BETHANY Lutheran Church The Holy Communion The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

WELCOME TO BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

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

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

Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are given by Jackie Page in honor of Mindy Nicoloff's birthday.

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 gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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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, now and forever.
- 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.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God of peace,

you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.

By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will,

and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM 23

Allen Pote Festival Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd
Nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
Leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.
Leads me in paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor

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and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

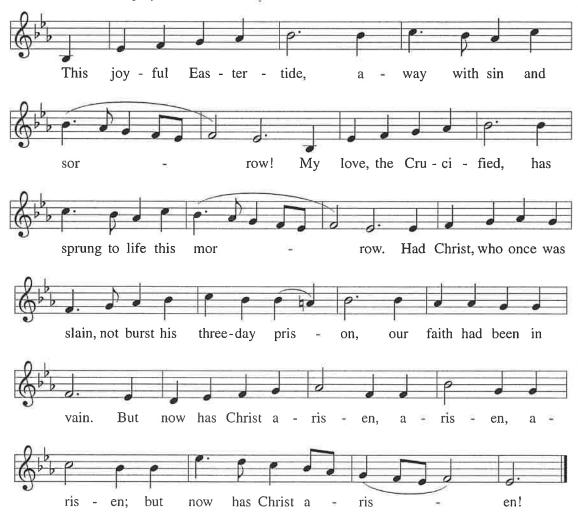
¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
16They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
17for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide



HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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

We sit.

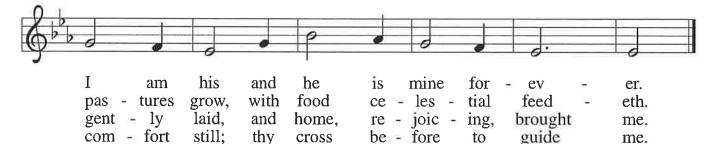
SERMON

Pastor Steven Ritter John 10:22–30



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





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

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

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 Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives (especially). God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation (*especially*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- A Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding (as did Julian of Norwich, whom we commemorate today). Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- 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 +

OFFERING MUSIC: Variation on Borning Cry

Alan F. Spear

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

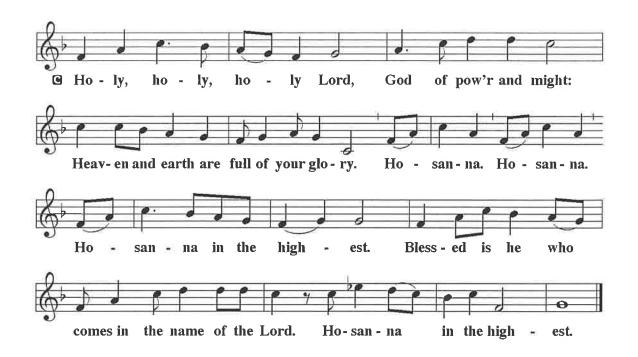
- P Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

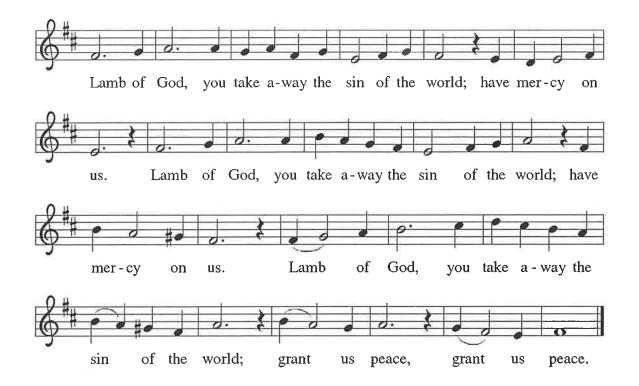
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

- P The gifts of God for the people of God.
- C Thanks be to God.
- P Come, for all is now ready. We sit.



AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

VOLUNTARY: Beside Still Waters

Howard Stark Grace Notes Bell Choir



- 1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us;
- 2 We are yours; in love be friend us,
- 3 You have prom-ised to re ceive us,
- 4 Ear ly let us seek your fa vor,

much we need your ten - der care. be the guard-ian of our way;

poor and sin - ful though we be; ear - ly let us do your will:



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior,

for our use your fold pre-pare. seek us when we go a - stray. grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, chil - dren when we hear us pray. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed us turn to Je - sus, ear - lv let you. Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed you have loved us, love us Je - sus, still.



Bless-ed bless-ed Je - sus, Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours. Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed chil - dren when we pray. Je - sus. hear us Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn you. to Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love still.

Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

- Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4 Text © 1973 Concordia Publishing House

- Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!
- Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

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.
- 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.

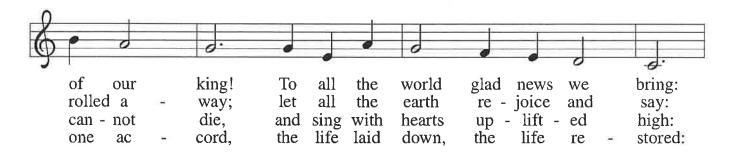
+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



- Good Chris tian friends, re joice and sing! umph Now is the tri is
- The Lord life day; death's might-y of is ris'n this stone
- Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
- Your name we bless, 0 ris -Lord, and sing to - day with en





Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt. Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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DISMISSAL

- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Prelude on "Regent Square"

Arr. Hopson

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Steven Ritter, Presiding Minister
Todd Toles, Assisting Minister
Alan Spear, Organist
Susan Walz, Reader
Doug Clark, Ryan Pieratt, A/V
Ruth Beck, Dorothy Thorsen, Altar Guild
Benjamin Toles, Kiera Piccony, Acolytes
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Todd Toles, Debbie Garrison, JoAnn Sargent, Comm. Ass't

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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, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, **Hershel & Louise Pruitt**, Val Schalk, Scotty & Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear, **George & Shirley Striedl**, **Pat Sullivan**

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

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

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
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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:

Kenzie Friend of Katie Robertson

Rebecca and family God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Josh Braun Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail

Landri Pazzotta Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman

Jim FreedlundCounsin of Norm FreedlundBill NormanCousin of Judy HenschlerKateFriend of Karol ClarkDanFriend of Ed Schalk

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 Dreymiller

Barbara Garrison Bill Garrison's mother

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

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Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt

Friend of Pastor Jeff

Friend of Ann & Fred Holch Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Friend of Pastor Jeff Friend of Lois Benson

Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam Daughter of Shirley Streidl Father of Nicki McVey Sister of Jackie Page Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Daughter of Diane Schalk

Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

William (Bill) Sosin

Brother-in-Law of Virden VonQualen

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

10am	. Worship	Fellowship Hall
12pm	. Bethany Walking Group . Hope Circle . Marketing Team/Zoom Meeting	Adult Lounge/Library
9am 11:30am 5:30pm	. Bethany Walking Group . Quilters . Prayer Shawl Ministry . Executive Team . Fox River Radio League	Fellowship Hall Fellowship Hall Conference Room
Wednesday, May 11 8:30am.	. Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
6:30pm	. Bethany Walking Group . Bell Choir . Boy Scout Troop 6 . Festival Choir	Balcony Ministry Center
	. Bethany Walking Group	
	. Men's Basketball	
10am	. Worship	Fellowship Hall