregation:* We renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Congregation:* We renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Congregation:* We renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

***Congregation:* I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

***Congregation:* 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***Congregation:* 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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font during the thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

***Congregation:* And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***Congregation:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to life in you. Pour out your

Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

We sit.

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: **Julia Charlotte**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Parents and Sponsors: Amen

LAYING OF HANDS

Pastor: Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The pastor lays on hands and prays for the newly baptized saying:

Sustain **Julia Charlotte** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and says:

Pastor: **Julia Charlotte**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: **Julia Charlotte**, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Congregation: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon family & friends of our baptized. Let them ever rejoice in the gift(s) you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for **Julia Charlotte**. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with her the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

WELCOME

Pastor: Let us welcome **Julia Charlotte.**

Congregation: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing his creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISMAL HYMN: See This Wonder in the Making

Jaroslav J. Vajda

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| 1. See this wonder in the making,
God himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in his keeping
His to be, awake or sleeping. | 3. Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God into your arms we place her
With your love and peace embrace her. |
| 2. Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams "Beloved,
Heir of gifts a king would covet!" | 4. Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water. |

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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

L Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- L We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- L We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. 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: Be Still, My Soul

Arr. David Christiansen

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.

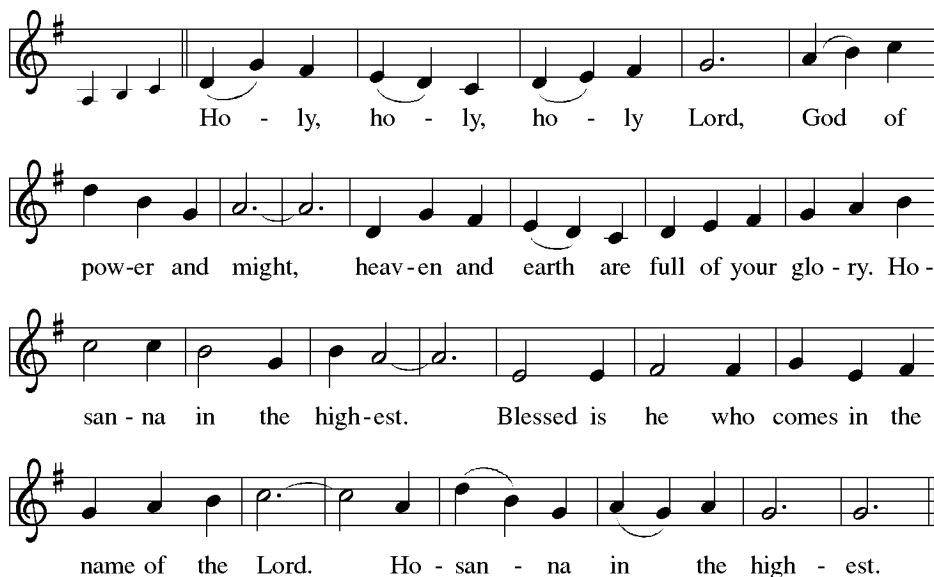
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
Having created us in your image,
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.

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.**

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.

If you would like a special blessing for healing today, please come to the Communion Rail after receiving Communion.

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

PIANO VOLUNTARY: It Is Well with My Soul

Alan Spear and Lynne Jacobson

HYMN: There Is a Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

HYMN: We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW #617



- 1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
- 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
- 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
- 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
- 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

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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. 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.

The Liturgy has ended.

People are invited to remain for prayer/meditation, either at the communion rail or in the pews. A time of silence is observed.

Please exit quietly.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
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David Christiansen, Organist
Jori Toles, Reader
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Sandy Nash, Ann Holch, Altar Guild
Marissa Hunt, Leslie Grashorn, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Carole Benson,
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Steve Mickelson, Susan Walz, Andrea Gustafson,
Comm. Asst's
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Flute, Emma Hess

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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.

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LET US PRAY...

We welcome into God's family through the waters of Baptism:

Julia Charlotte, daughter of Danny and Emma Hess, Brother Franklin, Grandparents, Dan and Pam Foelske. Sponsors, Eric Repp and Riley O'Brien

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:

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 Surdynski	Ethan Skibins
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Please pray for our family and friends:

Judy Wondolawski

Friend of Linda Davis

Pastor Steve Ritter

Peggy Lentz

Family of Sue J.

Tony Prokes

Brother-in-law of Sue (Bob) Novy

Teri Prokes

Sister of Sue (Bob) Novy

Rev. Lloyd Kittlaus

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Jenny Baron

Friend of Kathleen Lumsden

The Markuson Family

Friends of John & Karol Clark

Kate and Family

Friend of John & Karol Clark

Nora & Family

Granddaughter of John & Karol Clark

Jan

Sister of Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Mick

Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash

Linda & Jim

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

Ocampo Family & Friends

Daughter-in-Law of Tara Shannon

Nathan

Friend of Tom (Dee) Schuman

Myron

Cousin of Tom (Dee) Schuman

Joe

Friend of Bruce & Danise Simmons

Dennis

Friend of Bruce & Danise Simmons

Craig Mason

Friend of Julie Howard

McLaughlin Family

Friends of Julie Howard

Kelli

Granddaughter of Carole Benson

Julianne Lusch
 Pam Eckrad
 Robin Dunaway
 Karen Wake
 Hodorewski Family
 JoAnn Pedersen
 Sherri Jeffers
 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
 Andrea
 Laurie Lombardo
 Mary Ellen Wolmer
 Phil Steadman
 Bruce Rusev
 Cindy Smith
 Andrea Young
 John Guidarelli
 Nancy Bouloukos
 Rich White
 Kathy Wilson
 Lilly
 Rocci

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
 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
 Friends of Pastor Jeff
 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
 Mother of Lori Wilson
 Neighbor of Dorothy Thorsen
 Friend of Beth Lawniczak Conley

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Helen Reyes
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Sofie
Terri Wells
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Jim Martin
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Marcia McDugle
Vicki Johnson
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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

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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

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Ed Stahl
Nicole Stanley
Michael Roberts
Therese Herman
Nancy Wicklund-Gill

Father of Dan (Janna) Stahl
Sister of Shannon (Mitch) Argall
Friend of Janice Reynolds
Aunt of Josh (Holly) Herman
Sister of Sandi Wilcox

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, October 18

9am.....	Worship/Healing – Baptism.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Main Church Bldg/2 nd Fl
3pm.....	Fox Valley Brass Band.....	Sanctuary/Chapel

Monday, October 19

12:30pm.....	Staff Meeting.....	Conference Room
7pm.....	Troop 6 Leaders.....	Lower Level

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

6pm.....	Confirmation.....	Chapel
7pm.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Music/Worship Committee.....	Library
7pm.....	Youth Group.....	Chapel

Thursday, October 22

6pm.....	Viljan Lodge.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
6pm.....	Bell Choir.....	Balcony
6:30pm.....	Boy Scout Troop 6.....	Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm.....	Festival Choir.....	Sanctuary

Friday, October 23

8:30am.....	AID Staff Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, October 24

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

Sunday, October 25

9am.....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Reformation/Confirmation	
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Main Church Bldg/2 nd Fl
1pm.....	Event – Katie McNerney.....	Fellowship Hall
2:30pm.....	Hesed House Preparation.....	Kitchen