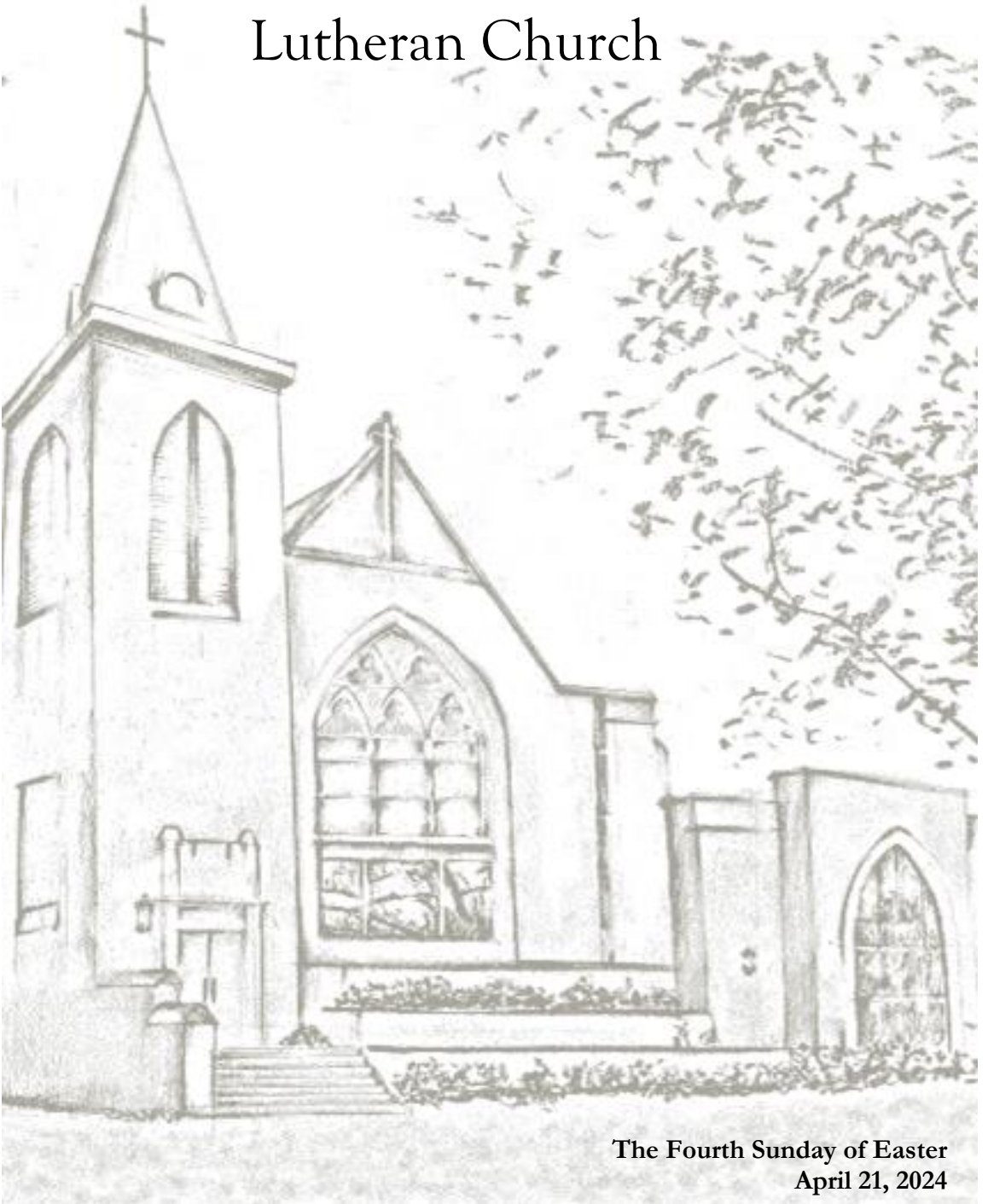


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024

# WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Welcome**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome all God's people to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve.

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at [www.bethanybatavia.org](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. Busy Bags outside the sanctuary for ages 1-6 years.

## **Nursery**

While not staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

## **Cell Phones and Pagers**

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

## **Coffee Hour**

Thank you to the ladies in Quilting 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.

## **As We Gather:**

Today, the 4th Sunday of Easter, we commonly refer to as Good Shepherd Sunday. In the Gospel, we hear the well-known and treasured words from Jesus that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Wolves encircle the sheepfold, eyeing the sheep and looking to prey upon weakness. Similarly, sin and death encroach upon us, snarling like wolves and waiting to pounce on our vulnerabilities. But Jesus the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the weak and wandering sheep. In doing so, Jesus protects us, keeps us, and ultimately dies for us. We therefore are snatched from the wolves of sin and death and saved to live as beloved sheep who are known deeply by their shepherd, the One who laid down his life. . .and as such, we are called to lay down *our* lives, too.

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Lutheran Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

The people's responses are in **bold**.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word *rubrica* (red) – referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

## + GATHERING +

*Worship often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare their minds and hearts for worship.*

**PRELUDES:** Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  
Immortal Love, Forever Full

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.*

*We stand and face the processional cross.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

**ELW #364**

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

#### *Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

- 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo,  
and in its conquest his might did show. *Refrain*

- 3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear.  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.  
Only the graveclothes are lying there." *Refrain*

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won."

*Refrain*

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

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*During the Easter season we give thanks for the sacrament of baptism wherein we participate in Christ's death and resurrection to new life. In the waters of baptism we die to sin and are raised to new life.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

C **Amen.**

P We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

*The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ**

Richard Hillert

♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.  
♩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. I Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre- a - tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for- ev - er. A - men.

☩ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia,

al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

☩ This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



*The prayer of the day, or collect, is appointed for each Sunday and “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,  
you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.

Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;

heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*We sit.*

+ **WORD** +

*During the Easter season this reading is often from The Acts of the Apostles which is a record of the founding of the Christian church following the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 4:5–12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The biblical book of Psalms is the hymnal of ancient Israel, many written for use in temple worship.*

## PSALM 23

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

### REFRAIN



- L The Lord | is my shepherd;\*  
I shall not | be in want.
- C **He makes me lie down | in green pastures\*  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**
- L He re- | vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.
- C **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall | fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**
- L You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- C **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

### REFRAIN

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

### SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16–24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.



<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

*The Gospel acclamation, or sometimes sequence hymn, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 10:11–18

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

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

[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Mikyska  
John 10:11–18

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

**ELW #502**



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;      6 And so, through all the length of days,  
 thine unction grace bestoweth;            thy goodness faileth never.  
 and, oh, what transport of delight      Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!            within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.*

**NICENE CREED**

L 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 pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal Church, all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

L Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

L Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## + MEAL +

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

### PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

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

**OFFERING MUSIC: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need**

Arr. Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name;  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
And leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest while others go and come,  
No more a stranger nor a guest; but like a child at home.

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all who receive the breath of your Spirit, with the earth and the sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 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.

*We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper.*

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
 You have filled all creation with light and life;  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
 the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
 the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
 and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, our Shepherd,  
 who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
 and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood,  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

*We sit.*



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

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to his holy banquet. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink. White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, are the cups in the center of each wine tray, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.*

# MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

**VOLUNTARY:** Beside Still Waters

Grace Notes Bell Choir

**HYMN:** The Lord's My Shepherd

**ELW #778**



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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*We stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER**

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

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

*Sending reminds us that every Sunday worship gathering is a cycle, existing for a time and then dispersing. We arrive at the “sending” after traveling from the rite of gathering to the word and meal. We heard and proclaimed the Word; we were nourished at the Meal; and now we complete the cycle. We have encountered the living Christ in this place and are empowered for ministry in the world.*

## + SENDING +

### BENEDICTION

P Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, that we are sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Almighty God: Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forevermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing!

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1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -  
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,  
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!  
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;  
 lert and liv - ing, in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -  
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,  
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.  
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

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**DISMISSAL**

L Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE:** March from the Third Organ Symphony

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Laurel Doman, Worship Leader  
Alan Spear, Organist  
Debbie Garrison, Reader  
Todd Toles, Ben Toles, A/V  
Nancy Freedlund, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild  
Marissa Hunt, Nate Hunt, Acolytes  
Jon Habeggar, Carole Benson, Ushers  
Laurel Doman, Margie Schuett, Debbie Garrison, Comm. Asst's  
Festival Choir  
Grace Notes Bell Choir  
Marsha Schuster, Oboe  
Morgan Hutchens, Flute

## **STAFF**

Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor  
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Alan Spear, Organist  
Darlene Hutchens, Church Administrator  
Susan Jarocki, Administrative Assistant  
Emma Hess, Youth Director  
Ed McQuillan, Financial Secretary

## **YOUR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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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:**

Dorothy Anderson, Mary Bradtmueller,, Diane Garland, Shirley Grant, Anna Jackson, Mike & Deb Hrubby, Karin Johnston, Kris Kaar, Luke & Diane Land, Joan Munro, Bob Novy, Dorothy Patzer, Louise Pruitt, George & Shirley Striedl, Bev Waterfield, Sandi Wilcox

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

Mark Anderson	Bria, Geneva
Marie Holtz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Owen Schuster  
Steven Surdyski

### **Please pray for our family and friends:**

#### **Angelo Campagna**

#### **Kate and Family**

#### **Ron Slack**

Ted Grandquist  
Pat Broda  
Pat McDonald  
Sandy & Dale Christianson  
Sofie  
Geneva Isham  
Family of Joe Fornero  
Geri Vincent  
Owen Libley  
Ron Krukewitt  
Pam Waers  
Terri Wells  
Patricia Lusted  
Rosi  
Larry Richmond  
Neil Weir  
Jim Martin  
Lili  
Lisa  
Fr. Matt BeBlock  
Doug  
Mary Weinert  
Richard Tabor  
Carl C.  
Student at Genoa-Kingston Middle School  
Marcia McDugle  
Molly & Mike Updyke  
Robert & Vicki Johnson  
Bonnie & Jim Hines  
Kristen Benakis  
Pat Pydo  
Todd Stredl  
Marilyn  
Tracy Clark  
Mary Lawrence  
Lee Peterson

#### **Kari (Ed) McQuillan's Dad**

#### **Friend of John & Karol Clark**

#### **Brother-in-Law of John & Karol Clark**

Former Pastor  
Friend of Sue Jarocki  
Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn  
Friends of Val Schalk  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Grandmother of Danny & Emma Hess  
7<sup>th</sup> Grader who passed away last week from Lemont  
Friend of Val Schalk  
Brother of Lois Benson  
Brother-in-Law of Sue DeLong  
Friend of Sue DeLong  
Friend of Lynn Dreymler  
Friend of Janice Reynolds  
Friend of Janice Reynolds  
Brother-in-Law of Kathy Richmond  
Friend of Todd Toles  
Brother-in-Law of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Friend of Kathy Richmond  
Co-Worker's Son of Kathy Richmond  
Friend of Jan Bristow  
Sister-in-Law of Pam Klingberg  
Brother of Liesa Ritter  
Friend of Bethany Walking Group  
  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Daughter/Son-in-Law of George & Shirley Stredl  
Brother-in-Law/Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk  
Parents of Suzanne Grashorn  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber  
Son of George & Shirley Stredl  
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman  
Sister of Tara Shannon  
Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson  
Friend of Dottie White

Loda George Ricker  
Calvin, Diane & Family  
Katie Taylor  
Jane Wirth  
Michelle Hartzell  
Rick Gaston  
Mary Hughs  
Dottie  
Lizzie Bork  
Jeffrey Campbell  
Damon Schultz  
Sue S.  
Nicole  
Maureen Scollon  
Chris Sidler  
Lisa  
Heather  
Gretchen VanKempema  
Ryan Anderson  
Lynne Morrow  
Kenzie  
Paul Mazen  
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,  
Phil  
Kathy Dee's Family  
Mary Jo Benstein's Family  
Susan Sheley  
Bonnie  
Carole W.  
Diane Ekstam Johnson  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Teri Prokes  
Tony Prokes  
Kelli Robertson  
Ed Stahl

Friend of Fred & Ann Holch  
Friends of Kathy Richmond  
Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler  
Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler  
Friend of Beth Richard  
Friend of Ann Holch  
Sister of Jackie Page  
Friend of Paulette Smigo  
Friend of Julie Howard  
Nephew of Nan Phillips  
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy  
Friend of Linda Sullivan  
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White  
Friend of Luke & Diane Land  
Friend of Beth Richard  
Friend of Schuman Family  
Daughter of Ann Holch  
Son of Aaron Anderson  
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail  
Friend of Katie Robertson

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  
Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam  
Daughter of Shirley Streidl  
Father of Nicki McVey  
Sister of Sue & Bob Novy  
Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy  
Daughter of Diane Schalk  
Father of Dan Stahl

**Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:**

**Jim Anderson**  
Traci S.  
Marjorie Reas  
Bill Bernardoni  
David Wyatt

**Friend of Bob Nelson**  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
Mother of Talitha (David) Mueller  
Friend of John & Karol Clark  
Uncle to Bill (Debbie) Garrison



**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Sunday, April 21**

9am .....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Main Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor

**Monday, April 22**

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

**Tuesday, April 23**

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

**Wednesday, April 24**

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
10am.....	Senior Advocacy Group .....	Fellowship Hall/Library
5:30pm .....	Youth Bells.....	Sanctuary Balcony
6pm.....	Confirmation.....	Youth Room/Chapel
7pm.....	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm.....	Youth Group .....	Youth Room/Chapel

**Thursday, April 25**

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

**Friday, April 26**

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
4:15pm .....	Swedish American Children's .....	Choir Room/Library
	Choir Rehearsal	
5pm.....	Community Supper.....	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

**Saturday, April 27**

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

**Sunday, April 28**

9am .....	Worship.....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am.....	Sunday School.....	Main Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
2:30pm .....	Hesed House Prep.....	Kitchen
4:30pm .....	Hesed House Serving.....	Hesed House