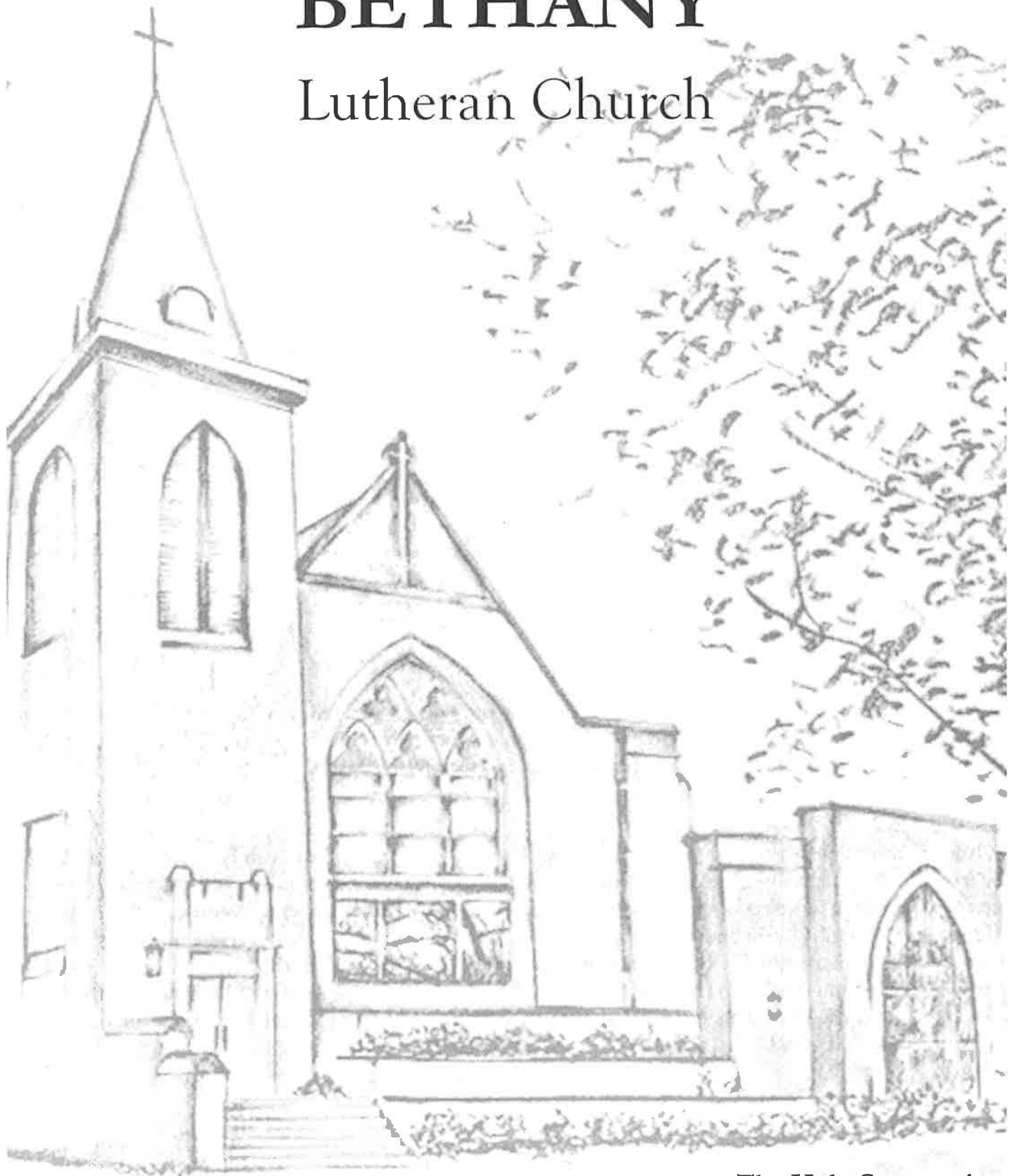


# BETHANY

Lutheran Church



The Holy Communion  
The Third Sunday of Easter  
May 1, 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 yet staffed, the nursery is open for parents who may find it helpful. The nursery is located on the sanctuary level, where you will find a changing table, rocking chair and some toys. You can still hear the worship service through a speaker in the room. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

## Cell Phones and Pagers

Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

## Holy Communion

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All 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:

When we encounter Jesus, we are changed and will never be the same. Jesus can be revealed in a blinding light on the road, in an abundance of fish, in breakfast on the beach. God uses all sorts of surprising things—bread, wine, water, words of forgiveness—to convert us. Like baptism, this conversion is both a once-in-a-lifetime, life-changing event and a daily process—a change that comes again and again, like Jesus' question to Peter: "Do you love me?" Again and again, Jesus calls us to follow him. For Saul, the journey doesn't end with the blinding light on the road. For Peter, the journey doesn't end with breakfast on the beach. Conversion sets each of them, and each of us, on a path that continues for the rest of our life on earth—and leads into life eternal.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Simple Gifts  
I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
Now the Green Blade Rises

Arr. Alan F. Spear  
Arr. Jason W. Krug  
Anna Laura Page  
*Youth Bell Choir*

*We stand.*

GATHERING HYMN: Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958  
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*. © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C **Amen.**

P We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



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



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



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



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



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ 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.


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


  
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** For the Lamb who was


  
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.


  
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.


  
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal and all-merciful God,

with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might.

By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us

to follow 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 +

### FIRST READING: Acts 9:1–20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 30

*The choir sings the Refrain once; the congregation repeats and joins in singing twice each time thereafter.*

### REFRAIN



- L I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up\*  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- C **O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,\***  
**and you restored | me to health.**
- L You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;\*  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- C **Sing to the LORD, you ser- | vants of his;\*  
give thanks for the remembrance | of his holiness.**
- L For his wrath endures but the twinkling | of an eye,\*  
his favor | for a lifetime.
- C **Weeping may | spend the night,\*  
but joy comes | in the morning.**

### REFRAIN

- L While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never | be disturbed.\*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
- C **Then you | hid your face,\*  
and I was | filled with fear.**
- L I cried to | you, O LORD;\*  
I pleaded with | the Lord, saying,
- C **"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?\***  
**Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?**
- L Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;\*  
O LORD, | be my helper."
- C **You have turned my wailing | into dancing;\*  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.**
- L Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

### REFRAIN



**SECOND READING:** Revelation 5:11–14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,<sup>12</sup>singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup>Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN:** This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was  
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in  
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

**HOLY GOSPEL:** John 21:1–19

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeff Mikyska  
John 21:1–19

*We stand.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW #666



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my  
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## NICENE CREED

P 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A. Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A. Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world as you sent your apostles Philip and James, to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Christ. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A. Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and human negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds humans and other living creatures. God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A. Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages.  
God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Restore all people who cry to you for help (*especially*). Turn their mourning into dancing, clothe them with joy, and put a testimony of healing and praise on their lips. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Be present to faithful ones who are persecuted for following you (*and especially the church in . . .*). Sustain them by your faithfulness, and give them strength in the name of Jesus. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Christ and bestowing upon him all blessing and honor and glory. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship. God, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

OFFERTORY: On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

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| <p>1. On earth has dawned this day of days,<br/>Whereon the faithful give God praise.<br/>For Christ is risen from the tomb,<br/>and light and joy have conquered doom.<br/>Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won.<br/>Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia.</p> | <p>3. "Whom seek ye here?" the angel said;<br/>"The Lord is risen from the dead;<br/>see where he lay let joy begin,<br/>the tomb is empty; enter in!"<br/>Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won.<br/>Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia</p>  |
| <p>2. At early morn, with spices rare,<br/>the women three assembled there,<br/>all to anoint fair Mary's Son,<br/>who over death had vict'ry won.<br/>Sing alleluia, vict'ry won.<br/>Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia.</p>                         | <p>4. So let our songs to heaven wing,<br/>the vault with alleluias ring,<br/>in praise of Christ, our risen Lord;<br/>new life to all he doth afford.<br/>Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won.<br/>Sing alleluia. Christus surrexit, alleluia.</p> |

*We stand.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:  
the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 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, O God, 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,  
that we who share in Christ'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.**

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.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



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 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.*

*White grape juice, a non-alcoholic alternative, and gluten-FREE rice wafers are available upon request.*



MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: I Am the Bread of Life

ELW #485

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . . . you . . . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . . . I be - lieve that . . . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . . . and . . . . .  
 I . . . . . am the life. . . . . If you be -  
 you . . . . . are the Christ, . . . . . the . . . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -  
 drink . . . . . of his blood, and drink . . . . . of his  
 lieve . . . . . in . . . . . me, c - ven . . . though you  
 Son . . . . . of . . . . . God, who . . . . . have . . . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . . . the . . . . . world. . . . .

*Refrain*  
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.  
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
 Thee we greet triumphant now:  
 hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
 everlasting life is this:  
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

*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.

**L** Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** Amen.

**BLESSING OF LWR QUILTS AND PERSONAL CARE KITS**

# + SENDING +

## BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

ELW #548

alternate tune

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| 1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,<br>from this meal of love and grace;<br>may we through such love envision<br>whose we are, and whose, our praise.<br>Alleluia, alleluia;<br>God, the wonder of our days.           | 3 Rise, remember well the future<br>God has called us to receive;<br>present by God's loving nurture,<br>Spirited then let us live.<br>Alleluia, alleluia;<br>Spirit, grace by whom we live. |
| 2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow<br>after Christ, though wounded, whole;<br>broken, shared, our lives are hallowed<br>to release and to console.<br>Alleluia, alleluia;<br>Christ, our present, past, and goal. | 4 Service be our sure vocation;<br>courage be our daily breath;<br>mercy be our destination<br>from this day and unto death.<br>Alleluia, alleluia.<br>Rise, O church, a living faith.       |

*Text: Susan Palo Chervien, b. 1953*

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## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: Fugue on "St. Anne"

J.S. Bach  
Arr. Hopson

### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Jeffrey Mikyska, Presiding Minister  
Mark Waldron, Assisting Minister  
Alan Spear, Organist  
Dennis Schuett, Reader  
Dale Howard, Ryan Howard, A/V  
Kathy Richmond, Carol Thomassen, Altar Guild  
Benjamin Toles, Will Freedlund, Acolytes  
Jon Habegger, Leonard Wray, Ushers  
Mark Waldron, Linda Sullivan, Paulette Smigo, Comm. Ass't

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Jeffrey Mikyska, Senior Pastor  
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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:

Carlene Altman, Mary Bradtmueller, Rich Franzen, Robert Granquist, Deb Hruby, Anna Jackson, Karin Johnston, Luke & Diane Land, Bill Lechnick, Bob Novy, Louise Pruitt, Val Schalk, Scotty & Maureen Scollon, Judi Spear

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

Hershel Pruitt	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Helen Anderson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Mark Anderson	Silverado Memory Care, St Charles
Dorothy Carlson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Lois Elfstrom	Aurora, IL
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Mildred Miller	Reserve of Geneva, Geneva
Joan Olson	Michaelsen Health Center, Holmstad
Pat Quast	Asbury Gardens
Judi Spear	Arden Courts of Geneva, Geneva
Joyce Stran	GreenFields of Geneva, Geneva

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

### Please pray for our family and friends:

Rebecca and family	God-Daughter of Beth Lawniczak
Josh Braun	Nephew of Pastor Jeff & Gail
Landri Pazzotta	Great Niece of Tom & Dee Schuman
Jim Freedlund	Cousin of Norm Freedlund
Bill Norman	Cousin of Judy Henschler
Kate	Friend of Karol Clark
Dan	Friend of Ed Schalk
Abby B.	Friend of Darlene Hutchens
Ryan & Kate	Friends of the Foelske Family
Bill VanSanten	Former Member of Bethany and Friend of Norm and Nancy Freedlund
Gary Piccony	Peter Piccony's Father
Loy Williams	Friend of Ann & Fred Holch
Steve Novy	Cousin of Bob Novy
Floyd Anderson	Beth Richard's Father
Bill Parkhurst	Friend of Bill and Lynn Dreymler
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 and 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  
Tina Motter  
Teri Prokes  
Tony Prokes  
Kelli Robertson  
Wolfgang Smailus  
Ed Stahl

Lynn Dreymler's brother  
Teri Figura  
Teri Figura  
Daughter of Hershel and 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 Jackie Page  
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

**THIS WEEK AT BETHANY**

**Sunday, May 1**

9am.....Worship.....Sanctuary  
10am.....Coffee Hour.....Fellowship Hall  
10:30am.....Sunday School.....Ministry Center/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1pm.....BSA Troop 12.....Fellowship Hall  
Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Ryan Howard

**Monday, May 2**

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

**Tuesday, May 3**

8:30am.....Bethany Walking Group.....Ministry Center Gym  
9am.....Quilters.....Fellowship Hall  
6:30pm.....Fox Valley Woodworkers.....Library/Lower Level/M111  
7pm.....Fox Valley Woodworkers.....Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 4**

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

**Thursday, May 5**

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

**Friday, May 6**

8:30am.....Bethany Walking Group.....Ministry Center Gym  
4pm.....Plain Dirt Gardener's Plant Sale Set-Up.....Ministry Center Gym

**Saturday, May 7**

7am.....Plain Dirt Gardener's Plant Sale Set-Up.....Ministry Center Gym  
9am.....Plain Dirt Gardener's Plant Sale.....Ministry Center Gym  
8pm.....AA.....Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, May 8**

9am.....Worship.....Sanctuary  
10am.....Coffee Hour.....Fellowship Hall  
10:30am.....Sunday School.....Ministry Center/2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

