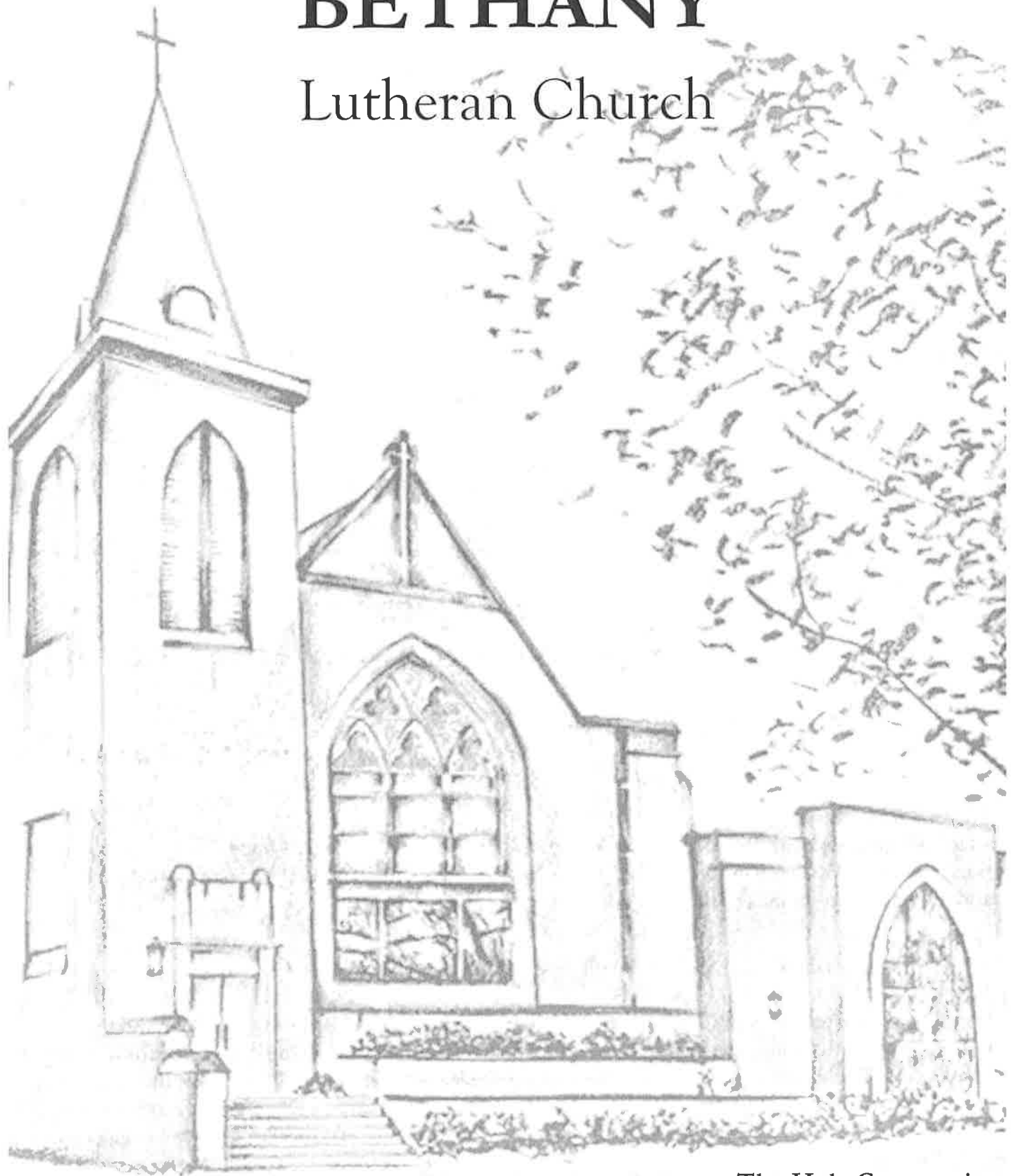


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Holy Communion  
The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 11, 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](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.

## **Coffee Hour**

Thank you to the Bethany Staff for hosting Coffee Hour after service today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us.

## **Flowers**

Today's Altar flowers are given by Bill and Debbie Garrison in celebration of the Diakonia graduation of Debbie Garrison and Norma Potempa.

## **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 greatest commandments have to do with love of God and love of neighbor. Today we celebrate the graduation of our Metropolitan Chicago Synod Diakonia students. The word, diakonia, is a Christian theological term from the ancient Greek language that encompasses the call to serve the poor and the oppressed. In medieval Rome, the diaconia was an establishment built near a church building for the care of the poor and distribution of the church's charity. Our students graduating today embody the concept of loving God and others by answering the call to serve their brothers and sisters, especially those who are the most vulnerable. We celebrate their ministry, while remembering that this is a call which God extends to all of us everyday...

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in B flat Major

J. S. Bach

*We stand.*

PROCESSIONAL: Here I am Lord

ELW #574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone. give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## 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.**

L Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

C **Amen.**

## 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.

O God, through the ages you have called us to service in your church. Let your blessing rest upon those who have answered this call. Grant them understanding of the Gospel, sincerity of purpose, diligence in ministry, and the beauty of life in Christ, that many people will be served and your name be glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*We sit.*

## + WORD +

### FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

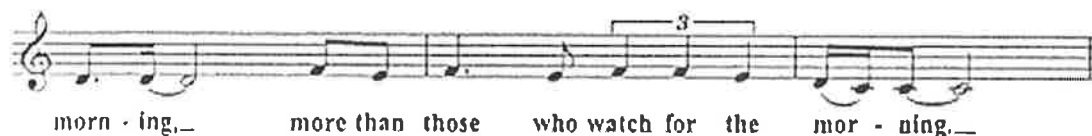
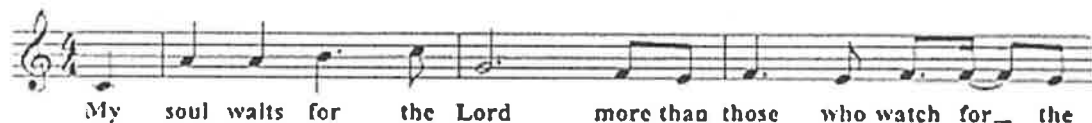
L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 130

*The choir sings the Refrain once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing as indicated.*

#### Refrain



Out of the depths I have cried to You. O Lord, hear my voice.

**Refrain**

With my whole heart I want to praise You. O Lord, hear my voice.

**Refrain**

If you, Lord, should mark iniquities: who could stand?

**Refrain**

I will wait for the Lord. My soul waits, and in His word do I hope.

**Refrain**

**SECOND READING: Jeremiah 29:11-14**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 15:9-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Fifteenth chapter.

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

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Mikyska  
John 15:9-17





*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: It is Well With My Soul

ELW #785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

These persons desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism as a sign of their renewed participation in the life and work of the Church of Christ. *Debbie Garrison and Norma Potempa*

Dear friends, we rejoice that you have returned to the household of God to claim again the eternal inheritance which is your birthright in Holy Baptism.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*(addressing those making affirmation)*

Sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
**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.

*(Please be seated.)*

#### **DECLARATION OF INTENT**

*(addressing those making affirmation:)*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear his Word and share in his supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

#### **PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*(A brief silence is kept so that your silent prayers may be made for the graduates.)*

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit  
you have made these women your own.

You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life.

Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit,  
and daily increase in them your gifts of grace:

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;  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES**

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Presentation of Crosses

Rev. Fred Reklau, Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska

Presentation of Certificates

Rev. Fred Reklau, Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska

Blessing of Graduates by their Mentors

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community (*local ministries and partnerships may be named*), that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,

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 +

*We sit.*

**OFFERING MUSIC: Christ Is with Me**

Gerald Patrick Coleman

We were buried with him into death,  
That as he was raised, by God's glory  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him

*Refrain:* Christ is with me everywhere I go,  
Never to leave me, this I know.

I have now been grafted to the Vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.

*Refrain*

I have now been crucified with Christ,  
I no longer live, Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God's own Son,  
One who loved me so – gave himself for me.

*Refrain*

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A 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.**

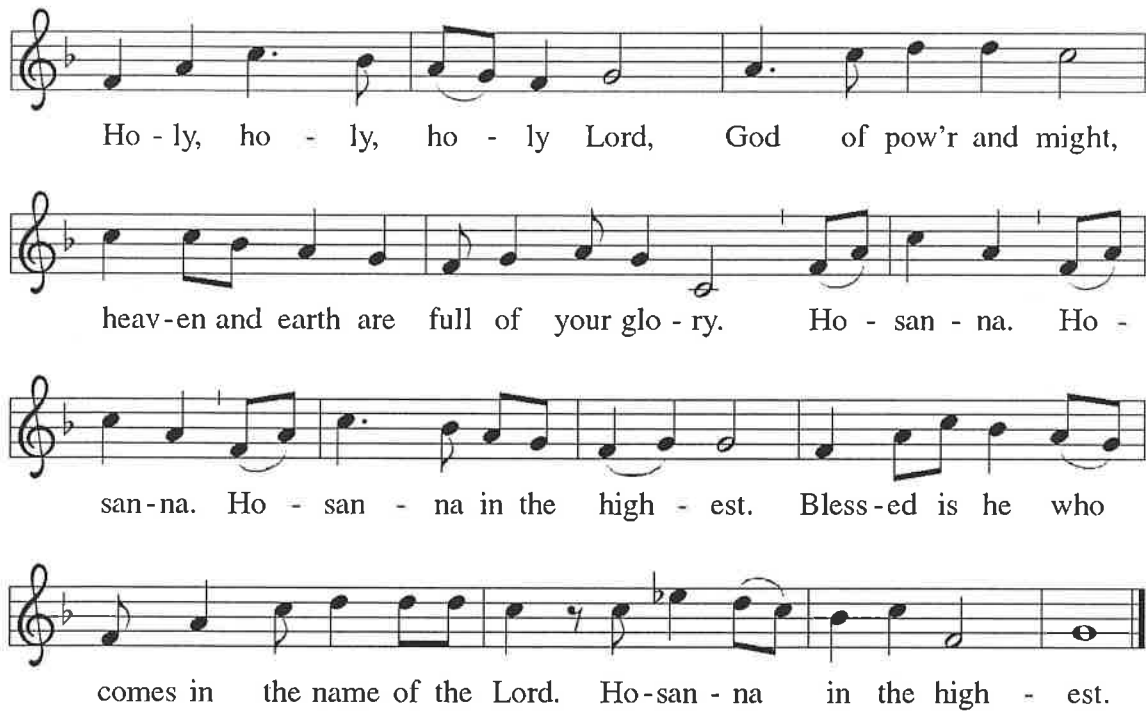
P Lift up your hearts.

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,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 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.

## 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.*

*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 COMMUNION

HYMN: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

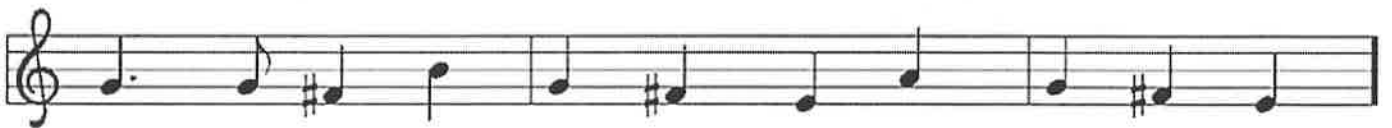
ELW #597



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

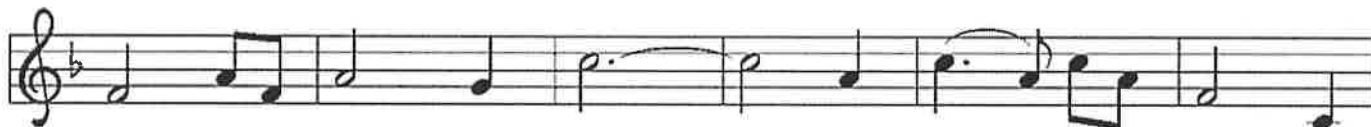


On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Motc, 1797-1874, alt.  
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

*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.

A 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 Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN: Go, My Children, With My Blessing

ELW#543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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**DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to **God**.

**POSTLUDE:** Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Barry L. Bobb

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
The Rev. Fred Reklau, Assisting Minister  
Mark Waldron, Organist  
Emma Hess, Flute  
Debbie Garrison, Norma Potempa, Readers  
Todd Toles, Ted Richoz, A/V  
Kathy Richmond, Jan Bristow, Altar Guild  
Will Freedlund, Ben Toles, Acolytes  
Jon Habegger, Pete Petges, Ushers  
The Rev. Fred Reklau, Debbie Garrison, Norma Potempa, 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:

Ralph Beck, Mary Bradtmueller, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Ellen Grashorn, Deb Hrubby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Val Schalk, Maureen Scollon, George & Shirley Striedl, Pat Sullivan

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

Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Dorothy Carlson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
Bill Keele	Heritage Woods
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
Jay & Carol Wierz	Harry J. Ekstam, Holmstad

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

### Please pray for our family and friends:

John	Son of Jan Bristow
Barb	Friend of Jan Bristow
Lynn Krambeer Stoddard	Cousin of Pastor Jeff & Gail Mikyska
Heather	Friend of Schuman Family
Gretchen VanKempema	Daughter of Ann Holch
Loy Williams	Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Ryan Anderson	Son of Aaron Anderson
Linda Raish	Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
Lisa	Friend of Beth Richard
Vic and Anne Lee	Friends of Debbie Garrison
Lynne Morrow	Friend and Colleague of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Kenzie	Friend of Katie Robertson
Rebecca and family	God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Josh Braun	Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Landri Paszotta	Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Kate	Friend of Karol Clark
Steve Novy	Cousin of Bob Novy
Floyd Anderson	Beth Richard's Father
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 & family	Friend/Coworker of Beth Richard

Phil  
Kathy Dee's Family  
Mary Jo Benstein's Family  
Susan Sheley  
Bonnie  
Carole W.  
DeAnne & Gary  
Rabbi Margaret Frisch Klein  
Brad Blue  
Megan Campbell  
Diane Ekstam Johnson  
Tammy English  
Jerry Martin  
Teri Prokes  
Tony Prokes  
Kelli Robertson  
Wolfgang Smailus  
Ed Stahl

Lynn Dreymler's brother  
Teri Figura  
Teri Figura  
Daughter of Louise Pruitt  
Friend of Pastor Jeff  
Friend of Ann & Fred Holch  
Niece & Nephew of Shirley Grant  
Friend of 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 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:

**Marge Williams**

**Joyce Stran**

Ryan Rippe

Bill Parkhurst

Bill Norman

Albert Davis

Judi Spear

**Friend of Allison Mikyska**

Friend of Rich & Nancy Kreis

Friend of the Dreymler Family

Cousin of Judy Henschler

Lynn Dreymler's Uncle

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Sunday, September 11

9am.....	Worship .....	Sanctuary
	Diakonia Graduation – D. Garrison/N. Potempa	
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall

### Monday, September 12

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Counters .....	Conference Room
12pm .....	Hope Circle.....	Adult Lounge/Library
7pm .....	Marketing Team/Zoom Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, September 13

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Quilters .....	Fellowship Hall
11:30am .....	Prayer Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
5:30pm.....	Executive Team.....	Conference Room
7pm .....	Fox River Radio League .....	Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 14

8:30.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
10am.....	Senior Advocacy Group .....	Library
1:30pm.....	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team Meeting .....	Fellowship Hall

### Thursday, September 15

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
6pm .....	Bell Choir .....	Balcony
6:30pm.....	Boy Scout Troop 6 .....	Ministry Center Gym/ Vlahn Room
7pm .....	Festival Choir .....	Sanctuary

### Friday, September 16

8:30am.....	Bethany Walking Group .....	Ministry Center Gym
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### Saturday, September 17

7:30am.....	Men's Basketball .....	Ministry Center Gym
9am.....	Altar Guild .....	Fellowship Hall
9:30am.....	Fox Valley Court Watch .....	Lower Level
10:30am .....	Al-Anon.....	Library
10:30am .....	Al-Ateen .....	Lower Level
6pm .....	Movie Night.....	Fellowship Hall
8pm .....	AA .....	Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, September 18

9am.....	Worship .....	Sanctuary
10am.....	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
11am.....	Sewing Sisters Retreat Planning.....	Library
2pm .....	Noteworthy Acoustic Concerts .....	Fellowship Hall

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