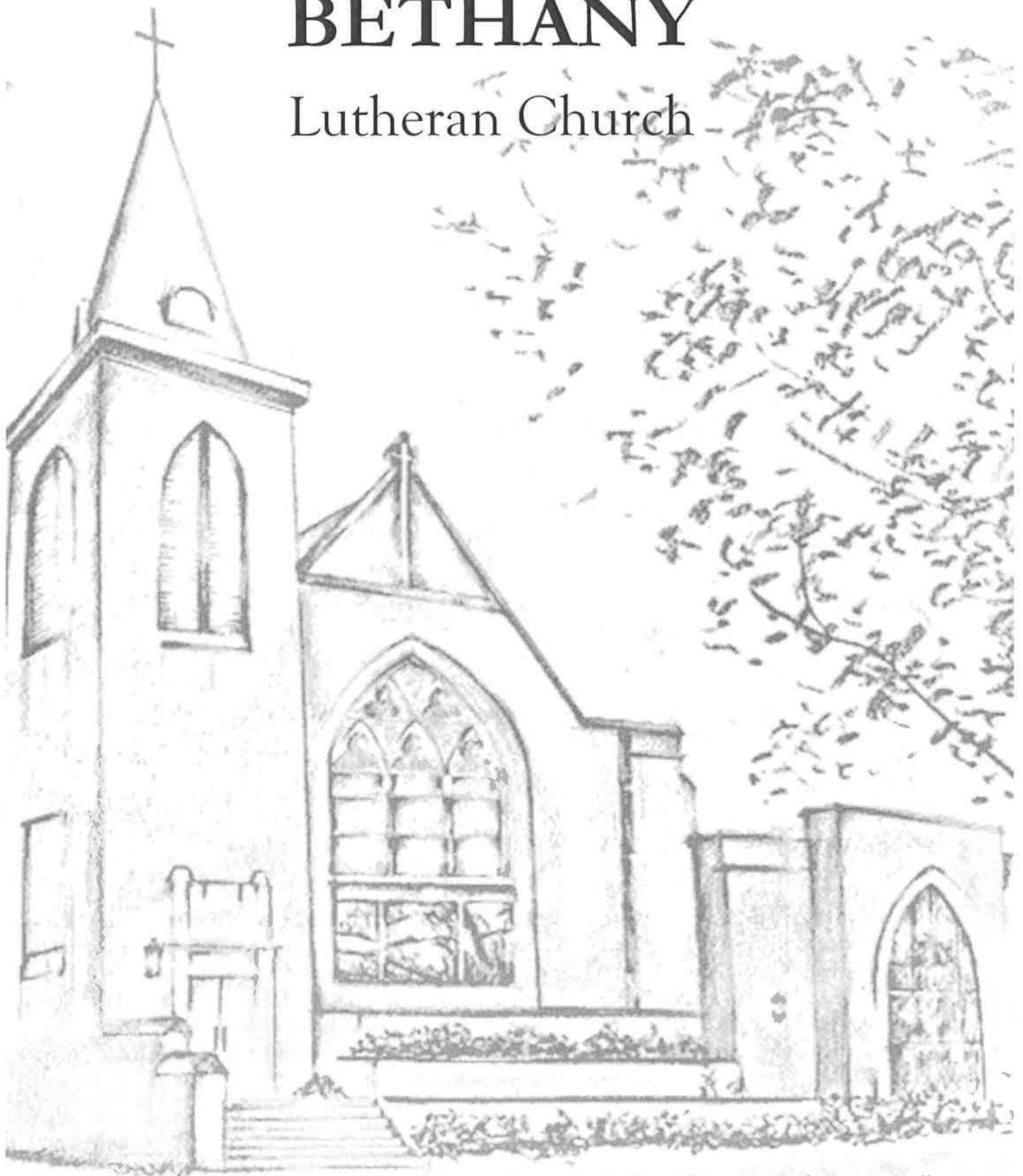


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 12, 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](http://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.

## **Coffee Hour**

Thank you to Altar Guild for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

## **Holy Communion**

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to the pastor.

## **As We Gather**

Parallel strands of growth and transformation weave their way through this pivotal moment in Jesus' ministry, and indeed the world. Jesus begins to proclaim that salvation has come to more than a select few. The Samaritan woman begins to trust that there is more to living water than everyday buckets and wells. The disciples begin to understand that the one they are following will lead them in a most unusual direction. The villagers begin to trust in both what their ears have heard and their eyes have seen. No matter where you might be on your journey of growth, transformation, or faith there is a place for you in this Good News.

## + GATHERING +

**PRELUDES:** Prelude on Lonesome Valley  
I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

McConnell  
John Behnke  
Grace Notes Bell Choir

### 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 God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
accept our repentance, Lord.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

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 the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### 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.

### KYRIE (LORD HAVE MERCY)

*The choir sings the Kyrie once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing each time thereafter.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "le - i - son." and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The piano accompaniment also continues and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

A For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all, Lord we pray.

### KYRIE

A That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out truth, justice and grace, Lord we pray.

### KYRIE

A For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family, Lord we pray.

### KYRIE

A For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in word and sacrament, Lord we pray.

### KYRIE (*Sung twice*)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water,  
you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.

Give us this water always.

Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1–7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



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

## ANTIPHON:



Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
 let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
 and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
 For the Lord is a great God,  
 and a great King above all gods.  
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
 and the heights of the hills are his also.  
 The sea is his, for he made it,  
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

## ANTIPHON

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,  
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
 and the sheep of his hand.  
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!  
 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,  
 at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

## ANTIPHON

They put me to the test,  
 though they had seen my works.  
 Forty years long I detested that generation and said,  
 "This people are wayward in their hearts;  
 they do not know my ways."  
 So I swore in my wrath,\*  
 "They shall not enter into my rest."

## ANTIPHON

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

GOSPEL VERSE: Return to the Lord Your God

ELW Setting Three



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5–42

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

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

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that

you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he? <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



*We sit.*

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska  
John 4:5-42

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

**ELW #777**



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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| 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;<br>I would be your trusted friend.<br>Come and seek the gift I offer,<br>come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i> | 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br>lonely ways no longer roam.<br>Come and take the gift I offer,<br>let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i> |
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Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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## NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

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

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.





Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

A Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness (*especially*). Give them your living water always. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism (*at the Vigil of Easter/on Easter Day*). Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- A We give thanks for the lives of all your saints (*especially Gregory the Great, whom we commemorate today*). Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. 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**

+ MEAL +

OFFERING MUSIC: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Russel Schulz-Widmar

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
And in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast"  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk 'til traveling days are done.

*We stand.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God our provider,
- C **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ 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. You invite us to the well to receive living water from the one who is our eternal caretaker. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth,  
 for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son  
 that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the priceless grace you have bestowed upon us  
 through Jesus Christ, who died upon the tree of Calvary  
 and rose again to make us living branches,  
 drawing our life from him and bearing fruit in all the world.

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.

Send your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth and power,  
to renew our faith as we receive our crucified and risen Lord  
who comes to us in his body and blood.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

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

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

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

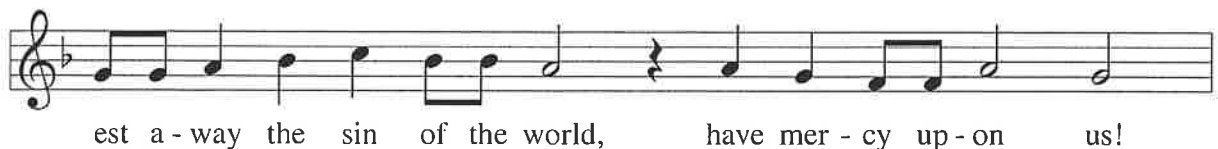
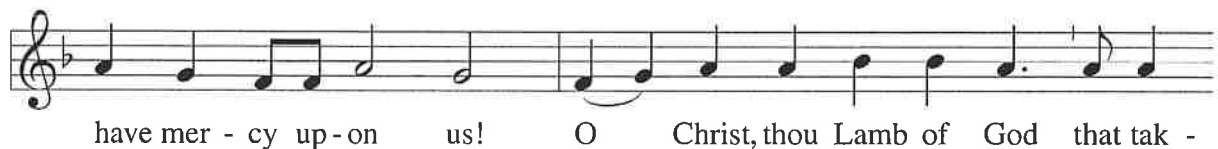
C **Thanks be to God.**

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

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI

ELW # 196



## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. 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, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**VOLUNTARY:** Beneath the Cross of Jesus

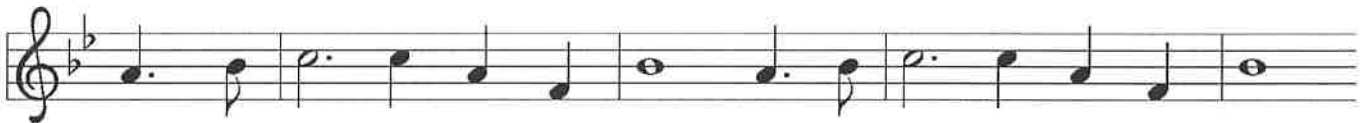
Patricia A. Sanders  
Grace Notes Bell Choir

**HYMN:** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**ELW #623**



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**



# + SENDING +

## BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW #807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## DISMISSAL

A Receive the living water from Christ! Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Let All Things Their Creator Bless

Arr. Fedak

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Pastor Steve Ritter, Assisting Minister  
Alan Spear, Organist  
Tara Doman, Reader  
Ian Gutierrez, Todd Toles, A/V  
Jan Bristow, Dorothy Thorsen, Altar Guild  
Danny Durbin, Michael Goro, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Ushers  
Pastor Steve Ritter, Ruth Beck, Andrea Gustafson,  
Communion Ass'ts  
Festival Choir  
Grace Notes Bell Choir

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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, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Robert Granquist, Ellen Grashorn, Marcia Hanlon, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Kathy Richmond, JoAnn Sargent, 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                         |
| Dolores Hoffman   | Heritage Woods                     |
| Bill Keele        | Heritage Woods                     |
| Pam Klingberg     | Heritage Woods                     |
| Wanda Krentz      | Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad          |
| Mildred Miller    | Reserve of Geneva, Geneva          |
| Rhonda Nelson     | Batavia, IL                        |
| 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:**

|                        |                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| <b>Jeff Hall</b>       | <b>Colleague of Emma Hess</b>               |
| Richard Benson         | Husband of Sherri Benson (Beekeeper's Assn) |
| Bonnie & Jim Hines     | Parents of Suzanne Grashorn                 |
| Tina Motter            | Sister of Jackie Page                       |
| Mary Hughs             | Sister of Jackie Page                       |
| Cindy Weinert          | Sister-in-Law of Pam Klingberg              |
| Dottie                 | Friend of Paulette Smigo                    |
| Diane Sharp            | Friend of Ed Schalk                         |
| Lizzie Bork            | Friend of Julie Howard                      |
| 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                     |
| Maureen Scollon        | Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White        |
| Lauren Hanson          | Supervisor of Janice Reynolds               |
| Jaylene Lump           | 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                 |
| 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  
Ryan Anderson  
Linda Raish  
Vic and Anne Lee  
Lynne Morrow  
Kenzie  
Rebecca and family  
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  
Brad Blue  
Megan Campbell  
Diane Ekstam Johnson  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Teri Prokes  
Tony Prokes  
Kelli Robertson  
Wolfgang Smailus  
Ed Stahl

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch  
Son of Aaron Anderson  
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  
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 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:**

**Ethel**  
Nancy Bishop  
Robert Sager  
Mike Monken  
Mary Rasori  
Dr. Mark Bangert

**Sister of Shirley Grant**  
Sister of Sue Colella  
Brother/Brother-in-Law of Jim & Cheri Sager  
Brother/Brother-in-Law of John & Karol Clark  
Sister-in-Law of Brian & Tara Shannon  
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff Mikyska

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, March 12

|         |                         |                                        |
|---------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 9am     | .....Worship.....       | Sanctuary                              |
| 10am    | .....Coffee Hour.....   | Fellowship Hall                        |
| 10:30am | .....Bible Study.....   | Chapel                                 |
| 10:30am | .....Sunday School..... | Ministry Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor |

### Monday, March 13

|        |                                       |                          |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:30am | .....Bethany Walking Group.....       | Ministry Center Gym      |
| 9am    | .....Counters.....                    | Conference Room          |
| 12pm   | .....Hope Circle.....                 | Lounge/Library           |
| 7pm    | .....Marketing Team/Zoom Meeting..... | Fellowship Hall/Via Zoom |

### Tuesday, March 14

|        |                                  |                     |
|--------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30am | .....Bethany Walking Group.....  | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am    | .....Quilters.....               | Fellowship Hall     |
| 1pm    | .....Bible Study.....            | Library             |
| 5:30pm | .....Executive Team.....         | Conference Room     |
| 6:30pm | .....DV Support Group.....       | Youth Room          |
| 6:30pm | .....Girls BSA Troop 6.....      | Vlahn Room/Gym      |
| 7pm    | .....Fox River Radio League..... | Fellowship Hall     |

### Wednesday, March 15

|        |                                          |                         |
|--------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8:30am | .....Bethany Walking Group.....          | Ministry Center Gym     |
| 1pm    | .....Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber..... | Sanctuary               |
| 6:15pm | .....Youth Bells.....                    | Balcony                 |
| 6:30pm | .....High School Youth Group.....        | Youth Room/Ministry Ctr |
| 6:30pm | .....Confirmation.....                   | Fellowship Hall         |
| 7pm    | .....Men’s Basketball.....               | Ministry Center Gym     |
| 7:30pm | .....Mid-Week Lenten Service.....        | Chapel                  |
| 7:30pm | .....Music/Worship Committee.....        | Library                 |

### Thursday, March 16

|        |                                    |                     |
|--------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 8:30am | .....Bethany Walking Group.....    | Ministry Center Gym |
| 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, March 17

|                 |                                       |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Friday – Sunday | .....Troop 6 Electronics Campout..... | Vlahn Room/Gym      |
| 8:30am          | .....Bethany Walking Group.....       | Ministry Center Gym |

### Saturday, March 18

|                 |                                       |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Friday – Sunday | .....Troop 6 Electronics Campout..... | Vlahn Room/Gym      |
| 7:30am          | .....Men’s Basketball.....            | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am             | .....Council Retreat.....             | Chapel              |
| 9am             | .....Altar Guild.....                 | Fellowship Hall     |
| 9:30am          | .....Fox Valley Court Watch.....      | Lower Level         |
| 10am            | .....Al-Anon.....                     | Library             |
| 10am            | .....Al-Ateen.....                    | Library             |
| 6pm             | .....Movie Night.....                 | Fellowship Hall     |
| 8pm             | .....AA.....                          | Fellowship Hall     |

### Sunday, March 19

|                 |                                       |                                        |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Friday – Sunday | .....Troop 6 Electronics Campout..... | Vlahn Room/Gym                         |
| 9am             | .....Worship.....                     | Sanctuary                              |
| 10am            | .....Coffee Hour.....                 | Fellowship Hall                        |
| 10:30am         | .....Bible Study.....                 | Chapel                                 |
| 10:30am         | .....Sunday School.....               | Ministry Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor |
| 12pm            | .....Youth Event – Bowling.....       | Offsite                                |

