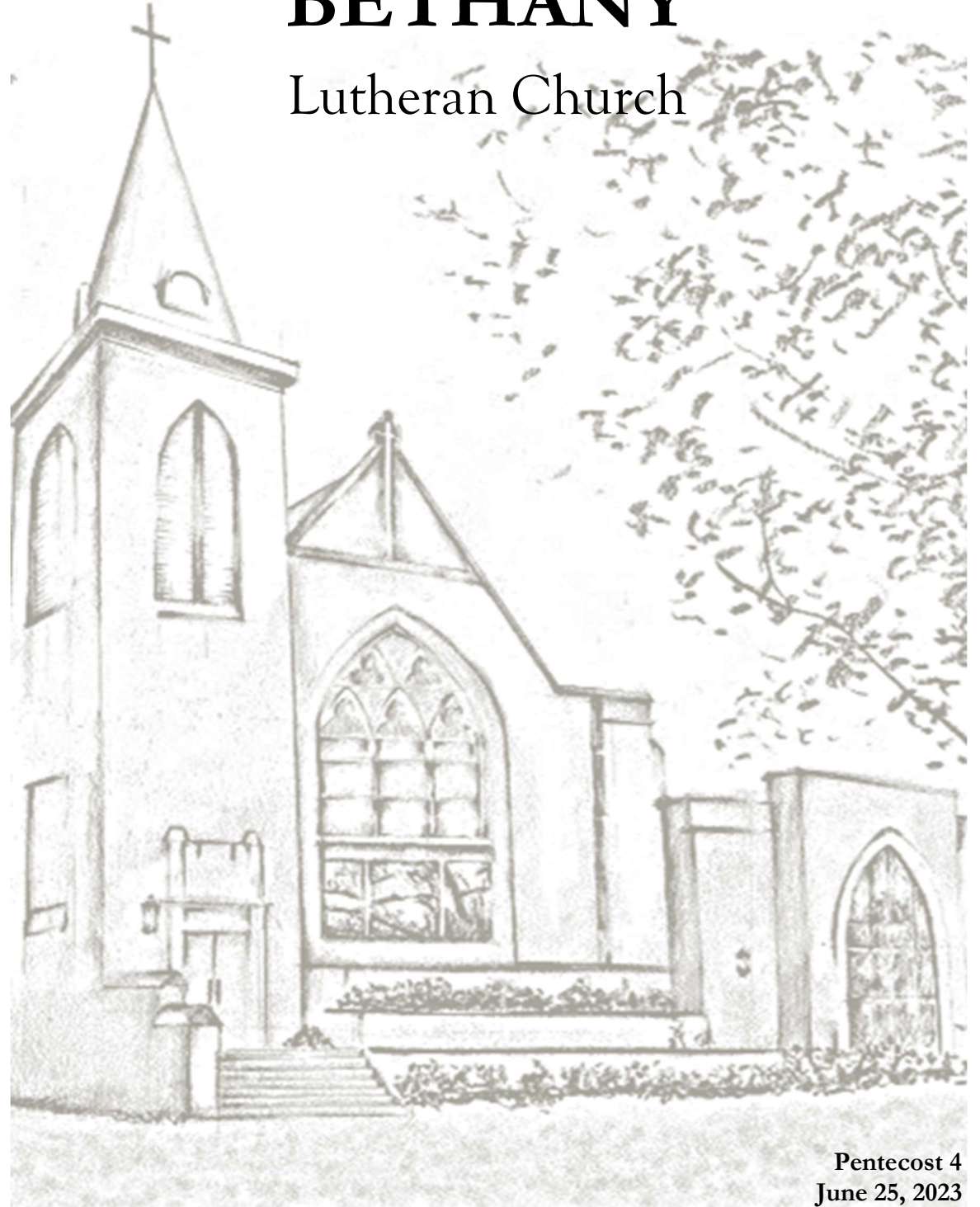


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



Pentecost 4
June 25, 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 Judy Henschler in celebration of Ken's birthday and Adam and Marie Holtz in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary.

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:

Our gospel reading today is filled with sayings of Jesus. The common thread is the life of discipleship. As followers of the Master, we are called to live life out in the open, proclaiming the gospel from the housetops. Jesus notes that this will not necessarily lead to what we often envision as the good life. No, our closest relationships undergo change, even painful transformation, when Jesus enters the picture. Our very lives will be lost, but in losing them, we find the life that really is life. As we follow Jesus, we put our faith in the God who counts even the hairs on our heads and promises that in losing our lives in Christ, we will be saved.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Prelude in E Minor

Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

HYMN: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (verses 1&2)

ELW #623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

HYMN OF PRAISE: Salvation Belongs to Our God



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☐ Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



☐ For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One. All



na-tions will draw near and wor-ship be-fore you,



for your just and ho-ly works have been re-vealed.



☒ Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ WORD +

READING: Romans 6:1b–11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☐ Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24–39

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

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother,

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Mikyska
Matthew 10:24–39





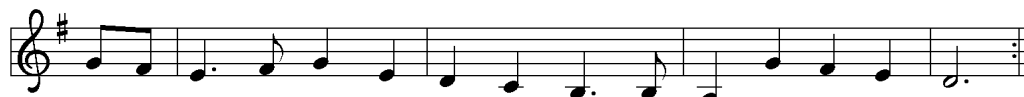
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

+ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM +

LUCA MICHAEL HERRON

JUNE 25, 2023

PRESENTATION

Pastor: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, which is the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The Baptismal Party is invited to approach the font.

Pastor: Would **Dennis and Rebecca** please present their God-child for Baptism.

Sponsors: **We** present **Luca Michael** for baptism.

Pastor: **Dennis and Christina**, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have **Luca Michael** baptized into Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: As you bring **Luca Michael** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with certain responsibilities:

- † to live with him among God's faithful people,
- † bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
- † teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- † place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that **Luca Michael** may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

† Do you promise to help **Luca Michael** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: **We do.**

Pastor: **Dennis and Rebecca**, do you promise to nurture **Luca Michael** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help **Luca Michael** live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: **We do.**

The pastor questions the Parents and Sponsors and then the congregation.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support **Luca Michael**, and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

We stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces of evil that defy God?

Congregation: We renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Congregation: We renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Congregation: We renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Congregation: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font during the thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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, and 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 baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to life in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

We sit.

THE BAPTISM

Pastor: **Luca Michael**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

***Parents and Sponsors:* Amen**

LAYING OF HANDS

Pastor: Let us pray: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

The pastor lays on hands and prays for the newly baptized saying:

Sustain **Luca Michael** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized and says:

Pastor: **Luca Michael**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

Pastor: **Luca Michael**, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

The pastor leads the congregation in prayer for the family.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon family & friends of our baptized. Let them ever rejoice in the gift(s) you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for **Luca Michael**. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with him the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Congregation:* Amen.**

WELCOME

Pastor: Let us welcome **Luca Michael**.

***Congregation:* We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing his creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

BAPTISMAL HYMN: Take Me to the Water

ACS #957



1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,
2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,
3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,
4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.
he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.
Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

L You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- L Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- L All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal 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 +

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 VOLUNTARY: All Glory Laud & Honor

arr. Hopson

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L Let us pray. God of mercy and grace,

C **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.**

**Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the
help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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, through Christ our Lord.
Who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Creating God and Loving Lord,
 The heavens and the earth reflect your majesty.
 The dawning of each new day brings with it the promise of new life.
 Every sunrise carries the hope of grace.
 Every summer rain calls forth new growth.
 Every sunset beckons peace into our world.
 Every night the stars and celestial bodies show off the brilliance of your artistic creativity.
 And every time we gather for this meal, the human family is brought together across all times and places.
 In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,

he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

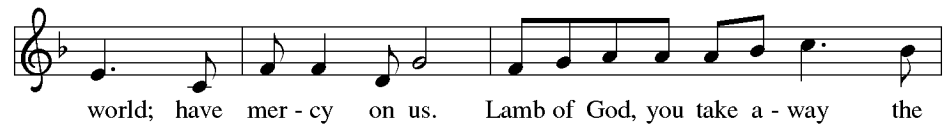
P These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

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

We sit.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

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

Gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request and for those desiring it, non-alcoholic wine cups are in the center of the tray.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW #781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

- 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
- 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
- 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
- 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH MISSION TRIP

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P The eternal Creator calls us.
The risen Savior sends us.
The dynamic Spirit empowers us.
Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Give to Our God Immortal Praise

ELW #848



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Variations on Jordan's Bank

arr. Hopson

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LET US PRAY...

We welcome into God's family through the waters of Baptism:

Luca Michael Herron, son of Dennis and Christina Herron. Sponsors are Dennis Brukhno and Rebecca Herron.

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, John Bristow, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, **Shirley Grant**, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, JoAnn Sargent, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan, **Brigitte Winkler**

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

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| 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.

Owen Schuster

Please pray for our family and friends:

Sarah McCarthy

Mary Lawrence
Steven & Janice Brown & Grace
Lee Peterson
Loda George Ricker
Calvin, Diane & Family
Vicki Johnson
Christine Smith
Katie Taylor
Jane Wirth
Michelle Hartzell
Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)
Andrea Hensley
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry
Rick Gaston
Bob Gustafson
Stahl
Jeff Hall
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Tina Motter
Mary Hughs
Dottie

Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond

Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson
Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Dottie White
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Friends of Kathy Richmond
Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler
Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Friend of Beth Richard

Colleague of Emma Hess

Friend of Ann Holch
Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna

Colleague of Emma Hess
Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Sister of Jackie Page
Sister of Jackie Page
Friend of Paulette Smigio

Diane Sharp
Lizzie Bork
Nancy
Jeffrey Campbell
Kate and Family
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Alice Hendrikson
Maureen Scollon
Pam Paszotta
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
Vic and Anne Lee
Lynne Morrow
Kenzie
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.
Brad Blue
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Wolfgang Smailus
Ed Stahl

Friend of Ed Schalk
Friend of Julie Howard
Sister of Karol Clark
Nephew of Nan Phillips
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
Sister 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
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
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
Friend of Lois Benson
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:

Emily White & Family
Lindy Wagner & Family
Nancy Armstrong

Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Friend of Alan Spear

July 2023 Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Bruce & Danise Simmons | 19 | Fred & Ann Holch |
| 2 | Jim & Cheri Sager | 19 | Don & Connie Reinhard |
| 3 | Ed & Diane Schalk | 22 | Chris & Jenny Powell |
| 9 | Greg & Cindy Goro | 24 | Dale & Julie Howard |
| 10 | Danny & Emma Hess | 24 | Nick & Becky Klitzkie |
| 10 | Roger & Norma Pieratt | 27 | Matt & Katie Haug |
| 13 | Matt & Tracy Mathisen | 30 | Ed & Kari McQuillan |
| 14 | Pete & Shanna Piccony | | |

July 2023 Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Sydney Shepherd | 15 | Cal Shannon |
| 2 | Cindy Goro | 17 | Beth Crowley |
| 2 | Thomas Gruber | 20 | Lynn Pfau |
| 3 | John Higgins | 21 | Annaka McQuillan |
| 3 | Adeline Powell | 22 | Christine Klein |
| 4 | Jeff Colella | 23 | Adam Goro |
| 4 | Trevor Mathisen | 25 | Hannah Lingle |
| 7 | Savannah Bristow | 26 | Brittany Gyoerkoes |
| 8 | Karen Bunting | 26 | Missy Larson |
| 9 | Alyssa Dalicandro | 27 | Tom Schuman |
| 10 | Carson Bunting | 27 | Carleigh Shannon |
| 11 | Alice Deller | 28 | Evelyn Lopez |
| 11 | Kaitlyn Smigo | 30 | Adele Grashorn |
| 12 | Collette Birkeneder | 30 | Werner Rader |
| 15 | Ashley Grashorn | 31 | Fiona Garrity |
| 15 | Leslie Ingold | 31 | Connie Reinhard |
| 15 | Bianca Johnston | 31 | Nate Rusev |

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, June 25

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| 9am | Worship – Baptism – Commissioning | Sanctuary |
| 10am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |
| 2:30pm | Hesed House Prep | Kitchen |
| 4:30pm | Bethany – Softball League Game | Peck Farm Field #3 |
| 4:30pm | Hesed House Serving | Hesed House |
| | Family Emergency Shelter | |

Monday, June 26

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| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am | Counters | Conference Room |
| 12:30pm | Staff Meeting | Conference Room |
| 7pm | Council | Library |

Tuesday, June 27

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|---------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 9am | Quilters | Fellowship Hall |
| 9:30am | Elderday Hawaiian Luau | Courtyard |
| 11:30am | Prayer Shawl Ministry | Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30pm | DV Support Group | Courtyard/Youth Room |
| 6:30pm | Girls BSA Troop 606 | Vlahn Room/Gym |
| 6:30pm | Fox Valley Woodworkers | Library/Lower Level/M111 |
| 7pm | Fox Valley Woodworkers | Fellowship Hall |

Wednesday, June 28

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| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 10am | Senior Advocacy Group | Library |
| 1pm | Organ Rehearsal – Holly Herber | Sanctuary |

Thursday, June 29

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| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 6:30pm | Boy Scout Troop 6 | Vlahn Room/Gym |

Friday, June 30

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| 8:30am | Bethany Walking Group | Ministry Center Gym |
| 5pm | Community Supper | Fellowship Hall/Kitchen |

Saturday, July 1

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| 10am | Al-Anon | Library |
| 10am | Al-Ateen | Lower Level |
| 8pm | AA | Fellowship Hall |

Sunday, July 2

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| 9am | Worship | Sanctuary |
| 10am | Coffee Hour | Fellowship Hall |