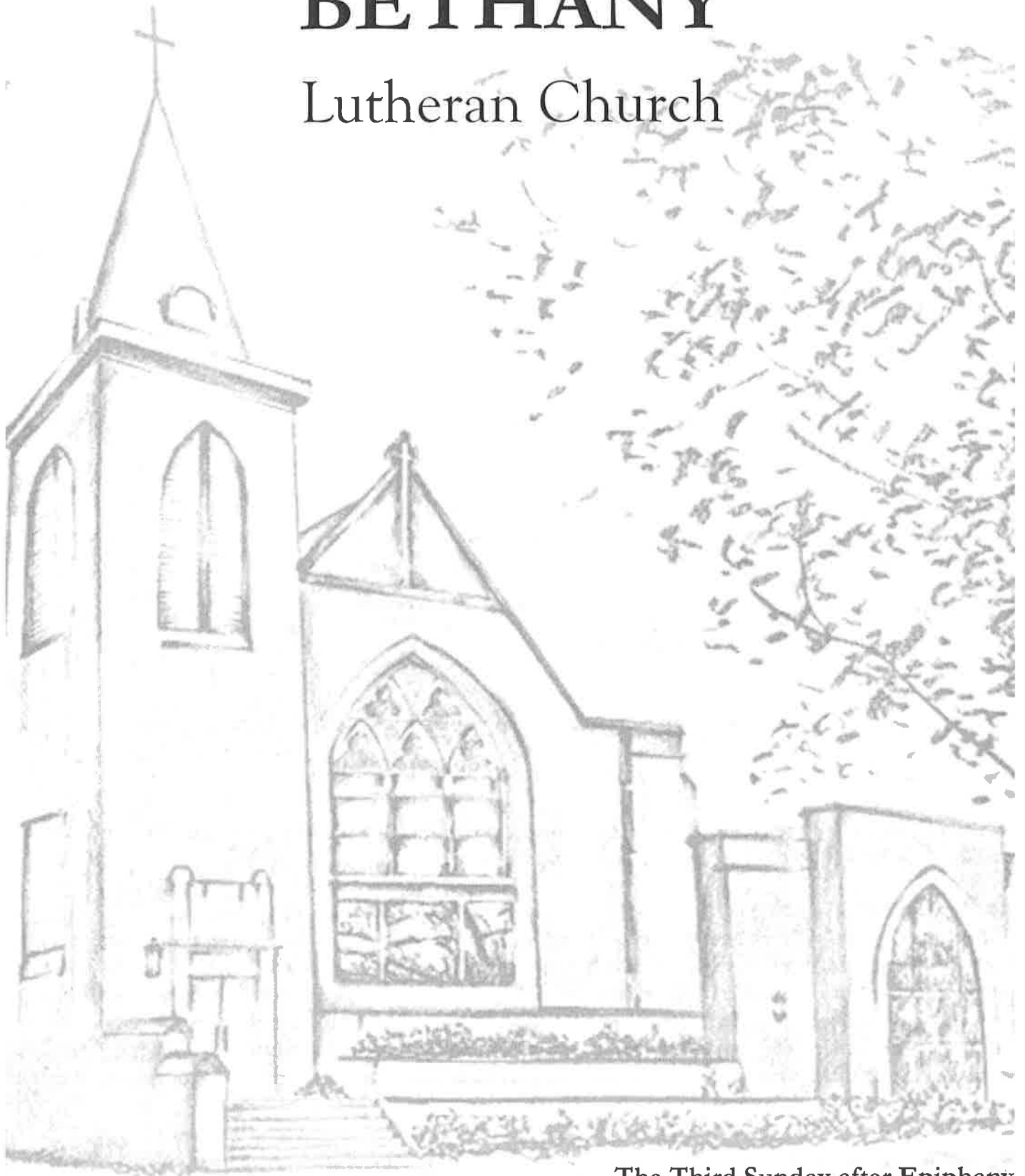


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024

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.

Coffee Hour

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

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:

Today's passage from Mark gets the action going in earnest. Jesus comes to Galilee, proclaiming that the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God has come near. Who would believe such a thing? Well, most people today probably wouldn't. The talking heads would point out that it certainly doesn't look like the Kingdom is any closer. John has been arrested, the Romans are still there, and this Jesus sure doesn't look like someone special. Fake news! That would be our cry. And yet, hidden in front of our faces is Jesus. And he makes all the difference, for he is the crucified and risen Lord who bears the Kingdom in his body and brings it near to us. That's news you can believe. That's news that is good.

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: Piano Variation on Sounds of Silence

Simon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

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.**

We often fail to acknowledge your light and presence in our lives.

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: O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

ELW #675



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

Strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may answer your call in obedience and confidence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit

+ WORD +

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

(Reading continues on the next page.)

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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 62:6–14

Robert A. Hobby

ANTIPHON: God alone is my rock and my salvation.

L For God alone my soul in | silence waits;*
truly, my hope | is in him.

C **He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.**

L In God is my safety | and my honor;*
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

C **Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,*
pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.**

ANTIPHON

L Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,*
even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

C **On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,*
all of | them together.**

L Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;*
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

C **God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,*
that power be- | longs to God.**

L Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord,*
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

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 Corinthians 7:29–31

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

ALLELUIA VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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: Mark 1:14–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will

(Reading continues on the next page.)

make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the day's scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
Mark 1:14–20

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW #817



1 Tú has ve - ni - do_a la_o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni_a sa - bios ni_a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do_a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la_a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to_a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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

P 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 As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God’s blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

L God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace,

C **receive our prayer.**

- L God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain (*especially*). God of grace,
 C **receive our prayer.**
- L God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us. God of grace,
 C **receive our prayer.**
- L God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace,
 C **receive our prayer.**
- P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.
 C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

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

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 C **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

Having confessed our sins, received forgiveness, listened to the Word of God and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offering we gratefully offer back to God some of what he has given us, symbolically in the gifts of bread and wine prepared at the table and the money we give.

OFFERING MUSIC: Come, Draw Near

Jeremy Young

Refrain:

*Come now, draw near to share Christ's body.
 In the wine and the bread we are loved, we are fed.*

Where shall we go? To whom shall we turn?
 Jesus, the bread of life, come down from heaven.

Refrain

Jesus is here, telling us "Come.
 This is my body and blood. You shall have new life."

Refrain

Great is this gift, given to us:
 Jesus, our joy and our hope, now and forever.

Refrain

One thing he asks of everyone:
 That we remember his life and his love for us.

Refrain

Now we are changed, now we are one.
 One in the Spirit of God, one in the body of Christ.

Refrain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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. While sharing in our life, he called and invited us to follow into his glory and love, So that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness,
 who invites us into a life of discipleship where
 your mercy and might is revealed to us.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 his invitation, his preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising,
 and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forevermore.

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 has first taught us:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

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

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

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

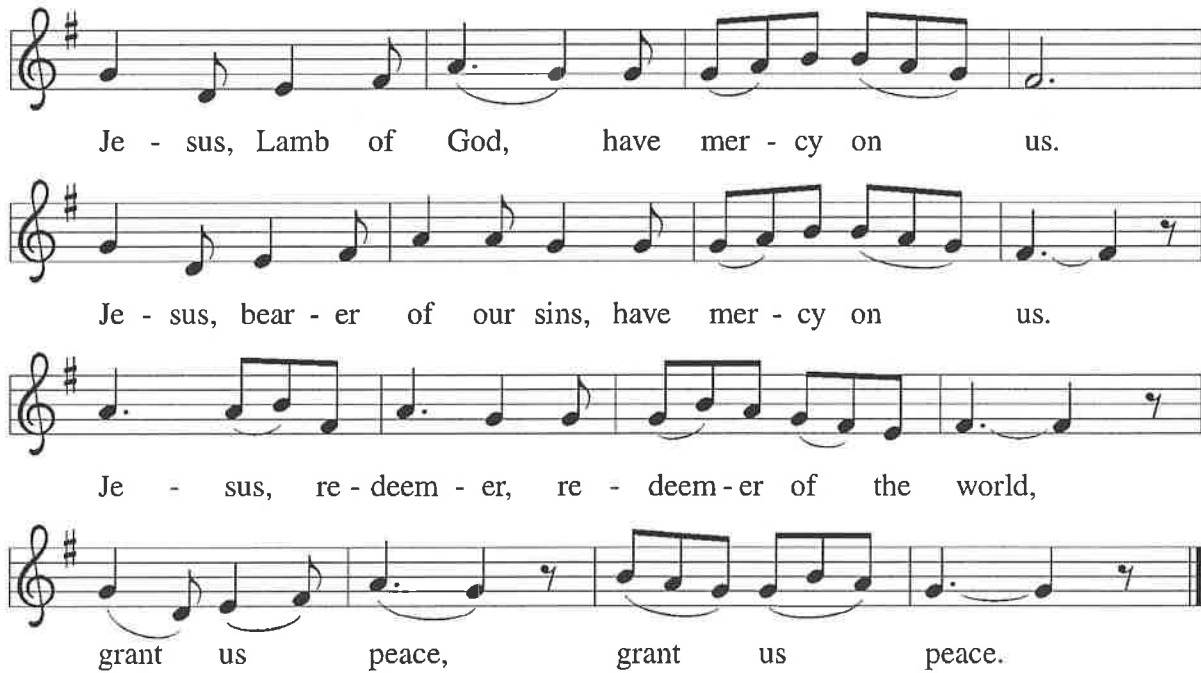
C **Thanks be to God.**

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

We sit.

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

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his holy banquet. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

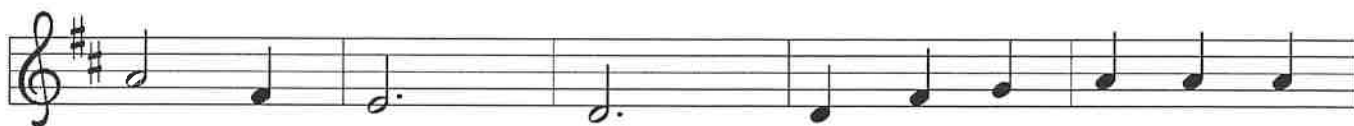
MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

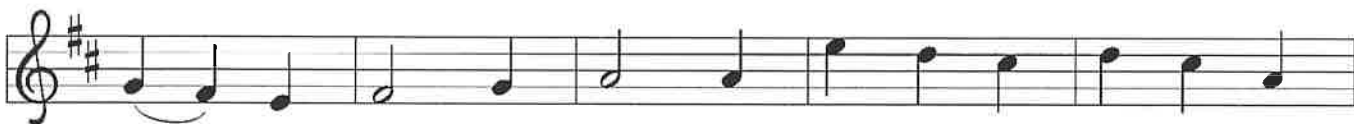


light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth as your called people in the world, to proclaim your truth
this day and evermore; through your Son, 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.

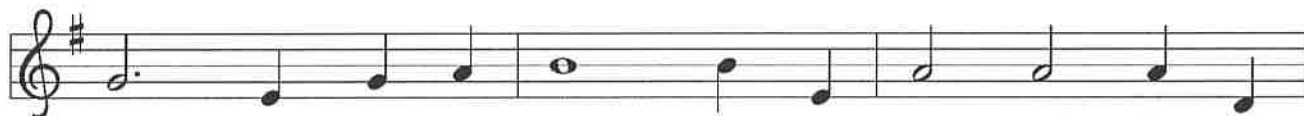
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

ELW #696



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851-1922

DISMISSAL

L Accept the invitation. Go forth in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Jubilant Gigue

Grichetchkine

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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Steve Mickelson, Worship Leader
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Sue Walz, Reader
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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:

Ellen Grashorn, Sandi Wilcox, Diane Garland, Mary Bradtmueller, Marilyn Cornwell, Bill Dreymler, Shirley Grant, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hruba, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Alan Spear, George & Shirley Striedl, Brigitte Winkler

Please pray for those who are homebound and those in a care facility:

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Marie Holtz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Sullivan	Bardwell Residence, Aurora
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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Richard Tabor

Carl C.

Mary Dunne & Family

Student at Genoa-Kingston Middle School

Marcia McDugle

Molly & Mike Updyke

Jim Anderson

Robert & Vicki Johnson

Walt Wille

Bob

Marty

Bonnie & Jim Hines

Pat

Kristen Benakis

Pat Pydo

Todd Streidl

Marilyn

Tracy Clark

Sarah McCarthy

Mary Lawrence

Steven & Janice Brown & Grace

Lee Peterson

Loda George Ricker

Calvin, Diane & Family

Katie Taylor

Jane Wirth

Michelle Hartzell

Rick Gaston

Tina Motter

Mary Hughs

Dottie

Brother of Liesa Ritter

Friend of Bethany Walking Group

Aunt of Amanda Balsan

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Daughter/Son-in-Law of George & Shirley Streidl

Friend of Bob Nelson

Brother-in-Law/Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Uncle of Darlene Hutchens

Friend of Hutchens' Family

Parents of Suzanne Grashorn

Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn

Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber

Son of George & Shirley Streidl

Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman

Sister of Tara Shannon

Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson

Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman

Friend of Dottie White

Friend of Fred & Ann Holch

Friends of Kathy Richmond

Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler

Friend of Beth Richard

Friend of Ann Holch

Sister of Jackie Page

Sister of Jackie Page

Friend of Paulette Smigo

Lizzie Bork
Jeffrey Campbell
Kate and Family
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Alice Hendrikson
Maureen Scollon
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Floyd Anderson
Paul Mazen
Bonnie Palshis
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,
Phil
Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Susan Sheley
Bonnie
Carole W.
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Ed Stahl

Friend of Julie Howard
Nephew of Nan Phillips
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Katie Robertson
Beth Richard's Father

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm
Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard
Lynn Dreymler's brother
Teri Figura
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Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Father of Nicki McVey
Sister of Sue & Bob Novy
Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy
Daughter of Diane Schalk
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

**Dolores Hoffman
Marie Lentz**

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, January 21

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Budget Forum	Lower Level
10:30am	Sunday School	Main Building, 2 nd Floor

Monday, January 22

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room
12:30pm	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
7pm	Council	Library

Tuesday, January 23

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym

Wednesday, January 24

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
5:30pm	Youth Bells	Sanctuary/Balcony
6pm	Confirmation	Youth Room/Chapel
7pm	Youth Group	Youth Room/Chapel

Thursday, January 25

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6pm	Bell Choir	Balcony
7pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Festival Choir	Sanctuary

Friday, January 26

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
5pm	Community Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Saturday, January 27

7:00am	Viljan Lodge	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Al-Anon	Library
10am	Al-Ateen	Lower Level
6pm	Movie Night	Fellowship Hall
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 28

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Main Building, 2 nd Floor

