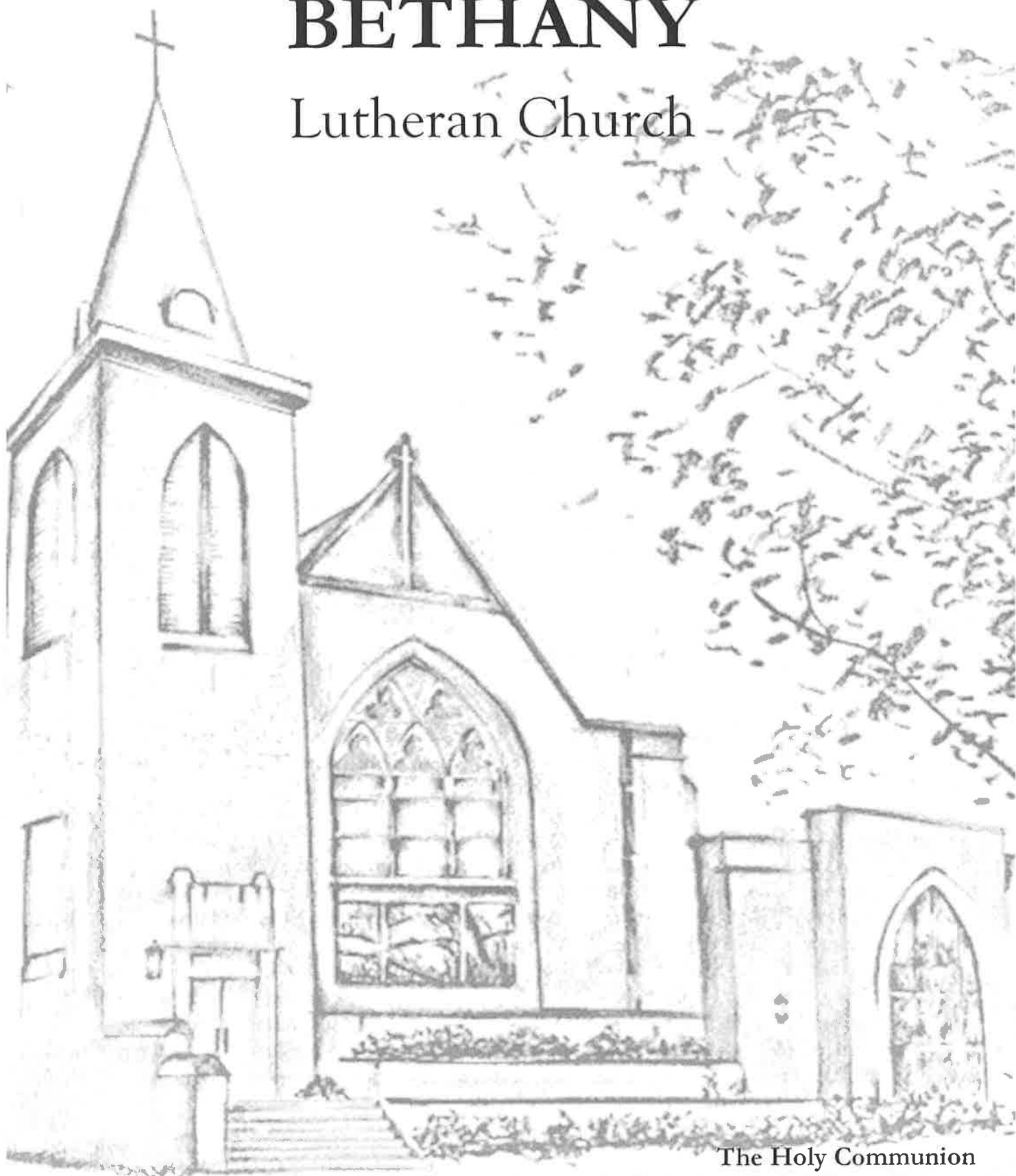


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Holy Communion  
The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 20, 2022

# 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 down the hallway to the right of the elevator, 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 baptized Christians 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:**

God's word for us today is nutritious and wholesome, though hard to digest. The gospel reading seems oddly brutal alongside the abundance and comfort of the texts from Isaiah ("delight yourselves in rich food") and Psalm 63 ("My spirit is content as with the richest of foods"). Even Paul finds himself using physical sustenance as a metaphor ("they drank from the spiritual rock, . . . and the rock was Christ"). It may be hard to hear the fig-tree parable as the grace-full story it really is. But here is Christ himself as gardener: digging, fertilizing, protecting, and nurturing us. We are fragile creatures, living in a world of tragedy and terror, but God does not punish fragility with death. On the contrary, God sent Jesus to us so that we may live. While the world may want to blame the withering tree for its inability to be productive, our Savior and Lord reaches into our lives, reminds us of our roots, nourishes us with grace, and allows us to bloom, to flourish, to freely share our gifts with the world.

## + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Jesu, Meine Freude  
Adagio in G Minor

Walther  
Albinoni

*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.**

**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.*

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -  
le - i - son.

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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world  
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

Help us to hear your word and obey it,  
and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives,

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: Isaiah 55:1–9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: O God, eagerly I seek you, my soul thirsts for you.

- L O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;\*  
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
 as in a barren and dry land where there | is no water.
- C **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,\***  
**that I might behold your power | and your glory.**
- L For your lovingkindness is better than | life itself;\*  
 my lips shall | give you praise.
- C **So will I bless you as long | as I live\***  
**and lift up my hands | in your name.**
- L My soul is content, as with mar- | row and fatness,\*  
 and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
- C **when I remember you up- | on my bed,\***  
**and meditate on you in | the night watches.**
- L For you have | been my helper,\*  
 and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
- C **My soul | clings to you;\***  
**your right hand | holds me fast.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1–13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

- L Word of God, word of life.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW #176**

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:1–9**

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

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska  
Luke 13:1–9

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: One Bread, One Body

ELW #496

*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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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.



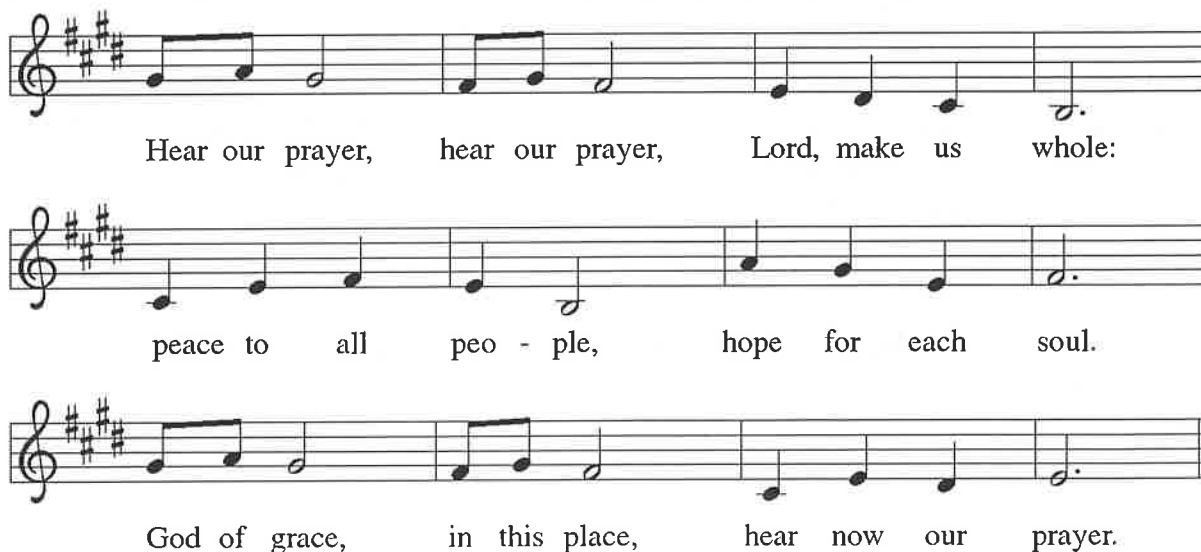
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended 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.

*We sit.*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

ELW #178



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all people, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands impacted by droughts and at risk of wildfires; for fig trees and vineyards that produce fruit for our nourishment and delight; for animal habitats threatened by climate change. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing (*especially*). Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With (*names and*) all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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: Come to the Water

John Foley, S. J.  
Arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary,  
let them come to the Lord:  
all who labor, without rest.  
How can your soul find rest,  
except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life,  
except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,  
let them come to the water,  
Bring the ones who are laden,  
bring them all to the Lord:  
bring the children without might.  
Easy the load and light:  
come to the Lord.

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P 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 bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. 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 should 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 The gifts of God for the people of God.  
 C **Thanks be to God.**  
 P Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

### AGNUS DEI

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,  
 have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -  
 est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!  
 O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,  
 grant us thy peace! A - men

### 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: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Bill Ingram  
Grace Notes Bell Choir

HYMN: 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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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></li></ol> |
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Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

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

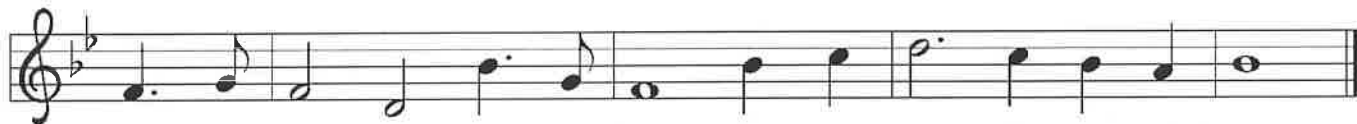
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1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when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

*We stand.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you 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 you now and forever.

C Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

ELW #647



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and  
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



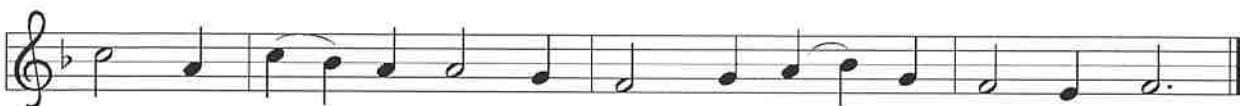
of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,  
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges  
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a  
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their  
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain



found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -  
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,  
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe they  
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Music: BLAENWERN. William P. Rowlands, 1860-1937



**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Allegro

Scarlatti



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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:

Carlene Altman, Mary Bradtmueller, Bill Dahlman, Suzanne DeLong, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Hershel & Louise Pruitt, Scotty & Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear

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

Helen Anderson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Dorothy Carlson	Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Joan Olson	Michealsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Quast	Asbury Gardens
Judi Spear	Arden Courts of Geneva, Geneva
Joyce Stran	GreenFields of Geneva, Geneva

### Please pray for all those serving in the military, especially those who are connected to our congregation

### Please pray for our family and friends:

Bill Norman	Cousin of Judy Henschler
Kate	Friend of Karol Clark
Dan	Friend of Ed Schalk
Abby B.	Friend of Darlene Hutchens
Tom Thorsen	Son of Dorothy Thorsen
Ryan & Kate	Friends of the Foelske Family
Bill VanSanten	Former Member of Bethany and Friend of Norm and Nancy Freedlund
Gary Piccony	Peter Piccony's Father
Loy Williams	Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Steve Novy	Cousin of Bob Novy
Floyd Anderson	Beth Richard's Father
Pastor Tim Kohlmeier	Brother of Mark Kohlmeier
Bill Parkhurst	Friend of Bill and Lynn Drymiller
Barbara Garrison	Bill Garrison's mother
Linda Bennett	Friends of Ken and Judy Henschler
Paul Mazen	
Ed Bonnes	Cousin of John & Karol Clark
Bonnie Palshis	Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher and family,	Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard
Phil	Lynn Dreymler's brother
Kathy Dee's Family	Teri Figura
Mary Jo Benstein's Family	Teri Figura
Susan Sheley	Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt
Bonnie	Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W.  
DeAnne & Gary  
Rabbi Margaret Frish-Klein  
Brad Blue  
Megan Campbell  
Diane Ekstam Johnson  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Tina Motter  
Teri Prokes  
Tony Prokes  
Kelli Robertson  
Wolfgang Smailus  
Ed Stahl

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 Jackie Page  
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:

**Jeff Stran**  
**Keith Altman**  
**Loane Tharrington**  
Caroline Taege

**Son of Joyce Stran**  
**Son of Carlene Altman**  
**Sister of Norm Freedlund**  
Friend of Pastor Jeff and Gail

Below, I have listed four websites which are connected to ELCA ministries, or are partners of our ministries. (Refugee One is a partner of our Metropolitan Chicago Synod.) On each website, you can see the work being done and choose if and how you wish to support that work. I encourage you to research what they do as you decide which ministry you feel called to help. In all four cases, work is currently underway to support the children and citizens of Ukraine who are under attack. If you would prefer, you can also make a donation to any of these ministries through Bethany, as long as you clearly note for us where you intend your gift to go. – Pastor Jeff

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE:

<https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response>

ELCA WORLD HUNGER APPEAL:

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/ELCA-World-Hunger>

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:

<https://lwr.org/>

REFUGEE ONE:

<https://www.refugeone.org/>

*Bethany Lutheran Church, 8 S Lincoln St, Batavia, IL*  
*Ph. 630-879-3444 [office@bethanybatavia.org](mailto:office@bethanybatavia.org) [www.bethanybatavia.org](http://www.bethanybatavia.org)*

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Sunday, March 20**

9am.....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
10:30am.....	Lenten Book Study.....	Library
2pm.....	Noteworthy Acoustic Concerts.....	Fellowship Hall

**Monday, March 21**

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Troop 6 Leaders.....	Lower Level
7pm.....	Worship & Music.....	Offsite

**Tuesday, March 22**

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Quilters.....	Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, March 23**

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm.....	Youth Bells.....	Balcony
6:30pm.....	Confirmation.....	Fellowship Hall
7:30pm.....	Youth 2:19.....	Youth Room
		Ministry Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
7:30pm.....	Holden Lenten Service.....	Chapel

**Thursday, March 24**

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

**Friday, March 25**

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

**Saturday, March 26**

7:30am.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
9:30am.....	Fox Valley Court Watch.....	Library
8pm.....	AA.....	Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, March 27**

9am.....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
10:30am.....	Lenten Book Study.....	Library

