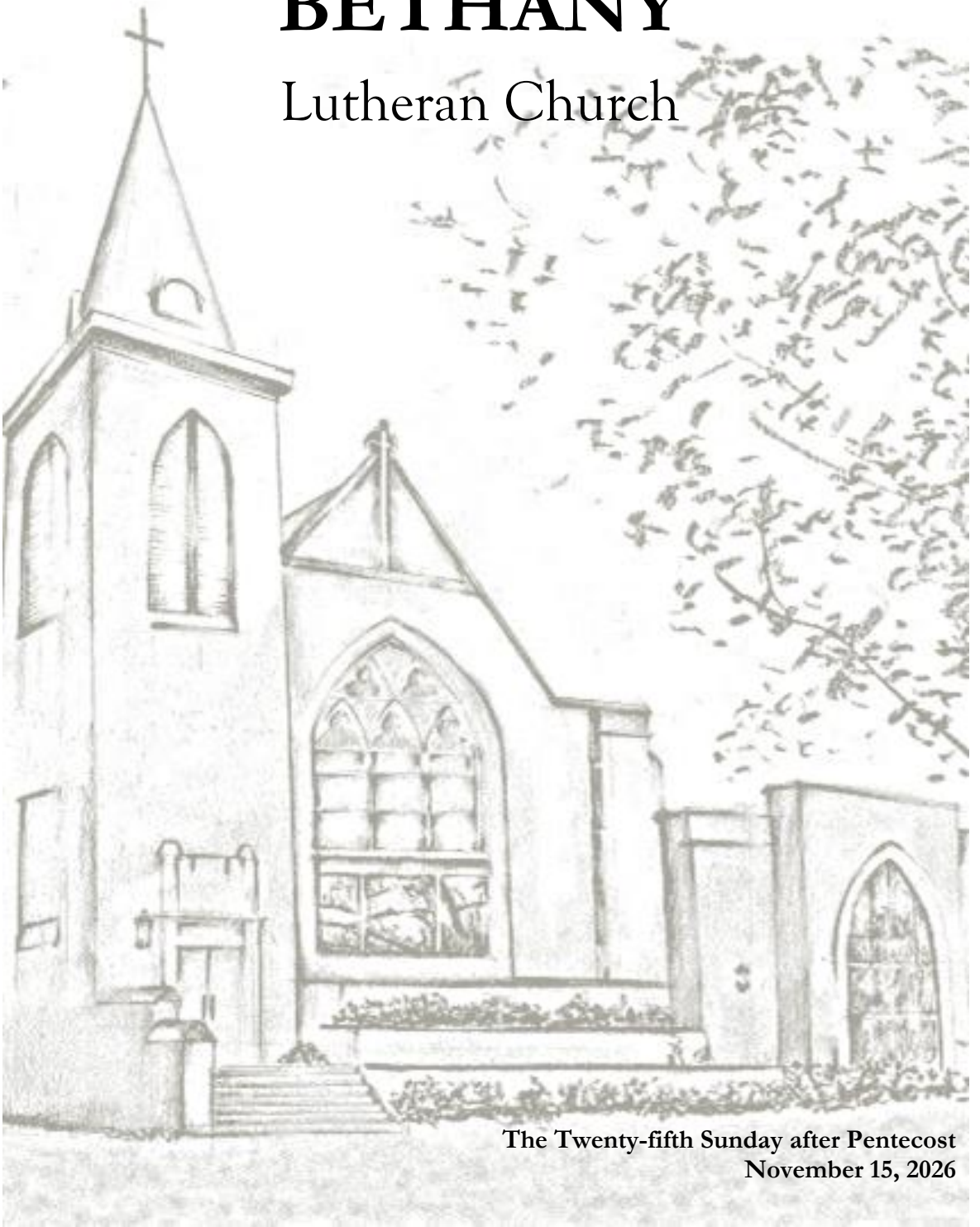
# BETHANY

## Lutheran Church



**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**
**November 15, 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 upper lobby and from the ushers. There are also children's Busy Bags with items by age to occupy young worshippers. The Kid's Korner in the main lobby also has puzzles, books and coloring pages with a chair for mom or dad.

## 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.

## Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are given by Todd and Jori Toles' in celebration of their 25th 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:

Our readings during November speak of the end times. The prophet, Zephaniah, proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

*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:** Sing With All the Saints in Glory — Arr. Thomas Keesecker
Nearer, My God, to Thee — Arr. Joel Raney

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We stand.*

**INVOCATION AND GATHERING LITURGY**

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

C **Amen.**

L A land acknowledgment is a traditional custom in many Native communities and nations to show respect to the people of the land since time immemorial. The importance of land acknowledgments for non-indigenous individuals and communities relies on the recognition of their relationship to the original inhabitants of a location and its land. Furthermore, it is a way to show respect and gratitude to the traditional stewards of a specific location.

P As we begin worship today, we take a moment to recognize and remember the Native brothers and sisters who are the first peoples of these lands. The Potawatomi people inhabited this area for several centuries. We honor their presence here, and thank God for their work, play, and stewardship of this land in the past. Most of all, we pray for our Potawatomi brothers and sisters today.

P Creator God, we thank you for the diversity of us, your children, in the world…both past and present. We especially remember before you today the Potawatomi people who inhabited these lands before us.

C **We recognize the stewardship and blessing of those who cared for these lands we now inhabit.**

P Forgive us, those of us who are immigrants to and settlers in this country, for so often forgetting that we are guests of the First Nations people of North America.

C **Please help us to live on these lands with respect.**

P We pray for the Potawatomi people today.

C **Creator, hear our prayers.**

P May they have unity in their tribe.

C **Creator, hear our prayers.**

P May their remaining sacred lands be honored and protected.
C **Creator, hear our prayers.**
P May you bless their efforts to revitalize their language and their culture.
C **Creator, hear our prayers.**
P May we and all the people who live in and visit these lands remember that we are always guests to You, O Lord, and to those who have come before us.
C **Creator, hear our prayers.**
P May all the Potawatomi people experience Your grace and love.
C **Creator, hear our prayers.**
C **O Lord, Creator of every tribe, nation and tongue, may you richly bless the Potawatomi people, and all the First Nations peoples of North America. Amen.**

**PROCESSSIONAL HYMN**: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us **ELW #707**






Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**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




*(Canticle continues on the next page.)*


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.
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.
3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -
Refrain
gun his reign. 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.
Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that
we may be stirred up to holiness of life here on earth,
and live with you forever in the renewed world to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our 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**: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,

*(Reading continues on the next page.)*

a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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 90:1–12** Anne Krentz Organ

ANTIPHON: So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

L Lord, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.
C **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
**or the land and the | earth were born,***
**from age to age | you are God.**
L You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
"Go back, O | child of earth."
C **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past***
**and like a watch | in the night.**

ANTIPHON

L You sweep us away | like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.
C **In the morning it is | green and flourishes;***
**in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**

L For we consume away in | your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.

C **Our iniquities you have | set before you,***
**and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**

ANTIPHON

L When you are angry, all our | days are gone;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

C **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;***
**yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,**
**for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.**

L Who regards the power | of your wrath?*
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

C **So teach us to num- | ber our days,***
**that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.**

*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 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. [3]When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will
be no escape! [4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;
[5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for
those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or
asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.

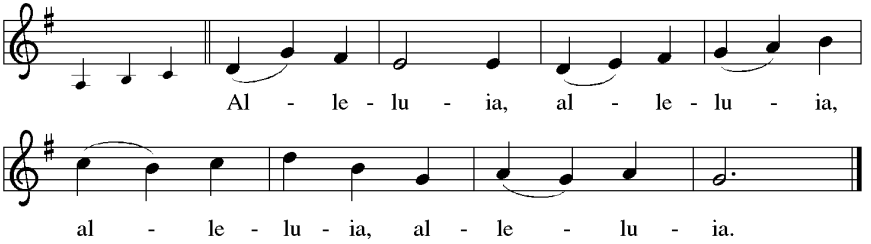
L Word of God, word of life.

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 25:14–30

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24'Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

29For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

P The Gospel of the Lord.

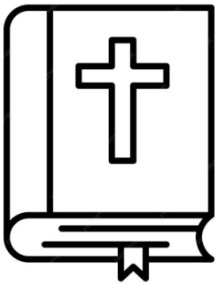
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*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 25:14–30



*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**: Lord of Light **ELW #688**



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

*A brief silence.*

L You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

# + MEAL +

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

**PEACE OF CHRIST**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING MUSIC:** On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand Stennant/McIntosh

On Jordan's stormy bank I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.

*Refrain*
I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

All o'er those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns
and scatters night away. *Refrain*

No chilling winds or pois'nous breath
can reach that healthful shore;
sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
are felt and feared no more. *Refrain*

When shall I reach that happy place
and be forever blest?
When shall I see my Savior's face
and in God's bosom rest? *Refrain*

*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.

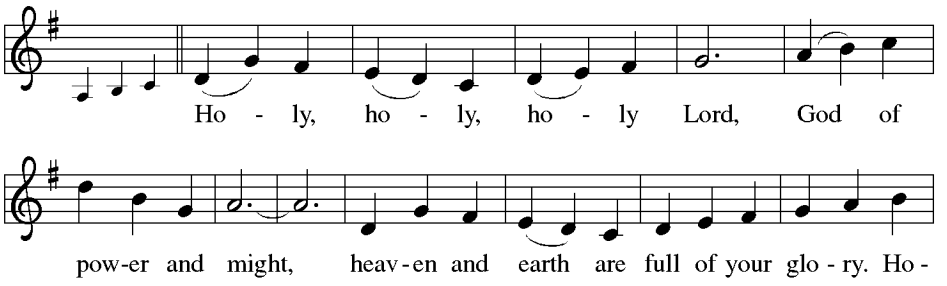
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

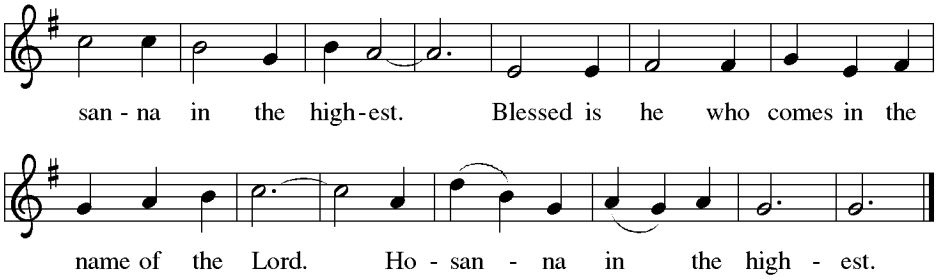
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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*






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.

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.

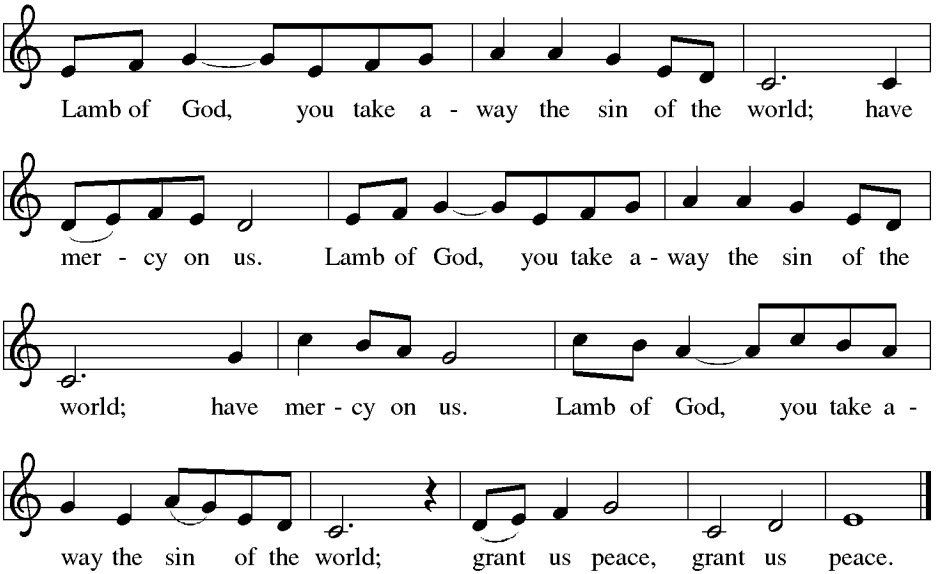
C **Thanks be to God.**

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**

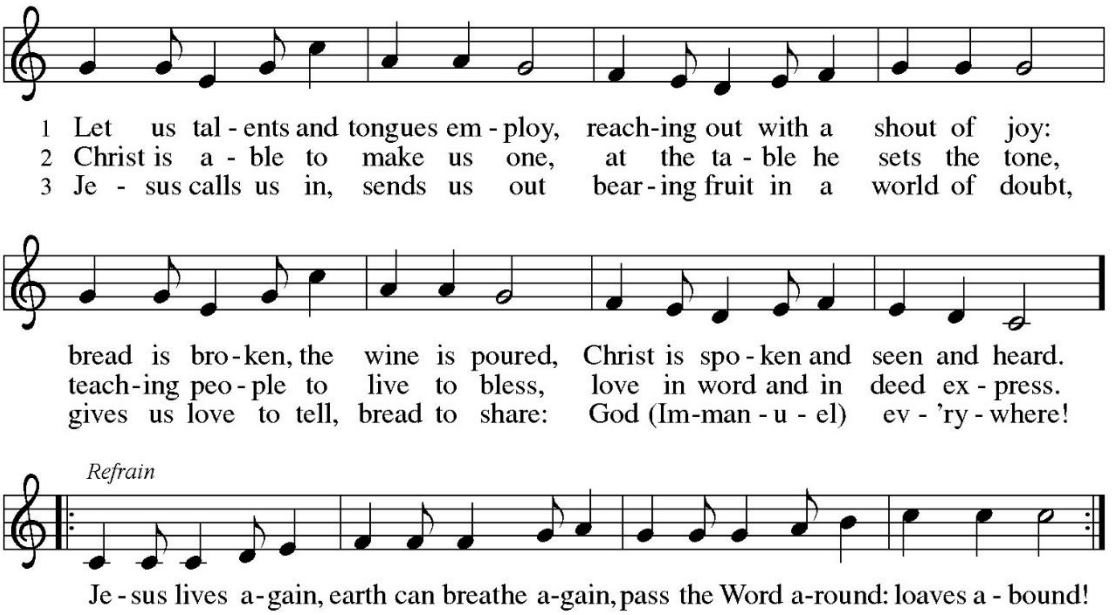



**COMMUNION**

*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.*

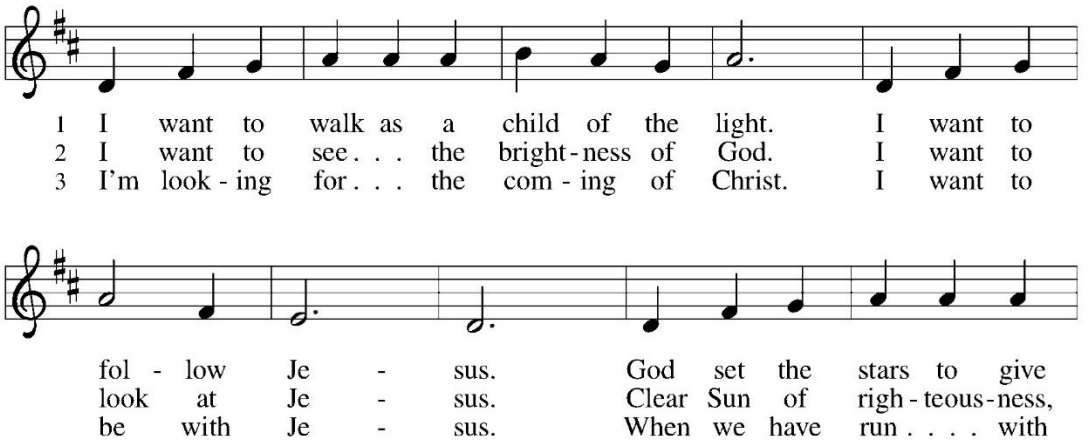
## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**HYMN**: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ **ELW #674**




Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929
Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980
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**HYMN**: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light **ELW #815**






Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

*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.*

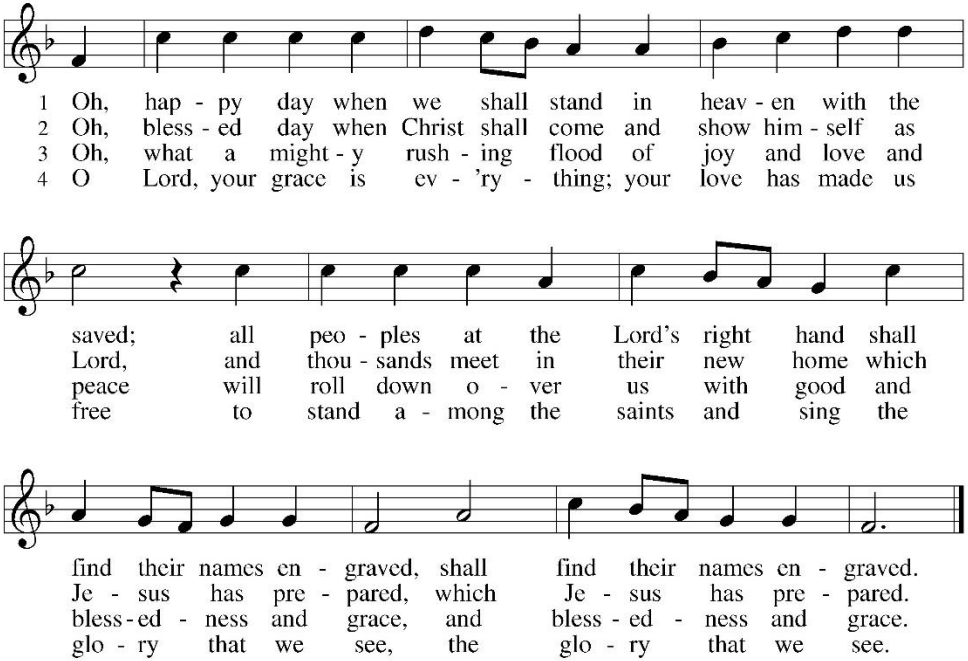
# + SENDING +

**BENEDICTION**

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

C **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand **ELW #441**




Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

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**DISMISSAL**

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Arr. John Behnke

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**
Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Mark Waldron, Worship Leader
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**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:**

**Ruth Beck, David Furholman,** Sandy Christianson, Sarah Concha, John & Marilyn Cornwell, Tara Doman, Lura Dreymiller, 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:**

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| Shyla Carbone | Prairie Pointe Assisted Living, Sugar Grove |
| 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

**Please pray for our family and friends:**

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| **Dean Downs** | **Son-in-Law of Jan Meling** |
| **Helen Reyes** | **Family Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail Mikyska** |
| Judy Wondolawski | Friend of Linda Davis |
| Pastor Steve Ritter | |
| 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 | Sister of Norma Pieratt |
| Pam Eckrad | Friend of Diane Schalk |
| Robin Dunaway | Daughter of Dottie White |
| Karen Wake | Friend of Sandy Nash |

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| Hodorewski Family | Family of Chris (Mia) Rusev |
| JoAnn Pedersen | Sister-in-Law of Sue DeLong |
| Sherri Jeffers | Friend of Bethany |
| Autumn Whitwell | Friend of the Lumsden Family |
| David Seagren | Son of Mal Seagren |
| Thomas Hellman & Family | Friend of Julie Howard |
| Doug Pedersen | Brother of Sue DeLong |
| Richard Gorlewski | Son of Kathi & Bob Gorlewski |
| Pastor Steve Srock | |
| Orion Johnson & Family | Great Nephew of Val Schalk |
| Leslie Jordain | Friend of Lynn Dreymiller |
| Fred Boehm | Brother of Doug Boehm |
| Madalyn | Friend of Bill Keele |
| Fox River Community Peace Movement | |
| Ann Bellair | Friend of Tara Shannon |
| Audrey Trotier | Sister of John (Marilyn) Cornwell |
| Phillip Snider | Brother of Lynn (Bill) Dreymiller |
| Anatra Family | Friends of Pastor Jeff |
| Sally Adrian | Friend of Ann (Fred) Holch |
| Rich | Brother of Sandra (Jeff) Nash |
| Floyd Anderson | Father of Beth Richard |
| Gayna | Friend of Bill Keele |
| Phyllis, KC and Ben Johnsen | Friends of Chuck Bauer |
| Christy Ainsworth | Friend of Tara Shannon |
| Kathy Novy | Cousin of Bob & Sue Novy |
| Ann Sager | Mother of Jim (Cheri) Sager |
| Veronica Herbst | Friend of Julie Howard |
| Gina | Employee at Heritage Woods |
| Michael Roberts | Friend of Janice Reynolds |
| Andrea | Neighbor of the Lumsden Family |
| Laurie Lombardo | Mother of Mia (Chris) Rusev |
| Mary Ellen Wolmer | Requested by the Bond Family |
| Phil Steadman | Friend of Don & Deb Hunt |
| Bruce Rusev | Brother of Chris (Mia) Rusev |
| Cindy Smith | Friend of Nan Phillips |
| Andrea Young | Niece of Chris & Mia Rusev |
| John Guidarelli | Husband of Niece of Lynn (Bill) Dreymiller |
| Nancy Bouloukos | Sister-in-Law of Tara Shannon |
| Rich White | Son of Dottie White |
| Kathy Wilson | Mother of Lori Wilson |
| Lilly | Neighbor of Dorothy Thorsen |
| Rocci | Friend of Beth Lawniczak Conley |
| Susan P. | Friend of Bob & Sue Novy & Marsha Habegger |
| Jacki Ortegel | Friend of Pastor Jeff |
| Sofie | Friend of Bob & Sue Novy |
| Terri Wells | Friend of Lynn Dreymiller |
| Rosi | Friend of Janice Reynolds |

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| Jim Martin | Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman |
| Lili | Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman |
| Carl C. | Friend of Bethany Walking Group |
| Marcia McDugle | Friend of Bob & Sue Novy |
| Vicki Johnson | Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk |
| Bonnie & Jim Hines | Parents of Suzanne Grashorn |
| Kristen Benakis | Friend of Bob & Sue Novy |
| Marilyn | Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman |
| Tracy Clark | Sister of Tara Shannon |
| Loda George Ricker | Friend of Fred & Ann Holch |
| Rick Gaston | Friend of Ann Holch |
| Damon Schultz | Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone |
| Sue S. | Friend of Bob & Sue Novy |
| Nicole | Friend of Linda Sullivan |
| Chris Sidler | Friend of Luke & Diane Land |
| Gretchen VanKempema | Daughter of Ann Holch |
| Ryan Anderson | Son of Aaron Anderson |
| Paul Mazen | |
| Phil | Lynn Dreymiller's brother |
| Kathy Dee's Family | Teri Figura |
| Mary Jo Benstein's Family | Teri Figura |
| Bonnie | Friend of Pastor Jeff |
| Carole W. | Friend of Ann & Fred Holch |
| Tammy English | Daughter of Shirley Streidl |
| Jerry Martin | Father of Nicki McVey |

**Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:**

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| **Shirley Grant** | |
| **Alex Greiff** | **Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska** |
| **Samia** | |
| **Jean Nepstad** | |

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

**Sunday, November 15**

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|---|---|---|
| 9am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 10am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30am | Sunday School | Main Church Bldg/2nd Fl. |
| 4:15pm | Peace Bridge Meet-Up | Bethany Lutheran Church<br>Walk to the Peace Bridge |
| 5pm | Peace Bridge Vigil | Peace Bridge, Batavia, IL |

**Monday, November 16**

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| 12:30pm | Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| 4:30pm | Batavia Public Library<br>Beaded Potted Plants | Vlahn Room |
| 7pm | Troop 6 Leaders | Vlahn Room |

**Tuesday, November 17**

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

**Wednesday, November 18**

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| 6pm | Confirmation Class | Chapel |
| 6:30pm | Batavia Public Library – Craft Night | Vlahn Room |
| 7pm | Council | Library |
| 7pm | Men's Basketball | Ministry Center Gym |
| 7pm | Youth Group | Chapel |

**Thursday, November 19**

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|---|---|---|
| 12pm | Batavia Public Library<br>Books Between Bites | Fellowship Hall |
| 6pm | Viljan Lodge | Fellowship Hall/Kitchen |
| 6pm | Bell Choir | Balcony |
| 6:30pm | Boy Scout Troop 6 | Gym/Vlahn Room |
| 7pm | Festival Choir | Sanctuary |
| 7:30pm | BSA – Order of the Arrow | Fellowship Hall |

**Friday, November 20**

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| 4:15pm | Swedish American Children's Choir Rehearsal | Choir Room/Library |

**Saturday, November 21**

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| All Day | LOMC – Youth Retreat Day Trip | Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Ctr. |
| 7:30am | Men's Basketball | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am | Altar Guild | Fellowship Hall |
| 10am | Amanda's Blood Drive | Fellowship Hall |
| 10am | Al-Anon | Library |
| 8pm | AA | Fellowship Hall |

**Sunday, November 22**

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