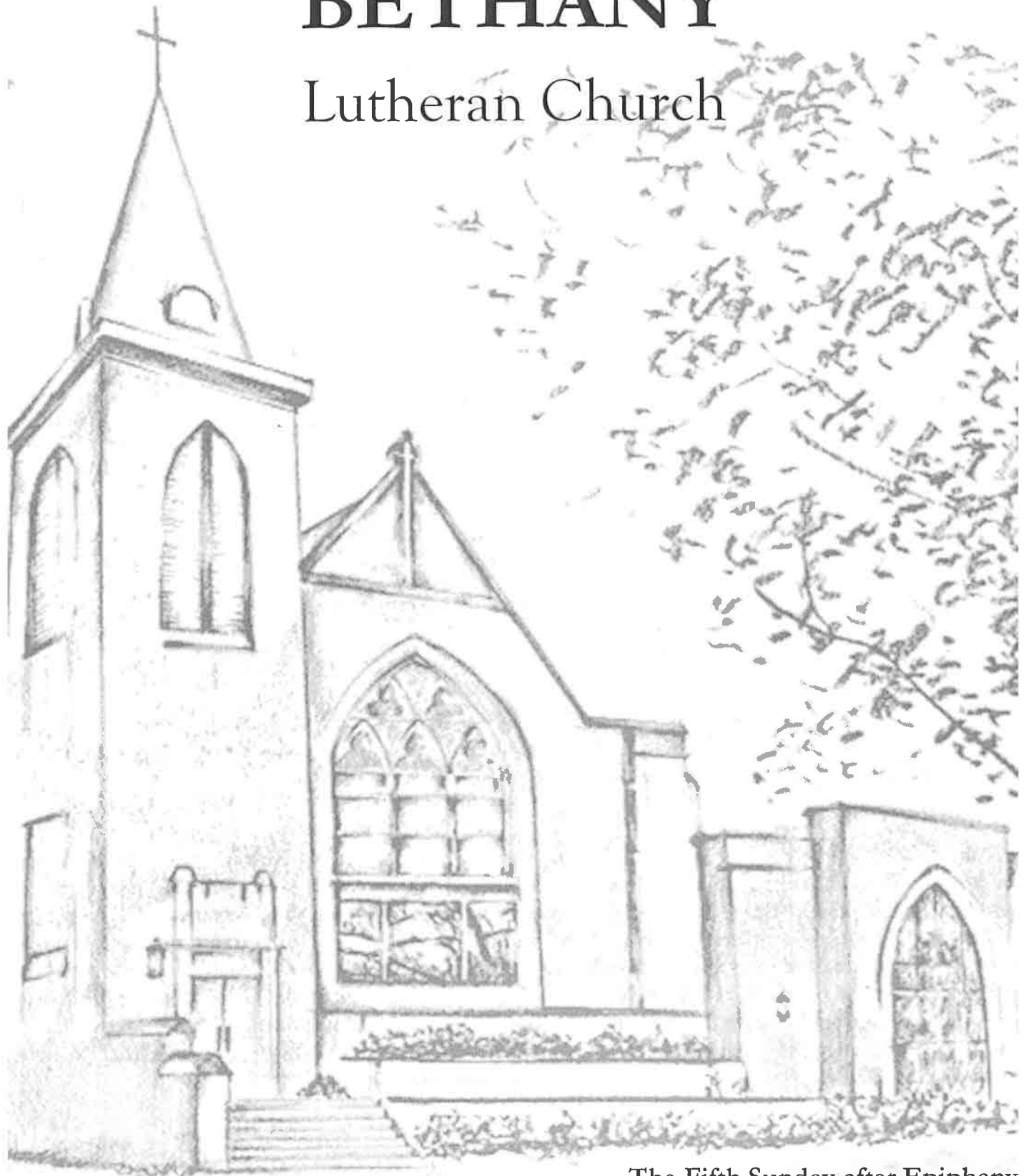


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023

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 yet 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.

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. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

As We Gather:

Salt and light. . .two very basic things with which we have daily contact. These days, we hardly recognize the preciousness of these commodities in ancient society, as salt and light are found in abundance in our world and our lifestyles. But if we think about the world of Jesus, it enlightens our understanding of his use of salt and light as examples of faith in action. Salt held high value and was used not only for seasoning but to seal covenants and bless newborn babies. Light held high value as it was only available while the sun was out. When you had light, you didn't let it go to waste. When you had salt, you used it. We have been gifted with the precious commodity of faith. We have a highly-valued truth living within us. Jesus calls us to use these amazing gifts--to share, shine, and sprinkle them throughout the world. Salt and light. . .two important descriptors of the people of God.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Canticle of Faith
Prayer

Groden
Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand

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.**

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.**



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.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1–12

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

(Reading continues on the following page.)

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;

(Reading continues on the following page.)

and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 112:1-9

Hal H. Hopson

Choir sings the antiphon once, congregation repeats and sings as indicated

ANTIPHON:



Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in his commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

ANTIPHON

It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1--16

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him" —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13–20

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

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

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

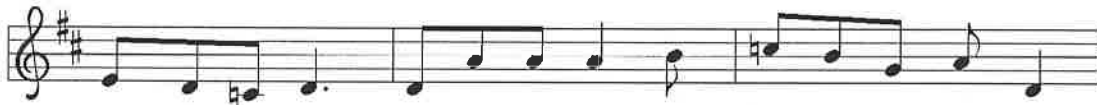
We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
Matthew 5:13–20



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice (*injustice such as systemic racism, church sanction of colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers may be named*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean to the plants and animals we know well. Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way (*especially*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Shape our congregation to be salt for the earth. Give us delight in your commandments, that we are generous with those in need. Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for (*the Martyrs of Japan and*) all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. Merciful God,

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.**

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING MUSIC: Christ Is the World's Light

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Christ is the world's light,
Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness,
He became our brother.
If we have seen him,
We have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life,
Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver,
Murdered here, our brother.
He who redeems us
And reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace,
Christ and none other;
No one can serve him
And despise another.
Who else unites us,
One in God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory,
God and none other;
Give God the glory,
Spirit, Son and Father.
Give God the glory,
God with us our brother:
Glory to God on high!

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A 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. We pray that we be good stewards of the light and faith you have planted within us, and that these gifts may be cultivated daily. Receive them all for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

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 their unending hymn:



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.
You have planted faith within us, and shone your light into us to cultivate that faith.
Through the prophets you call us to be a light to the nations in today's world.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness,
who invites us into lives of discipleship where we follow,
and lives of apostleship where we give and serve.

On 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.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus has 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.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal. 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 HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING. *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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Here is Bread, here is wine
Christ is with us, He is with us
Break the bread, drink the wine
Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace
Christ is with us, He is with us
Know His grace, find His peace
Feast on Jesus here. Refrain

Refrain:
In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life for ever
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here

Here we are, joined in One
Christ is with us, He is with us
We'll proclaim till He comes
Jesus crucified. Refrain

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.**

A 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 to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ **SENDING** +

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

DISMISSAL

A Be a beacon of Light for the world! Go forth in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Dona Nobis

Mozart

Organ Tours

The Bethany Aeolian Skinner pipe organ is a true treasure. Built in the mid-50's, renovated and enhanced a number of times since then, the instrument has three manuals (keyboards), a pedal board and 2,214 pipes. Starting February 12, I will offer organ tours after Sunday service. (Note: the complete tour will include climbing some stairs into the attic, but you can skip that part if you wish.) I'd like to keep each group at 10 or less -- kids are welcome. Come learn about the instrument and even play it a bit.

Alan Spear, Bethany Organist

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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:

Mary Bradtmueller, **Debbie Garrison**, Robert Granquist, Marcia Hanlon, Dolores Hoffman, Deb Hrubby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Kathy Richmond, JoAnn Sargent, Val Schalk, Marilyn Stanley, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Quast	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.

Please pray for our family and friends:

Anne Kaar	Daughter of Kris Kaar
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Sydney Mowen	Friend of Lane Stahl
Nancy & Mike	Sister & Brother-in-Law of Karol Clark
Steve Ziemer	Friend of Kathy Richmond
Jeffrey Campbell	Nephew of Nan Phillips
Kate and Family	Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz	Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S.	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Nicole	Friend of Linda Sullivan
Alice Hendrikson	Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Bigby Suddarth	Friend of Allie Mikyska
Mary Rasori	Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon
Maureen Scollon	Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Lauren Hanson	Supervisor of Janice Reynolds
Jaylene Lumppp	Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds
Pam Paszotta	Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman
Senaida Stafford	Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Emily	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Chris Sidler	Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Lisa	Friend of Beth Richard
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard	Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Heather	Friend of Schuman Family
Gretchen VanKempema	Daughter of Ann Holch
Loy Williams	Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Ryan Anderson	Son of Aaron Anderson

Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Rebecca and family
Josh Braun
Kate
Floyd Anderson
Barbara Garrison
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.
DeAnne & Gary
Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein
Brad Blue
Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Friends of Debbie Garrison
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Katie Robertson
God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Karol Clark
Beth Richard's Father
Bill Garrison's mother

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm
Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard
Lynn Dreymler's brother
Teri Figura
Teri Figura
Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Lois Benson
Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon
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
Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Virginia Clark-Lorenz
Martha Nelson
Judy Morrison

Sister/Sister-in-Law of John & Karol Clark
Sister of Bob Nelson
Sister of Bonnie Hines/Aunt of Suzanne Grashorn

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, February 5

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center

Monday, February 6

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room

Tuesday, February 7

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
10am	Property Committee	Conference Room
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 6	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Library/Lower Level/M111
7pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 8

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
6pm	Youth Bells	Balcony
6:30pm	High School Youth Group	Ministry Center/Youth Room
6:30pm	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym

Thursday, February 9

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, February 10

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9:45am	Food Pantry Serving	Batavia Food Pantry

Saturday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 12

9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Organ Tour	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Youth Fundraiser Meal Distribution	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center

