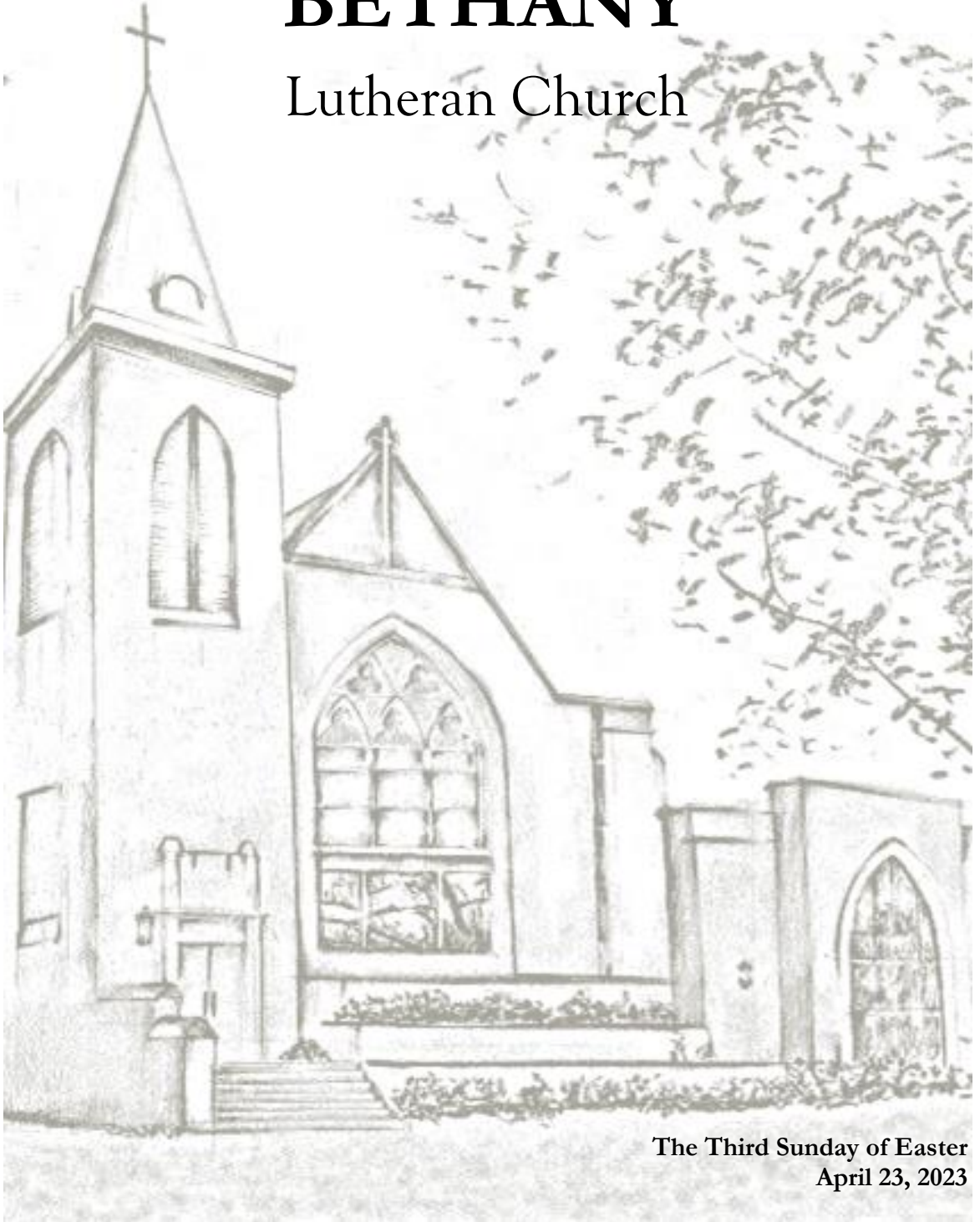


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday of Easter
April 23, 2023

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

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

Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Bethany. If you have questions for the pastor or church office, please call at 630.879.3444 or visit our website at www.bethanybatavia.org. Welcome!

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand or prefer to sit during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated.

Children's Resources

Children's worship bulletins are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery

While not 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.

Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Carole Benson in celebration of James and Carole Benson's 11th wedding anniversary

Coffee Hour

Don't forget to visit Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. Troop 21 is holding their Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser today. Please stop by and support the scouts.

Holy Communion

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

As We Gather:

Seven miles. That's how long Cleopas and his friend walked with Jesus, unable to recognize him. In their grief and fear, and because of their certainty that dead people stay dead, they cannot comprehend that the risen Christ is with them. In the breaking of the bread, however, their eyes of faith are opened. Echoes of that supper in the upper room begin to stir in their hearts and their world changes forever. The same can be said for us. Jesus is walking with us daily, whether we notice or not. And we experience the resurrected Christ in the breaking of the bread as our community pauses to share a meal each week. In a similar way as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the Holy Spirit is ever warming our hearts and bringing us back to new life. Who will we share the Good News with?

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Arr. Mitchell Eithun
Jason W. Krug
Youth Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

GATHERING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

ELW #377



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry;
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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.**





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



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



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

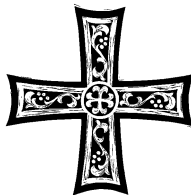
P Let us pray.

O God, your Son joins our journeys and makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith,
 that we may see him in his redeeming work,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

We sit.



+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36–41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1–3, 10–17

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

REFRAIN

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- A I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication,*
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him.
- C **The cords of death entangled me;**
the grip of the grave took | hold of me;*
I came to | **grief and sorrow.**
- A Then I called upon the name | of the Lord:*
"O Lord, I pray you, | save my life."
- C **How shall I re- | pay the Lord***
for all the good things he has | done for me?

- A I will lift up the cup | of salvation*
and call upon the name | of the Lord.
- C **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord***
in the presence of | all his people.

REFRAIN

- A Precious in the sight | of the Lord*
is the death | of his servants.
- C **O Lord, I | am your servant;***
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me | from my bonds.
- A I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving*
and call upon the name | of the Lord.
- C **I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord***
in the presence of | all his people,
- A in the courts of | the Lord's house,*
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!

REFRAIN

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17–23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.



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!

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body

(Reading continues on the next page.)

there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska

Luke 24:13–35



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the breaking of the bread and in the
bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by
your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A As we know you in the breaking of the bread, we know you in the grains of the field
and the flowing waters. Care for the earth you lovingly create. Strengthen those who
safeguard threatened land and water. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives (*like Toyohiko Kagawa, whom we
commemorate today*). Help us keep the needs of those most vulnerable at the forefront of
our community. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O
God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

- A Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized by gender or sexuality and those whose stories are not believed. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- A We remember with thanksgiving all your beloved saints (*especially*). As you have raised them to eternal life, abide with us in your promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.
- C **Your mercy is great.**
- 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 +

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.

OFFERING MUSIC: Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia!

Bernard Kyamanywa
Tanzanian Traditional

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| <p>1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.</p> <p><i>Refrain</i>
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!</p> <p>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. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>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." <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>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." <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>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. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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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.**

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, as we walk this journey through life, knowing that we engage with Christ often whether we are aware or not, as have so many disciples through the ages, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

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,
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.

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

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

We sit.



AGNUS DEI

Musical notation for the Agnus Dei, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 banquet feast. 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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710

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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 +

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Abide O Dearest Jesus

ELW #539



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
- 5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

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

POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

Bach

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Alan Spear, Organist
Leonard Wray, Reader
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Youth Bells
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LET US PRAY...

We pray for all who are hospitalized in our greater community and for those who are serving them.

Please pray for those who are part of the life of Bethany who struggle with illness and other concerns:

Mary Bradtmueller, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Ellen Grashorn, Marcia Hanlon, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, Marilyn Stanley, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Dolores Hoffman	Heritage Woods
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
Wanda Krentz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad
Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Rhonda Nelson	Batavia, IL
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Quast	Asbury Gardens
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

Please pray for our family and friends:

Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)	
Andrea Hensley	Colleague of Emma Hess
Christine Dalak	Friend of Janice Reynolds
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry	
Rick Gaston	Friend of Ann Holch
Bob Gustafson	Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna
Stahl	
Jeff Hall	Colleague of Emma Hess
Richard Benson	Husband of Sherri Benson (Beekeeper's Assn)
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs	Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo
Diane Sharp	Friend of Ed Schalk
Lizzie Bork	Friend of Julie Howard
Sydney Mowen	Friend of Lane Stahl
Nancy & Mike	Sister & Brother-in-Law of Karol Clark
Steve Ziemer	Friend of Kathy Richmond
Jeffrey Campbell	Nephew of Nan Phillips
Kate and Family	Friend of John & Karol Clark
Damon Schultz	Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Sue S.	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Nicole	Friend of Linda Sullivan
Alice Hendrikson	Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Bigby Suddarth	Friend of Allie Mikyska
Maureen Scollon	Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Lauren Hanson	Supervisor of Janice Reynolds
Jaylene Lump	Acquaintance of Janice Reynolds

Pam Paszotta
Senaida Stafford
Emily
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Loy Williams
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
Rebecca and family
Floyd Anderson
Paul Mazen
Bonnie Palshis
Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher & family,
Phil
Kathy Dee's Family
Mary Jo Benstein's Family
Susan Sheley
Bonnie
Carole W.
DeAnne & Gary
Brad Blue
Megan Campbell
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Sister of Tom & Dee Schuman
Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Friends of Debbie Garrison
Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Friend of Katie Robertson
God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Beth Richard's Father

Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm
Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard
Lynn Dreymler's brother
Teri Figura
Teri Figura
Daughter of Louise Pruitt
Friend of Pastor Jeff
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant
Friend of Lois Benson
Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon
Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Father of Nicki McVey
Sister of Sue & Bob Novy
Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy
Daughter of Diane Schalk
Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Barbara Garrison
Robert Granquist

Mother/Mother-in-Law of Bill & Debbie Garrison

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, April 23

6:30am	Pancake Breakfast BSA Troop 21	(Set-Up) Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
8am	Pancake Breakfast BSA Troop 21	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour/Pancake Breakfast	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center/2 nd Floor
2:30pm	Hesed House Prep	Kitchen
4:30pm	Hesed House Serving	Hesed House
	Family Emergency Shelter	

Monday, April 24

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm	Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Council	Library

Tuesday, April 25

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters	Fellowship Hall
11:30am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 6	Vlahn Room/Gym

Wednesday, April 26

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Library
1pm	Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber	Sanctuary
6pm	Middle School Youth Group	Ministry Center/Youth Room
6:30pm	High School Youth Group	Ministry Center/Youth Room
6:30pm	Confirmation Class	Fellowship Hall
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym

Thursday, April 27

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 28

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9:30am	Fox Valley Court Watch	Library
4:15pm	Swedish Am. Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Library
5pm	Community Supper	Fellowship Hall/Kitchen

Saturday, April 29

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 30

9am	Worship – Baptism – Temple Talk, CASA	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Sunday School	Ministry Center