

BETHANY

Lutheran Church



Reformation Day/Confirmation
October 29, 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

Please mute cell phones. 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:

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Lutheran Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in bold.

This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red) – referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child

Arr. Kim (organ)
Arr. Alan F. Spear (piano)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confessing our sins and receiving forgiveness prepares us to receive Christ in the proclamation of his Word and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW #665



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.

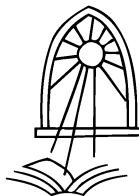


our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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 Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003
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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.**

The Gloria, or some other song of praise, centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The prayer of the day, or collect, is appointed for each Sunday and “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it;
where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it;
where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it;
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another. The biblical book of Psalms is the hymnal of ancient Israel, many written for use in temple worship.

PSALM 46

David M. Cherwien

INTRODUCTION: Organ

REFRAIN: Verse 7

Choir



The Lord of hosts is with us.

Congregation



The God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

CHOIR: *Verses 1-3*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

REFRAIN:

CHOIR: *Verses 4-6*

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day. The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

REFRAIN:

CHOIR: *Verses 8-10*

Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, what awesome things he has done on earth. It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

REFRAIN:

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who

believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel acclamation, or sometimes sequence hymn, moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word – the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news” – specifically the “good news of Jesus.”

We stand.

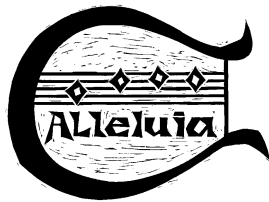
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

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

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

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

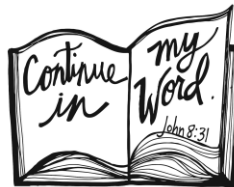
We sit.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the day's scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

SERMON

Pastor Jeffrey Mikyska
John 8:31–36



HYMN OF THE DAY: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

+ RITE OF CONFIRMATION +

PRESENTATION

P Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Abbigail Elizabeth, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

Emma Hess: I present this child of God who desire to make public affirmation of her baptism:

Abbigail Elizabeth

Emma Hess: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Abbigail Elizabeth, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in this community of faith. Uphold your servant in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

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

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P 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 the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support our sister
and pray for her in her life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

C **Amen.**

The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Abigail the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L Holy God, you give the law that your people live by it and flourish. Write your law on the hearts of all who bear your name, and teach us to love your commandments, that we live as you intend. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Holy God, you plant the earth and water it and bring forth a fruitful harvest. Send favorable weather, just wages, and the bounty of your abundance to all who are engaged in the labor of harvest. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Holy God, you watch over the ways of the righteous and judge your people with fairness. Guide judges, courts, elected officials, and all those tasked with upholding the law, inspiring them with your wisdom and zeal for justice. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Holy God, you hold your people in love and surround them with your mercy. Draw near to all who are in need. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Holy God, you call us to love one another as we love ourselves. Give us the will and patience to love those who are difficult to love. Bless all the ministries of this congregation through which we show love for our neighbors. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Holy God, you have broken the chains of death and daily make all things new. We give you thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and all the saints. We pray that your transformative spirit is at work in us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

We share Christ's peace with each other as a sign of charity and unity in preparation for the Holy Communion.

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 MUSIC: The Truth Will Make You Free

Anne Krentz Organ

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples;
And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.
Continue in my word, and my disciples be.
Continue in my word, the truth will make you free.

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.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

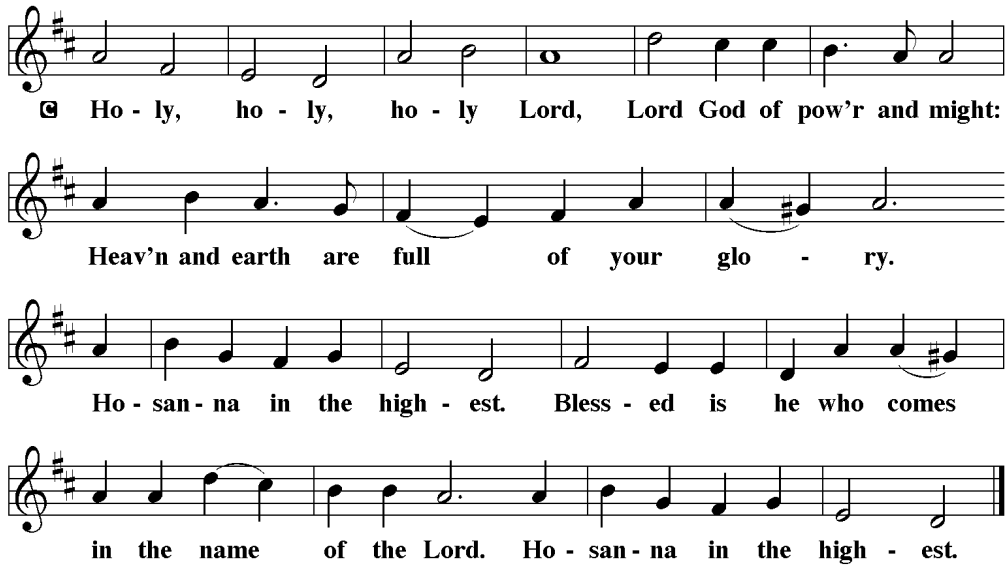
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God; you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

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

We sit.



Echoing both John 1:29 and Revelation 5:6, this song addresses the risen Christ giving himself away at this table as the true Lamb.

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, 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

VOLUNTARY: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sandra Eithun
Grace Notes Bell Choir





1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and fa - vor;
 2 What God did in the law de - mand no one could keep un - fail - ing;
 3 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal - va - tion,
 4 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone and rests in him un - ceas - ing;



good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and save us
 great woe a - rose on ev - 'ry hand, and sin grew all - pre -
 we will re - joice, we will be glad and build on this foun -
 and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope in -



nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who did for
 vail - ing. Be - cause the law must be ful - filled, Christ came as
 da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead; bap - tized in -
 creas - ing. For faith a - lone can jus - ti - fy; works serve our



all the world a - tone, our on - ly me - di - a - tor.
 God in mer - cy willed, for us the law o - bey - ing.
 to your death, I'm freed; your life is mine for - ev - er.
 neigh - bor and sup - ply the proof that faith is liv - ing.

5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise 6 Your kingdom come, your will be done
 to Father, Son, and Spirit! in this world as in heaven;
 Lord, you have saved us by your grace; give bread for each new day begun;
 all glory to your merit! our sins be all forgiven,
 O triune God in heav'n above, as we forgive what others do;
 you have revealed your saving love; in ev'ry trial see us through;
 your blessed name we hallow. from evil save us. Amen.



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
 2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
 3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
 4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious



grace, which gave me life: Je - sus' life is price-less grace.
 blood was shed for me: Je - sus' blood is price-less grace.
 death took sins a - way: Je - sus' death is price-less grace.
 word, which brought me light: Je - sus' word is price-less grace.



That price - less grace is life for me.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **Amen.**

L Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending reminds us that every Sunday worship gathering is a cycle, existing for a time and then dispersing. We arrive at the “sending” after traveling from the rite of gathering to the word and meal. We heard and proclaimed the Word; we were nourished at the Meal; and now we complete the cycle. We have encountered the living Christ in this place and are empowered for ministry in the world.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

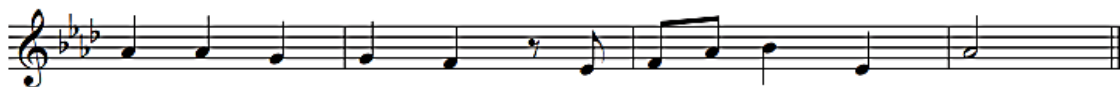
C **Amen.**



1. Give thanks to God on high _____ for saints of oth - er days, whose
2. Their vi sion long ful - filled, _____ our prayer is still the same; up -
3. New tasks to - day are ours _____ who serve a world in pain, new
4. Give thanks to God on high _____ for all the fu - ture sends, in



hope it was to live and die in love's con - sum - ing blaze, for
 on their work of faith to build, their word of truth pro - claim, for
 calls to chal - lenge all our pow'rs of heart and hand and brain, for
 praise of Christ to live and die who calls his ser - vants friends, for



Christ and his king - dom, his glo - ry and his praise.
 Christ and his king - dom, and for his ho - ly name.
 Christ and his king - dom, while life and breath re - main.
 Christ and his king - dom, whose glo - ry nev - er ends.

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L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Epilogue on “Lobe den Herren”

Lani Smith

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Pastor Steve Ritter, Worship Leader
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Leonard Wray, Reader
Todd Toles, Ben Toles, A/V
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Jackson Carter, Graham Gustafson, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Steve Deller, Ushers
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Margie Schuett, Comm. Asst's
Festival Choir

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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:

Mary Bradtmueller, Marilyn Cornwell, Diane Garland, Shirley Grant, Marie Holtz, Mike & 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:

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
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
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:

Robert & Vicki Johnson	Brother-in-Law/Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
Walt Wille	Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Bob	Uncle of Darlene Hutchens
Marty	Friend of Hutchens' Family
Wesley Schroeder	Nephew of Gail Mikyska
Bonnie & Jim Hines	Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Pat	Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn
Kristen Benakis	Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Pat Pydo	Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber
Todd Streidl	Son of George & Shirley Streidl
Marilyn	Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Tracy Clark	Sister of Tara Shannon
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
Katie Taylor	Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler
Jane Wirth	Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Michelle Hartzell	Friend of Beth Richard
Rick Gaston	Friend of Ann Holch
Bob Gustafson	Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna
Stahl	
Tina Motter	Sister of Jackie Page
Mary Hughs	Sister of Jackie Page
Dottie	Friend of Paulette Smigo
Lizzie Bork	Friend of Julie Howard
Nancy	Sister of Karol Clark
Jeffrey Campbell	Nephew of Nan Phillips

Kate and Family
Damon Schultz
Sue S.
Nicole
Alice Hendrikson
Maureen Scollon
Chris Sidler
Lisa
Heather
Gretchen VanKempema
Ryan Anderson
Linda Raish
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
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Brad Blue
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Ed Stahl

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
Friend of Luke & Diane Land
Friend of Beth Richard
Friend of Schuman Family
Daughter of Ann Holch
Son of Aaron Anderson
Friend of Kathy Richmond & Sandy Conn
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
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Friend of Lois Benson
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Daughter of Shirley Streidl
Father of Nicki McVey
Sister of Sue & Bob Novy
Brother-in-law of Bob & Sue Novy
Daughter of Diane Schalk
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Diana Sharp
Verlyn Erickson
Mildred Miller

Friend of Ed & Diane Schalk
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11	David & Karen Bunting	20	Charley & Pam Andersen
11	Steve & Linda Sullivan	21	Andy & Kim Freedlund
15	Jeff & Gail Mikyska	23	Brad & Anna Hirt
17	Steve & Carole Hayes	27	Norm & Nancy Freedlund
17	Todd & Jori Toles	28	Mike & Megan Depke

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Steve Kaar	17	Joshua Holzl
2	Kristen Garrity	19	Roger Johnson
3	Kris Kaar	19	Jim Niedzwiecki
3	Dan Stahl	20	Easton Gelardi
4	DeAnna Miner	20	Vicki Kybartas
5	Sarah Mickelson-Woo	21	Lane Stahl
6	Emily Freedlund	21	Wyatt Stahl
6	Danni Offutt	22	Natalie Bunting
6	Dorothy Patzer	22	Catherine Christensen
7	Kathy Freedlund	22	Steven Deller
9	Todd Anderson	23	Andy Correll
12	Steve Deller	24	Katie Carter
12	Kathryn Flodstrom	25	Dave Bristow
12	Margaret Lundborg	25	Gustav Freedlund
12	Patrick Morrison	26	Char Thomas
12	Graham Wagenknecht	28	Laurel Doman
12	Tanner Wagenknecht	28	Nora Storaasli
14	Karol Clark	29	Amanda Balsan
14	Will Freedlund	29	Emily Daw
15	Liesa Ritter	29	Mackenzie Wagenknecht
16	Barry Carney		

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, October 29

9am	Worship.....	Sanctuary
	Reformation Sunday/Rite of Confirmation	
10am	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Bible Study.....	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center
12pm	Rake & Run – East Side.....	Meet at Church

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry.....	Fellowship Hall
6:30pm	DV Support Group.....	Youth Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606.....	Vlahn Room/Gym

Wednesday, November 1

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Property Committee.....	Conference Room
5:30pm	Youth Bells.....	Sanctuary/Balcony
6:30pm	Confirmation.....	Youth Room
7pm	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
7pm	Youth Group.....	Youth Room/Ministry Ctr

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

All Day	Craft Fair Set-Up.....	Fellowship Hall/Narthex
8:30am	Bethany Walking Group.....	Ministry Center Gym
4:15pm	Swedish Am Children's Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room/Library

Saturday, November 4

7:30am	Men's Basketball.....	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Bethany Craft Fair.....	Fellowship Hall/Lower Narthex/Kitchen
10:30am	Al-Anon.....	Library
10:30am	Al-Ateen.....	Lower Level
8pm	AA.....	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 5

9am	Worship – All Saints Day.....	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour.....	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Bible Study.....	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School.....	Ministry Center
	Christmas Ornament Decorating	
12pm	Rake & Run – West Side.....	Meet at Church

CONFIRMATION BIBLE VERSES

Abbigail Elizabeth Harmon

Psalm 30:5

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning.