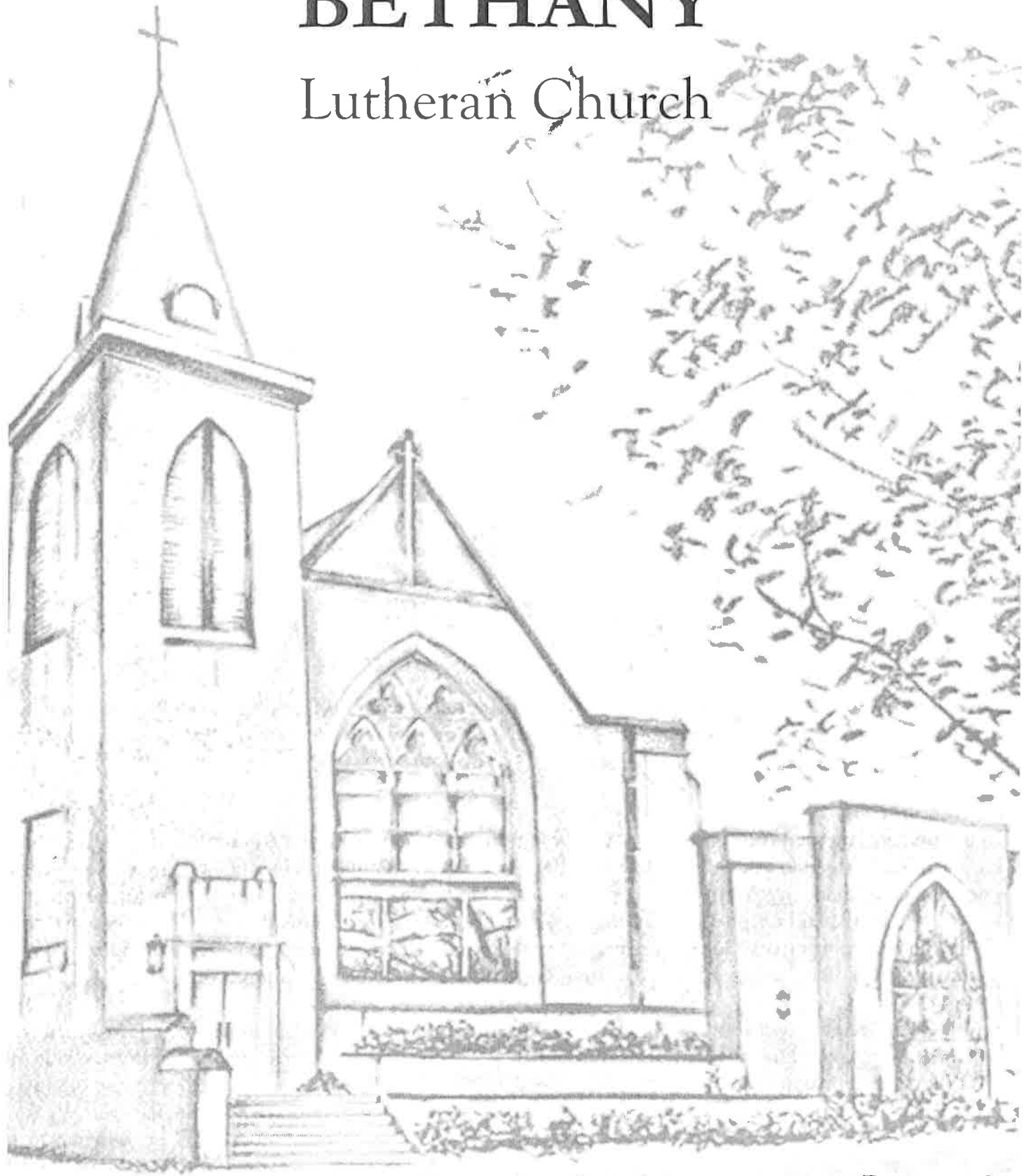


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



Pentecost 9  
July 30, 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](http://www.bethanybatavia.org). Welcome!

## **Assistance in Worship**

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

## **Children's Resources**

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

## **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.

## **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:**

In the first reading the Lord appeared to King Solomon in a dream and said, "Ask what I should give you." How many of us would ask for wisdom? Yet that was Solomon's request. He said, "Give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people." From what we are told about Solomon up to this point I would have predicted he would ask for empire or wealth or long life. The text shows God's presence and God's call change a person. One commentator wrote, "As a ruler who more or less defined wisdom – most of the time – Solomon offers a precedent for a Messiah who would be Wisdom personified."

In the Gospel reading Wisdom personified continues to impart God's wisdom in parables. Jesus began all five parables saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like..." Each parable sharpens our senses to eruptions of God's kingdom into our time. They give us the ears to hear and the eyes to see. Apparently the disciples became like Solomon. When Jesus finished the parables they claimed to understand all he had said.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Manz

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

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.**



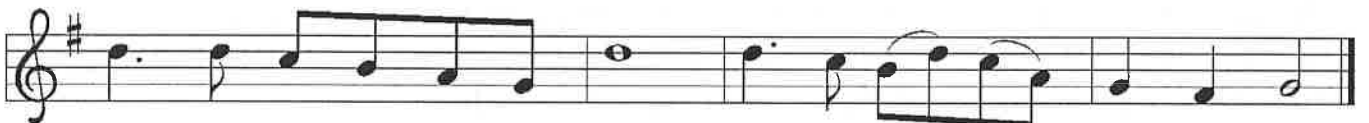
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

**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.

## 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.

Beloved and sovereign God,  
through the death and resurrection of your Son  
you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy.

By your Spirit, give us your wisdom,  
that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*We sit.*

## + WORD +

### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5–12**

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **SECOND READING: Romans 8:26–39**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who

justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31–33, 44–52**

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

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

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>Have you understood all this? They answered, "Yes." <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Mikyska  
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52



*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Jesus, Priceless Treasure

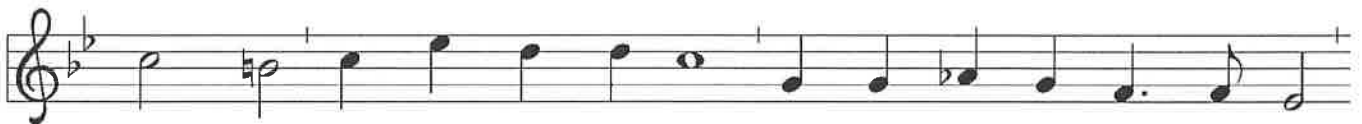
**ELW #775**



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

L Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today and those absent from our assembly. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. 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 VOLUNTARY:** Variations on Jesus Priceless Treasure

Johann G. Walter

*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 path to merciful wisdom and 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.**

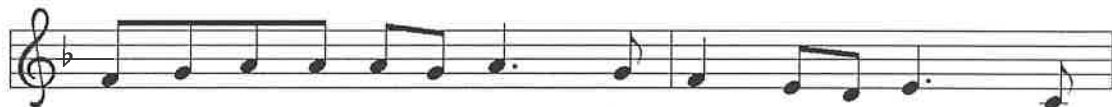
**P** These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**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



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.

## 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: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW #488



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,  
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

*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.**

# + 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: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

ELW #771



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

## DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Dale Wood



## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Todd Toles, Worship Leader  
Mark Waldron, Organist  
Dennis Schuett, Reader  
Doug Clark, A/V  
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Ben Toles, Nora Storaasli, Acolytes  
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Leonard Wray,  
Ushers  
Todd Toles, Susan Colella, Debbie Garrison,  
Comm. Asst's

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**Code of Conduct:** At Bethany, we believe everyone should live a faithful life in service with charity, kindness and integrity, and treat others with respect and understanding, act responsibly, and serve as an example of Christian faith in action.

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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:**

Marie Holtz, Mary Bradtmueller, Diane Garland, Debbie Garrison, Shirley Grant, Deb Hrubby, 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:**

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Dolores Hoffman	Heritage Woods
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
Pam Klingberg	Heritage Woods
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<b>Rhonda Nelson</b>	<b>Michaelsen Health Care, Batavia</b>
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Care, Batavia
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:**

Marilyn	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Maggie Prokes	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Tracy Clark	Sister of Tara Shannon
Joe V.	Neighbor of Bob & Kathi Gorlewski
Sarah McCarthy	Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond
Mary Lawrence	Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson
Steven & Janice Brown & Grace	Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman
Lee Peterson	Friend of Dottie White
Loda George Ricker	Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Calvin, Diane & Family	Friends of Kathy Richmond
Vicki Johnson	Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
Christine Smith	On the passing of her brother, Friend of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Katie Taylor	Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler
Jane Wirth	Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Michelle Hartzell	Friend of Beth Richard
Faith Lutheran Church, Cambridge, MA (fire)	
Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry	
Rick Gaston	Friend of Ann Holch
Bob Gustafson	Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna Stahl
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughes	Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo
Diane Sharp	Friend of Ed Schalk
Lizzie Bork	Friend of Julie Howard
Nancy	Sister of Karol Clark
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  
Alice Hendrikson  
Maureen Scollon  
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 Linda Sullivan  
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler  
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White  
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:**

Pam Paszotta  
Pat Quast  
Janis Graffagna  
Linda Thorson

**Sister of Dee (Tom) Schuman**

Sister of Jerry & Gregg Hodge & Sandra Wagner  
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy

### August Anniversaries

1	Shawn & Melissa Davis	19	Steve & Jonelle Mickelson
2	Keith & Joan Clayton	23	Ralph & Ruth Beck
4	Kevin & Gayle Conolty	24	Jeremiah & Lyndsi Sauriol
7	John & Karol Clark	25	Mark & Sandy Larson
9	Stephen & Theresa Brems	25	James & Lisa Smigo
10	John & Marilyn Cornwell	30	Mark & Diane Anderson
14	Dennis & Charlene Thomas	31	Brad & Beth Feller
19	Michael & Kathryn Carter		

### August Birthdays

1	Andi Balloun	18	Karissa Niedzwiecki
2	Jack Carter	19	Doug Boehm
2	Nan Phillips	19	Joslyn Klitzkie
2	Grace Rusev	20	Diane Anderson
4	Donn Scherer	20	Connor Dahlman
6	Mike Carter	20	Judy Hoag
6	Bill Keele	20	Ann Holch
7	Jake Feller	22	Fred Holch
7	Deb Hunt	24	Doug Andrews
7	Steve Johnston	25	Jon Habegger
8	John Cornwell	25	Weston Lingle
11	Madison Binkley	26	Lisa Hodge
11	Christine Durbin	27	Kelsey Buckley
11	Jacob Harmon	29	Sandi Christianson
12	Morgan Hutchens	30	Chris Hodge
13	Packey Burke	31	Allison Cooper
15	Shirley Striedl	31	Rev. Steve Ritter
16	Brad Feller	31	Owen Stahl
17	Aaron Anderson		

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, July 30

9am .....Worship – Youth Sunday ..... Sanctuary  
 10am .....Coffee Hour ..... Fellowship Hall  
 2:15pm.....Bethany – Softball League Game..... Peck Farm Field #3

### Monday, July 31

8:30am .....Bethany Walking Group ..... Ministry Center Gym  
 9am .....Counters..... Conference Room  
 6:30pm.....Fox Valley Beekeepers Assn ..... Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, August 1

8:30am .....Bethany Walking Group ..... Ministry Center Gym  
 9am .....Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry..... Fellowship Hall  
 10am .....Property Committee ..... Conference Room  
 12:30pm .....Staff Meeting ..... Conference Room  
 6:30pm.....DV Support Group ..... Youth Room/Courtyard  
 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, August 2

8:30am .....Bethany Walking Group ..... Ministry Center Gym  
 1pm .....Organ Rehearsal ..... Sanctuary  
 1pm .....Staff Planning Meeting ..... Offsite

### Thursday, August 3

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

### Friday, August 4

8:30am .....Bethany Walking Group ..... Ministry Center Gym

### Saturday, August 5

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

### Sunday, August 6

9am .....Worship ..... Sanctuary  
 10am .....Coffee Hour ..... Fellowship Hall  
 4:45pm.....Bethany – Softball League Game..... Peck Farm Field #3

