# **BETHANY** Lutheran Church The Holy Communion

The Holy Communion The Fifth Sunday of Easter May 15, 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 <a href="https://www.bethanybatavia.org">www.bethanybatavia.org</a>. 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.

# Coffee Hour

Thank you to the Hope Circle 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 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.

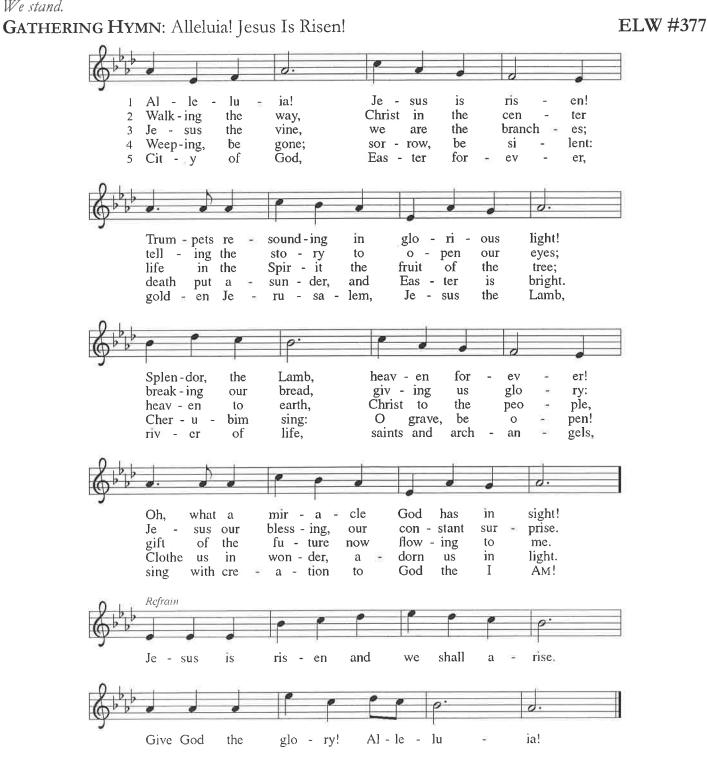
#### As We Gather:

Our readings today move us through time. In the gospel reading we're back on Maundy Thursday, in the Upper Room with Jesus. In Acts we're on the road with Peter, as the Spirit reveals the new thing that God is doing in Christ. In Revelation, we're transported to the future, gathered around the throne. Our lives are bracketed by these things, for we live between resurrection and resurrection, Jesus' and our own. The promise is that we will have all the time, world without end. So what do we do in this moment? We stand with Peter, and watch the Spirit knock down barriers. We listen to Jesus. Now is the time to love, and to do so as Jesus loves us.

# + GATHERING +

# PRELUDE:

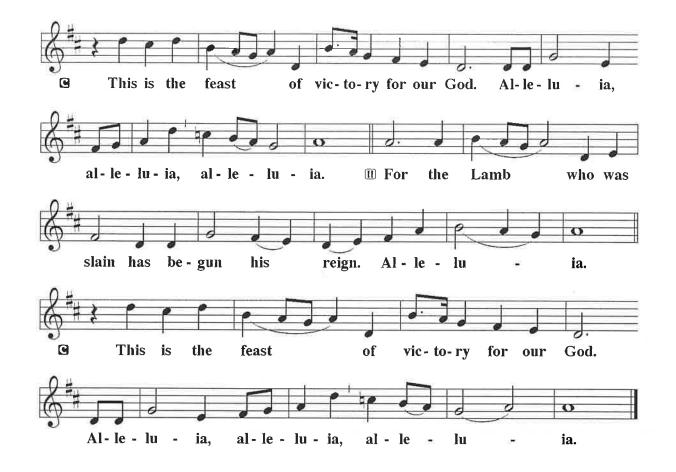
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# THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Р 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 Lord God,

you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.



# + WORD +

## FIRST READING: Acts 11:1–18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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



- I. Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
- C Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.
- L Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
- C Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.
- L Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.
- C He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- L Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
- C fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- L mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- C wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- L kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- C young men and maidens, old and young together.
- L Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- C He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

# SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

\*he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

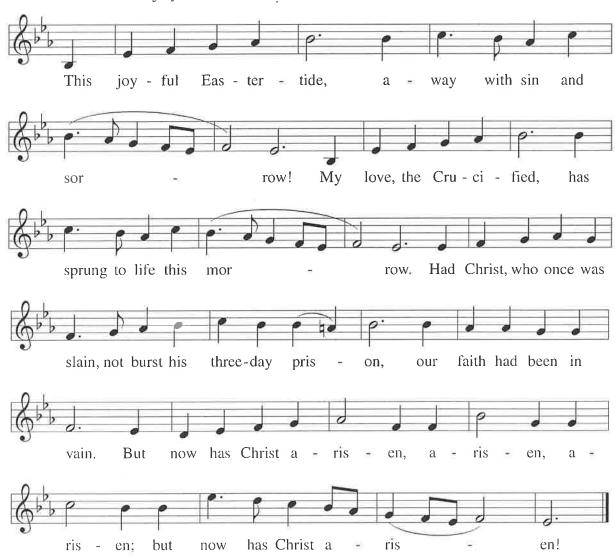
for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was scated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

We stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide



# HOLY GOSPEL: John 13:31–35

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 33Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' 34I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 35By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

We sit.

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska John 13:31–35

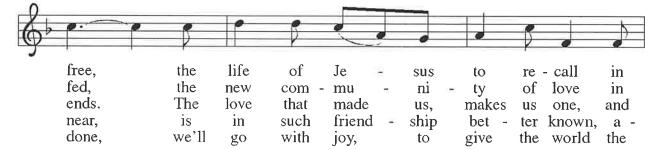
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**HYMN OF THE DAY:** I Come With Joy

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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.

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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 Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- A Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (*local natural areas may be named*). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. 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:

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# OFFERTORY PRAYER

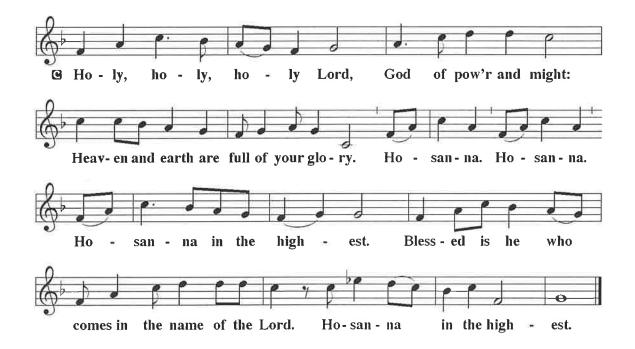
- P Let us pray.
- C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# **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.

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

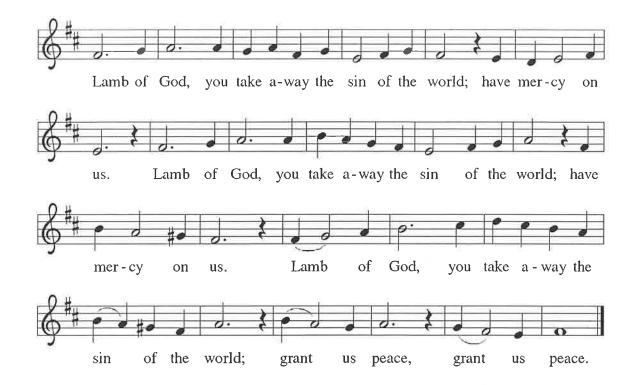
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

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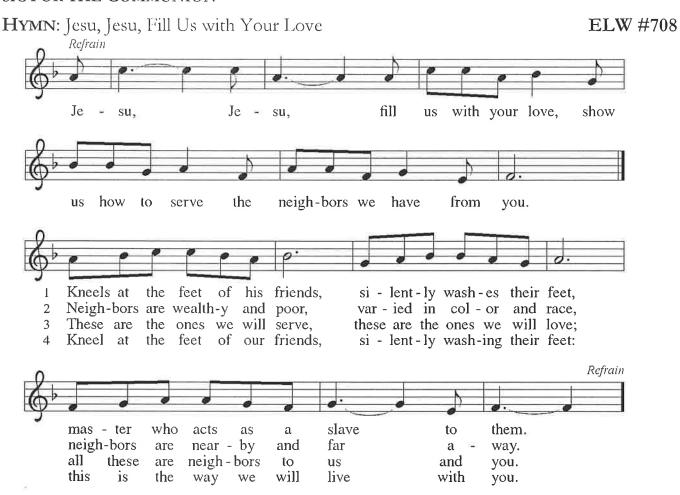


## **COMMUNION**

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



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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin
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- Great God, your love has called us here, by love, for 1 as we, come with self - in flict - ed pains We of bro - ken trust and
- 3 Great God, in Christ call our name and then re - ceive you us
- Then take the towel, break the bread, and hum - ble 4 and us, and
- your life 5 Great God, in Christ set us free to live, you your



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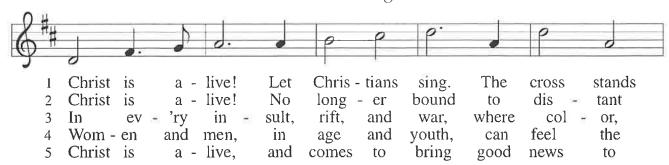
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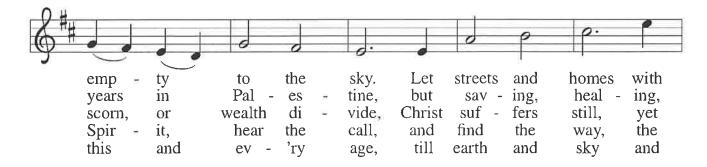
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.
- Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses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

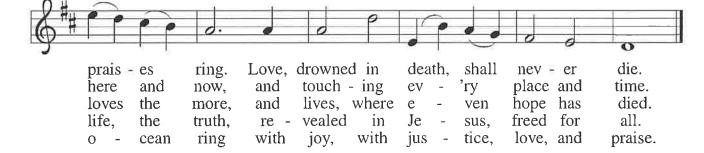
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#### BENEDICTION

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







## **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:

#### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Mal Seagren, Assisting Minister
Richard Trost, Pianist
Jan Bristow, Reader
Dale Howard, Doug Clark, A/V
Ann Holch, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild
Addie Herman, Will Freedlund, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Doug Boehm, Ushers
Mal Seagren, Ruth Beck, Paulette Smigo, 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, Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Scotty ScollonMichaelsen Health Center, HolmstadHelen AndersonMichaelsen Health Center, HolmstadMark AndersonSilverado Memory Care, St CharlesDorothy CarlsonMichaelsen Health Center, Holmstad

Lois Elfstrom Aurora, IL
Pam Klingberg Heritage Woods

Wanda Krentz Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad Mildred Miller Reserve of Geneva, Geneva

Joan Olson 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:

Paul Mazen Ed Bonnes

Bonnie Palshis

Terry Most

Bob Neavins

Father of Becky Klitzkie

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 Clark

Kate Friend of Karol Clark
Dan Friend of Ed Schalk

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

Cousin of John & Karol Clark Sister-in-Law of Doug Boehm Heather Staudacher, Dr. Mark Staudacher and family, Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil Lynn Dreymiller's brother

Kathy Dee's Family

Mary Jo Benstein's Family

Teri Figura

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Susan Sheley Daughter of Hershel and Louise Pruitt
Bonnie Friend of Pastor Jeff

Carole W. Friend of Ann & Fred Holch

DeAnne & Gary Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant

Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein Friend of Pastor Jeff
Brad Blue Friend of Lois Benson

Megan Campbell Granddaughter of Scotty & Maureen Scollon

Diane Ekstam Johnson

Mother of Mary Helen Ekstam
Tammy English

Daughter of Shirley Streidl

Father of Nicki McVey

Tina Motter

Sister of Jackie Page

Teri Prokes

Sister of Sue & Bob Novy

Tony Prokes Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy

Kelli Robertson Daughter of Diane Schalk

Wolfgang Smailus Brother-in-law of Marty Offutt Gruber

Father of Dan Stahl

# Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Peggy RippertonGrandmother of Jacklynn FoelskeWilliam (Bill) SosinBrother-in-Law of Virden VonQualen

Ed Stahl

# This Week at Bethany

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Sunday, May 15				
	Coffee Hour	-		
2pm	Noteworthy Acoustic Concerts	Fellowship Hall		
Monday, May 16				
All Day	Flower Fundraiser Delivery			
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
7pm	Troop 6 Leaders	Lower Level		
Tuesday, May 17				
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
	Quilters	-		
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	Youth Steering Team Meeting			
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Wednesday, May 18	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
	ELCA Social Statement Review			
1	Summer Mission Trip Meeting	-		
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Thursday, May 19				
	Bethany Walking Group			
	Pastor Jeff Teaching Diakonia Class			
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1	Festival Choir	,		
7:30pm	BSA – Order of the Arrow	Fellowship Hall		
Friday, May 20				
	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym		
Saturday, May 21				
	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym		
9am	Altar Guild	Fellowship Hall		
9:30am	Fox Valley Court Watch	Lower Level		
	Al-Anon			
10:30am	Al-Ateen	Chapel		
12:30pm	Elderday Event, Pearls	Ministry Center Gym		
1	Movie Night	*		
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Sunday, May 22				
· ·		Sanctuary		
	Coffee Hour	•		
	Annual Congregational Meeting	-		
	Seminary Graduation Party/Allie			
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