

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 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:

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

For Palm Sunday (April 10):

For Palm Sunday worship next week, those who wish to be part of the Palm Sunday procession will gather in the narthex before worship and receive palms. We'll process into the sanctuary during the singing of the Entrance Hymn. Those choosing not to be part of the procession may be seated as usual when they arrive.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Prelude in C
Chorale

Mendelssohn Mendelssohn

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.

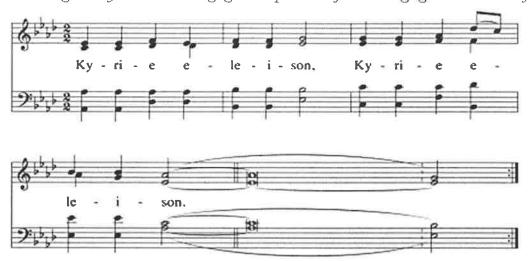
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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.



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, jusice 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.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.

Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALM 126

ANTIPHON: Those who sowed with tears shall reap with joy.

Carl Schalk

- L When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,* then were we like | those who dream.
- C Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,* and our tongue with | shouts of joy.
- L Then they said a- | mong the nations,*

 "The Lord has done great | things for them."
- C The Lord has done great | things for us,* and we are | glad indeed.
- L Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,* like the watercourses | of the Negev.
- C Those who | sowed with tears* will reap with | songs of joy.
- L Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,* will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW #176 Let your stead - fast love O Lord. come to us, Save you prom-ised; we will

trust

your

word.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 12:1–8

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- The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska John 12:1–8

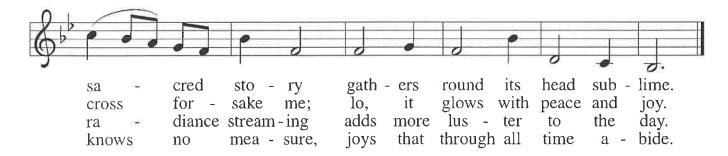
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HYMN OF THE DAY: In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324







Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

NICENE CREED

- A 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.





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 Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick (*especially*). Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.
- A Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued (*especially*). Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.

- A Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for (*names* and) all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. 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: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Martin Schalling

Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me depart: With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share, Yea, heaven itself were void and bare If thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my heart fro sorrow break, My trust in thee can nothing shake. Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul have bought. Lord Jesus Christ, My god and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust thy Word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in every place May glorify thy lavish grace And serve and help my neighbor. Let no false doctrine me beguile, Let Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow thee. Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord, In death thy comfort still afford.

Lord, let at last thine angels come, To Abr'hams bosom bear me home, That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until thy reappearing.

And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, thy glorious face My Savior and my fount of grace.

Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise thee without end!

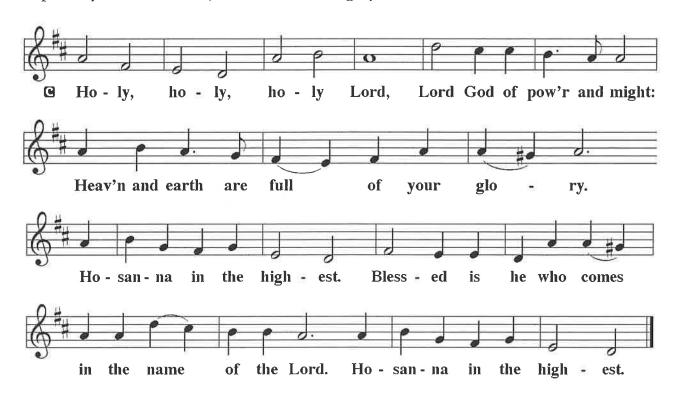
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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:



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.

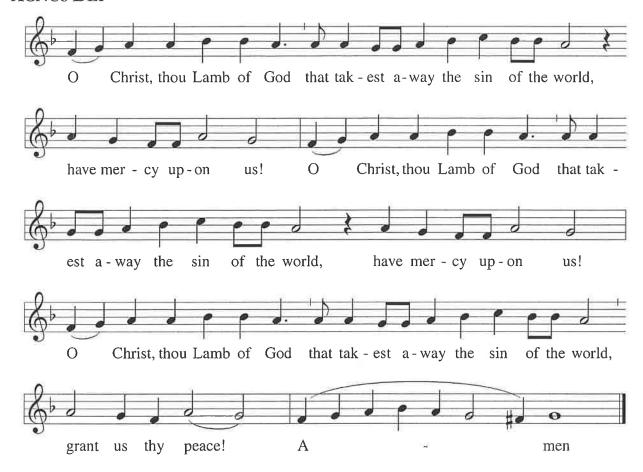
- C Amen.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

 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



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

HYMN: Christ the Life of All the Living

ELW #339



- 1 Christ, the life of all the liv-ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
- 2 You have suf-fered great af flic-tion and have borne it pa tient ly,
- 3 Then, for all that bought my par-don, for the sor-rows deep and sore,



Christ, your-self for me once giv-ing to the dark-est depths of woe: e - ven death by cru - ci - fix-ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me; for the an-guish in the gar-den, I will thank you ev - er-more;

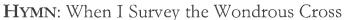


through your suf-f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it. for you chose to be tor-ment-ed that my doom should be pre-vent - ed. thank you for the groan-ing, sigh-ing, for the bleed-ing and the dy - ing,

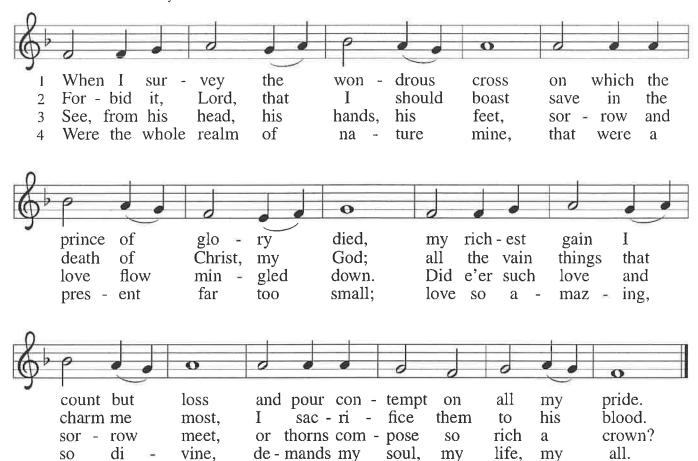


Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you. Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you. for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687



ELW #803



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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: Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW #685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con se crat ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, not a mite would I with hold;



take my mo-ments and my days; take my feet and let them be take my lips and let them be take my in - tel - lect, and use let them flow in cease-less praise. swift and beau - ti - ful for thee. filled with mes - sag - es from thee. ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Postlude in G

Mendelssohn

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Doug Boehm, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Dennis Schuett, Reader
Ted Richoz, Ryan Pieratt, A/V
Dorothy Thorsen, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild
Doug Boehm, Margie Schuett, Communion Ass't
Danny Durbin, George Hutchens, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Leonard Wray, Ushers
Festival Choir

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If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to <u>council@bethanybatavia.org</u>.

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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, **Deb Hruby**, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Scotty & Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear

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

Hershel Pruitt Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad Helen Anderson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad Mark Anderson Silverado Memory Care, St Charles Dorothy Carlson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

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Joan Olson Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Pat Quast Asbury Gardens

Judi SpearArden Courts of Geneva, GenevaJoyce StranGreenFields 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 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
Floyd Anderson
Cousin of Bob Novy
Beth Richard's Father

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 Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Teri Figura

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Susan Sheley Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt

Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

DeAnne & Gary

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein

Brad Blue

Megan Campbell

Diane Ekstam Johnson

Tammy English Jerry Martin Tina Motter Teri Prokes

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Tony Prokes Kelli Robertson

Wolfgang Smailus

Ed Stahl

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 Son of Joyce Stran Son of Carlene Altman Sister of Norm Freedlun

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:

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THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, April 3		
	Worship	Sanctuary
	Coffee Hour	•
	Sunday School	
	Lenten Book Study	
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Monday, April 4		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
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Thursday, April 7		
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
	Bell Choir	
6:30pm	Boy Scout Troop 6	Ministry Center
		Gym/Vlahn Room
7pm	Festival Choir	•
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Friday, April 8	Ded. William Co.	3.5
	Bethany Walking Group	
9:45am	Food Pantry Serving	Batavia Food Pantry
Saturday, April 9		
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Sunday, April 10	D 1 C 1	0
	Palm Sunday	
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
	Coffee Hour	
	Sunday School	
	Lenten Book Study	•
2pm	Noteworthy Acoustic Concerts	Fellowship Hall