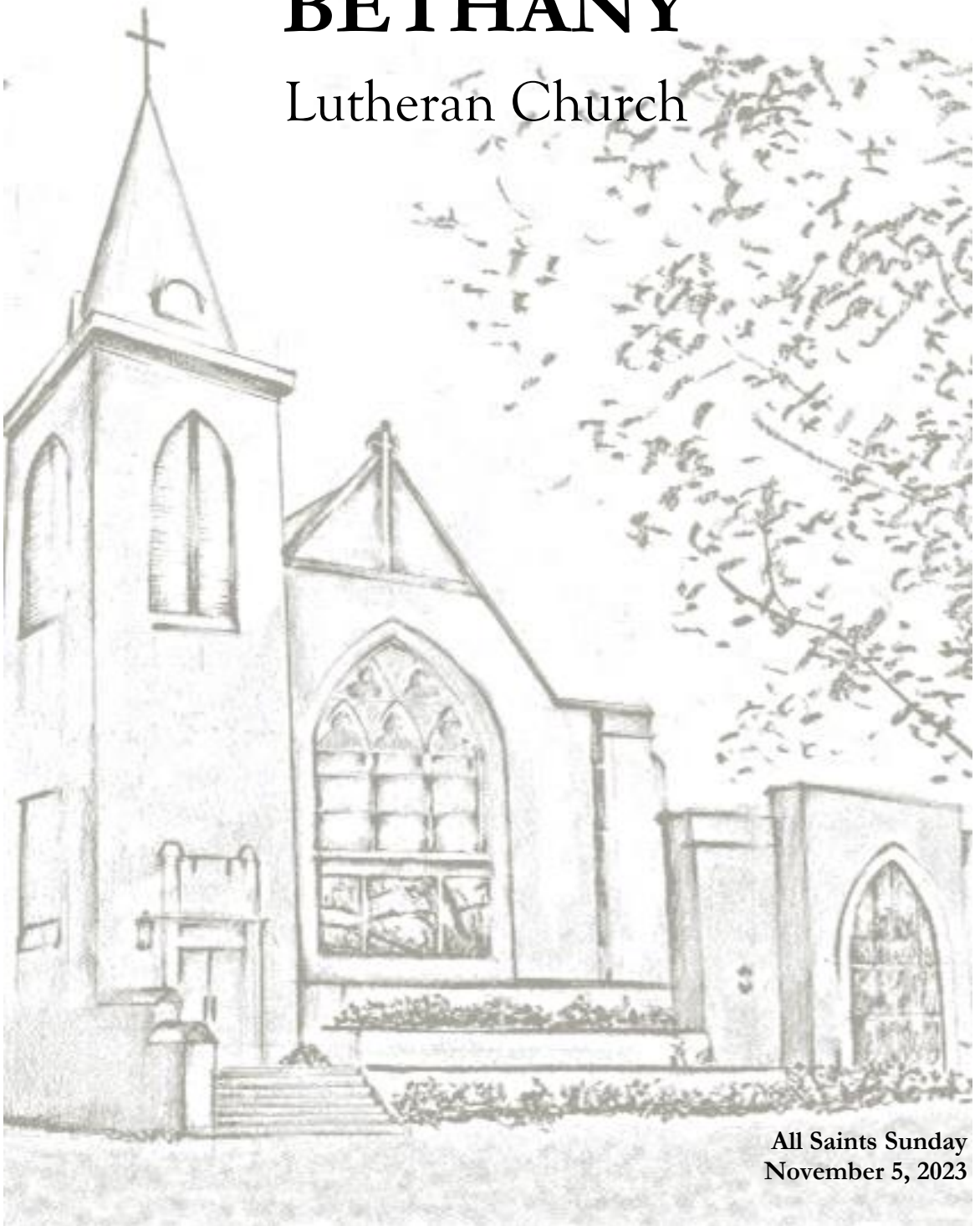


BETHANY

Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday
November 5, 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:

The Revelation text for All Saints Sunday is often heard at funerals, and for good reason. It bears deeply comforting imagery and words that describe both the life with Christ that awaits us and the life with Christ in which we now live. Many of the words in this text we have heard in our hymnody and liturgical resources for years. Today, and in all the days to come, may the revelation we hear in this text give us comfort, inspire us in worship, and deepen our faith in all that God has in store.

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: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hopkins (Arr. Alan F. Spear)

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.

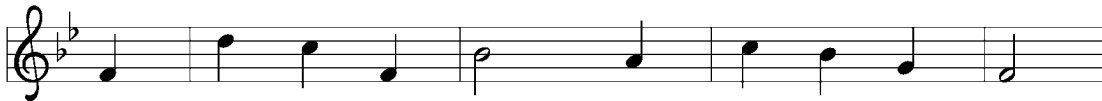
C Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Rejoice in God's Saints

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1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some-one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.

CANTICLE 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.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

+ WORD +

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal ;they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

(Reading continues on the next page.)

- ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

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 34: 1 – 10, 22

Thomas Keesecker

ANTIPHON: Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord;
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

- L I will bless the Lord | at all times;*
his praise shall ever be | in my mouth.
- C **I will glory | in the Lord;*
let the humble hear | and rejoice.**
- L Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;*
let us exalt his | name together.
- C **I sought the Lord, and he | answered me*
and delivered me out of | all my terror.**
- L Look upon him | and be radiant,*
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
- C **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me*
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

ANTIPHON

- L The angel of the Lord encompasses | those who fear him,*
and he will de- | liver them.
- C **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;*
happy are they who | trust in him!**
- L Fear the Lord, you that | are his saints,*
for those who fear | him lack nothing.
- C **The young lions lack and | suffer hunger,*
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.**
- L The Lord ransoms the life | of his servants,*
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

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: 1 John 3:1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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.

ALLELUIA VERSE

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: Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Reading continues on the next page.)

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Matthew 5:1–12

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: For All the Saints

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Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 5 – Women

Stanza 2 – All

Stanza 6 – All

Stanza 3 – Choir

Stanza 7 – All

Stanza 4 – Men



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

NICENE CREED

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

C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We sit.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

L Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join
them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divi-
sions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing land-
scapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open
us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wis-
dom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the
whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O
God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all
who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near
to all who need you. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be
shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that fam-
ilies and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

L Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The last petition of the prayers is sung in a setting by Mark Mummert:

L Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



C All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we
make our song: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P We remember before you in thanksgiving all who have died in the faith of Christ:
(*The minister names those in our congregation who have died since November 1, 2022.*)

The prayers conclude:

L You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and maker of all that breathes;
And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return.

For when we were created, you said, “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

C **REFRAIN** (*above*)

+ 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.

Lord, it belongs not to my care, whether I die or live,
To love and serve thee is my share, and this thy grace must give.
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey:
If short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?

Christ leads us through no darker rooms than he went through before,
He that unto God's kingdom comes must enter by this door.
Come Lord, when grace has made me meet, thy blessed face to see;
For if thy work on earth be sweet, what will thy glory be!

My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;
But 'tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with him.

We stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.

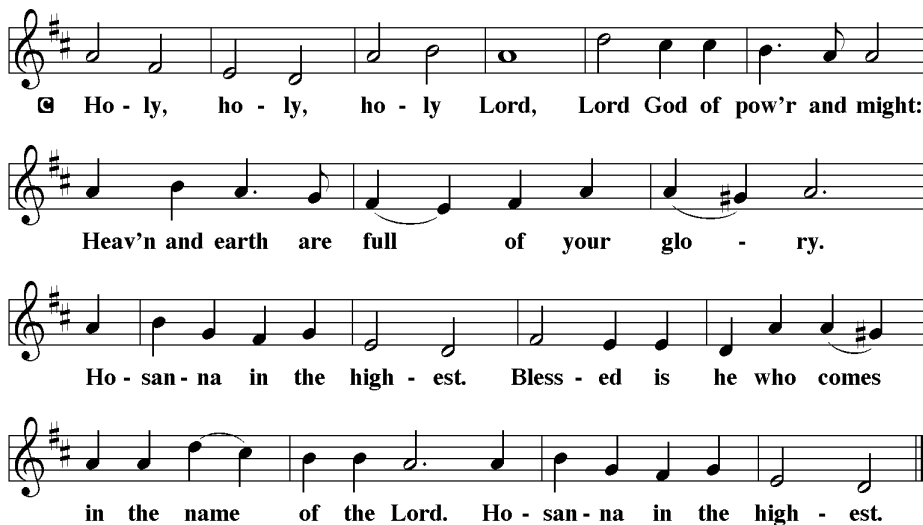
C We lift them to the Lord.

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. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. 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.

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

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
Grace Notes Bell Choir



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing,
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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.

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;

and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift,

in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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.

SENDING HYMN: For All Your Saints, O Lord

ELW #427



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

DISMISSAL

L Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: For All the Saints

Arr. Hopson

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister
Todd Toles, Worship Leader
Alan Spear, Organist
Jori Toles, Reader
Ian Gutierrez, Ryan Pieratt, A/V
Karol Clark, Ruth Beck, Altar Guild
Ben Toles, Grace Rusev, Laurel Doman, Acolytes
Ralph Beck, Jon Habegger, Leonard Wray, Ushers
Todd Toles, Linda Sullivan, Dorothy Thorsen,
Comm. Asst's
Festival Choir
Grace Notes Bell Choir

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If you have questions or concerns for members of the Church Council you're invited to speak with them personally or via email to council@bethanybatavia.org.

Bethany's Vision: We are a Grace-based, people-powered, refuge for all.

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:

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
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:

Mary Dunne

Jim Anderson

Robert & Vicki Johnson
Walt Wille
Bob
Marty
Wesley Schroeder
Bonnie & Jim Hines
Pat
Kristen Benakis
Pat Pydo
Todd Streidl
Marilyn
Tracy Clark
Sarah McCarthy
Mary Lawrence
Steven & Janice Brown & Grace
Lee Peterson
Loda George Ricker
Calvin, Diane & Family
Katie Taylor
Jane Wirth
Michelle Hartzell
Rick Gaston
Bob Gustafson
Tina Motter
Mary Hughs
Dottie
Diane Sharp
Lizzie Bork
Nancy

Niece of Amanda Balsan

Friend of Bob Nelson

Brother-in-Law/Sister-in-Law of Val Schalk
Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Uncle of Darlene Hutchens
Friend of Hutchens' Family
Nephew of Gail Mikyska
Parents of Suzanne Grashorn
Brother-in-Law of Suzanne Grashorn
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of John & Laura Peterson/Marty Offutt-Gruber
Son of George & Shirley Streidl
Friend of Tom & Dee Schuman
Sister of Tara Shannon
Friend of Jan Bristow & Kathy Richmond
Sister-in-Law of Carole Benson
Friends of Tom & Dee Schuman
Friend of Dottie White
Friend of Fred & Ann Holch
Friends of Kathy Richmond
Great Niece of Ken & Judy Henschler
Friend of Ken & Judy Henschler
Friend of Beth Richard
Friend of Ann Holch
Husband of Cindy Gustafson/Father to Nate Gustafson & Janna Stahl
Sister of Jackie Page
Sister of Jackie Page
Friend of Paulette Smigo
Friend of Ed Schalk
Friend of Julie Howard
Sister of Karol Clark

Jeffrey Campbell
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
Carole W.
Brad Blue
Diane Ekstam Johnson
Tammy English
Jerry Martin
Teri Prokes
Tony Prokes
Kelli Robertson
Ed Stahl

Nephew of Nan Phillips
Friend of John & Karol Clark
Son-in-Law of Shyla Carbone
Friend of Bob & Sue Novy
Friend of Linda Sullivan
Friend of Lynn & Bill Dreymler
Friend of Lois Benson & Dottie White
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
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
Father of Dan Stahl

Please pray for those who mourn the passing of:

Millie Lober

Diana Sharp
Verlyn Erickson
Mildred Miller

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

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Sunday, November 5

9am	Worship – All Saints Sunday	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School – Ornament Decorating	Ministry Center
12pm	Rake & Run – West Side	Meet at Church
4pm	Scout/Venture Crew 21	Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 6

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Counters	Conference Room

Tuesday, November 7

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9am	Quilters/Prayer Shawl Ministry	Fellowship Hall
10am	Property Committee	Conference Room
12pm	All Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:30pm	DV Support Group	Youth Room
6:30pm	Girls BSA Troop 606	Vlahn Room/Gym
6:30pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Library/Lower Level/M111
7pm	Fox Valley Woodworkers	Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 8

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
10am	Senior Advocacy Group	Fellowship Hall/Library
5:30pm	Youth Bells	Sanctuary/Balcony
6pm	Confirmation	Youth Room/Chapel
7pm	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
7pm	Youth Group	Youth Room/Chapel

Thursday, November 9

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 10

8:30am	Bethany Walking Group	Ministry Center Gym
9:45am	Food Pantry Serving	Batavia Food Pantry
4:15pm	Swedish Am Children's Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Library

Saturday, November 11

7:30am	Men's Basketball	Ministry Center Gym
10am	AI-Anon	Library
10am	AI-Ateen	Lower Level
8pm	AA	Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 12

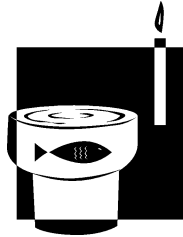
9am	Worship	Sanctuary
10am	Coffee Hour	Fellowship Hall
10:30am	Adult Bible Study	Chapel
10:30am	Sunday School – Ornament Decorating	Ministry Center
12pm	Tree Decorating at the Riverwalk	Riverwalk

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

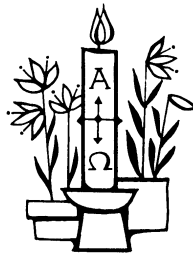
All Saints Sunday is the Festival of the Church when we remember and celebrate all the saints of God - living and dead. Today we honor all those who, in the past year, have joined the Church Militant (church on earth) through baptism and remember those who joined the Church Triumphant (church in heaven) through death.

**We celebrate the following individuals, who, in this past year, have joined
The Body of Christ serving here on Earth through Holy Baptism**



Leiana Marie Balsan
Lucas Jonathan Balsan
Norman John Frankowski
Jack Andrew Macaione
Luca Herron

**We remember all those who in the past year
have joined the Church Triumphant through death**



Ethel
Howard
Nicole
Nancy Armstrong
Dr. Mark Bangert
Nancy Bishop
Gerald Beck

Dawn Bucz
Dorothy J. Carlson
Virginia Clark-Lorenz
Sharyn Collins
Verlyn Erickson
Lawrence Forsell
Richard Franzen

Barbara Garrison
Janis Graffagna
Robert Hugo Granquist
Mike Harland
Adam Holtz
Millie Lober
John McKinnis

Mildred Miller
Mike Monken
Judy Morrison
Colin Munro
Martha Nelson
Rhonda Nelson
Pam Paszotta

Mary Pfeffer
Patricia Quast
Mary Rasori
Robert Sager
Diana Sharp
Steve Schmidt
David Smith

Walter Sosin
Lila Storaasli
Linda Thorson
Lindy Wagner
Emily White

MEMORIALS, BEQUESTS, & SPECIAL GIFTS

Memory is a priceless gift of God. Recognition and communication is made possible by our ability to remember. We are able to face the challenge and uncertainties of tomorrow because our memories enable us to recall the presence of God's grace in our past.

Gifts given in memory of loved ones or from our own estates stand as testimony that we remember with gratitude the gifts of life, and life eternal, given to us by our Lord. They witness to our living hope that "even though we die, yet shall we live" in the Lord. These Special Gifts are used in a variety of ways by our church to support its ongoing and specialized ministries. Other *Special Gifts* that are given *in honor of* or *in thanksgiving for* special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, restoration to health, etc. are used in the very same way.

Special gifts are kept separate from our General Fund, which is used for our routine operating expenses. Special Funds are held in savings accounts until such time as they are needed. Designations are determined by the donors, in the case of bequests, endowments, and special gifts or by the appointed family members, in the case of memorials. We request that all designations be done in consultation with pastor and/or a member of the Memorials/Gifts Committee. The determination of the use of Undesignated Gifts is made by the Congregation Council in consultation with the Memorial/Gifts Committee.

Many people want to provide for the ministry of the church, even after their own death. Consequently, more people are designating the church as a beneficiary in their wills. Members who have practiced sacrificial giving to the church throughout their lives often choose to set aside, in their wills, a portion of their estate, perhaps even a tithe. In this way, the ministry of the church is enhanced for years to come.

If you have any questions, or are considering making a special gift, please contact pastor or a member of Bethany's Finance Committee. One of us would be happy to talk with you.

THANK YOU

As we pause to remember the lives and faith of those members and loved ones who have died, we want to thank their families and friends who have given Memorials. In many cases, without these contributions, many important tools for ministry would not be available. Please accept our sincere thanks.