

Easter Day

First Communion Celebration (10:00AM)
ACS Holy Communion Setting 11
Sunday, April 5, 2026

Faith-Bethany Partnership

One partnership, two campuses within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Introduction to the day

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

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Faith-Bethany Partnership — One Partnership, Two Campuses

Serving Ishpeming | ELCA, Northern Great Lakes Synod

WELCOME

We are **one partnership, worshipping across two campuses** – Bethany Lutheran Church and Faith Lutheran Church – serving Ishpeming and its surrounding neighborhoods. Rooted in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe God’s grace is for all people and all creation, calling us into lives of compassion, justice, service, and hope.

You are welcome here.

Whoever you are, whatever your story or questions, you are free to listen, to join in as you are able, and to be met by the living presence of God.

ONE PARTNERSHIP, ONE BODY

From the earliest days of the Church described in Acts, God’s people gathered in different places while sharing one faith, one mission, and one Spirit. We claim that same invitation today.

Our life together as one partnership is not something entirely new. In the early decades of the 20th century, Lutheran congregations in this region often lived as shared or multi-point ministries, shaped by geography, population, and mutual care. Within that wider pattern, Bethany and Faith share a remembered history of cooperation and pastoral connection, reflecting a long-standing trust that the Spirit’s work was not limited to a single building or neighborhood. What we are living into now is a faithful renewal of a way of being church that has served this place before.

SERVING THE EDGES TOGETHER

As one partnership with two campuses, we serve the edges of Ishpeming; east and west, long-established neighborhoods and changing communities. We understand these “edges” not as margins to be forgotten, but as holy places where God is already at work.

Across both campuses, we seek to be present with our neighbors, attentive to local needs, and open to partnership; trusting that Christ’s body grows not by centralizing power, but by sharing life.

OUR SHARED CALLING

Together, we live a simple and faithful commitment:

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

by developing, strengthening, and sharing a **witness to the message of the Gospel**; through an increased understanding of **our ministry and our daily living**, both individually and as a congregation.

ROOTED IN PLACE, OPEN TO THE WORLD

Our partnership is shaped by generations of people who built lives, families, and faith in Ishpeming; across changing industries, cultures, and seasons of challenge and renewal. As part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Northern Great Lakes Synod, we also join the wider church in ministries of mercy, justice, and accompaniment both within, and beyond, our local context.

A PLACE FOR YOU

Whether you are new to church, returning after time away, carrying faith or doubt, or seeking community; there is space for you here.

One partnership.

Two campuses.

Many gifts.

One body in Christ.

Grace and peace to you: welcome.

HONORING THE LAND

With gratitude and humility, we acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg — the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples — who have stewarded this region since time immemorial. We honor their enduring presence and commit ourselves to walk gently on the earth and seek right relationship with all our neighbors.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✝ one God,

the fountain of living water,

the rock who gave us birth,

our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

In baptism our gracious heavenly Creator frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (ELW 365)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

This greeting, based on 2 Corinthians 13:13, is a call-and-response between the worship leader (often the pastor) and the congregation. This greeting is more than a simple salutation; it is a blessing and a recognition of God's presence, here and now, and of God's grace.



KYRIE

The Kyrie, from the Greek "Kyrie eleison" (meaning "Lord, have mercy"), is a prayer of supplication, a plea for God's grace and forgiveness. In many ELCA traditions, the Kyrie is a threefold repetition of "Lord, have mercy" (Kyrie eleison), often followed by "Christ, have mercy" (Christe eleison) and then "Lord, have mercy" (Kyrie eleison) again.



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
 O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
 O Lord, have . . . mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy.



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad.
 Have mer - cy, O Lord. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
 1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!



¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem-pre!
 To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

2 Glory to God,
 glory to God,
 glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
 gloria a Dios,
 gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
 glory to God,
 glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
 gloria a Dios,
 gloria al Espíritu!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Prayer of the Day is born out of the lectionary (texts), and is the primary invitation to the radical love offered through the Gospel of the day, focused on the primary themes we might experience together, across the church and traditions.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SERMON FOR THE YOUNG, AND YOUNG AT HEART

The People are invited forward for an invitation to see themselves in God's story with us anew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School today; our young people are invited to enjoy a bag of goodies and activities, found on the table near the entry to the sanctuary, near the Children's Worship Center.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

118:1-2, 14-24

We will speak the psalm, responsively, with the Assembly using the bold print. (8:00AM)

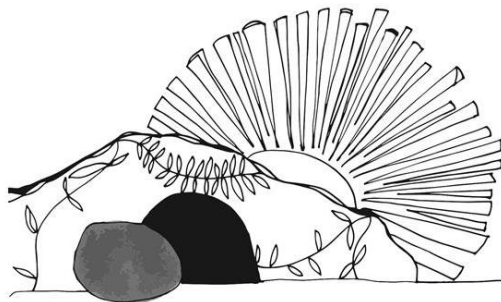
We will chant the psalm, following a leader, or the choir (10:00AM)



- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.
- ² **Let Israel now declare,**
"God's mercy endures forever."
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,**
and declare the works of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**
and you have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ **By the LORD has this been done;**
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ANTHEM (10:00AM)

See What a Morning
by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend



SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from Colossians.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my Siblings to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CREED

We join together in speaking these words, inviting the beginning of an understanding of our faith; across time and space, we join the saints of our past, and Siblings of our present, in these words that have offered comfort, confusion, curiosity and wonder through many centuries.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Prayers of intercession, or Prayers of the People, are prayers that ask God to intervene on behalf of people and causes in need. They can be used in worship services and for personal prayer.

silence is held for preparation

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. We lift up our Siblings who have invited us into care with them, through our prayer connections, silently or aloud, now... .. . Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

"Passing the peace" is a ritual where members share God's peace with one another, typically through a handshake or other gesture, symbolizing unity and reconciliation before receiving communion. The practice of "passing the peace" is rooted in scripture, where Jesus greets his disciples with "Peace be with you" and the apostle Paul begins his letters with "Grace and peace be with you".



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Ways to support the ministry here at in Ishpeming with either Faith, or Bethany, or both:

- Certainly, you are welcome to take part in our “noisy offering” collection, by placing your gifts **in the containers passed** by our Usher Team, each Sunday during this time. Noisy Offering supports the work and outreach of the Social Ministry Team.
- You are invited to set up a one-time or recurring donation by **texting ASSIST to 844-920-4105**; be sure to have your preferred method of sharing ready.
- Use this **QR Code** (to the right). Open your camera app on your phone, place the QR code in the center of your camera’s view-field, and select the Vanco link that appears!
- Offerings will be assigned to the campus you name, or by the affiliated envelope you use. You may designate a specific partnership building online; or designate offerings by applying a note of intent, or reaching out to the office, by phone or email, and expressing your intent with your name and amount offered.



We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!

Please stand, as you’re willing and able, in body or in spirit.

Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)



A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray, together.

Gracious God, **you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The service of Holy Communion is at the heart of Christian faith and life. In this sacrament, two essential realities occur for the benefit of God's people. First, God gives us his Son's true body and blood, through which we receive the forgiveness of sins. Second, the people of God's church are joined with one another as we share a mysterious and intimate bond as fellow members of Christ's body. This sacrament, together with the proclamation of God's Word, lies at the core of Christian worship. We Lutherans often describe our ministry as "Word and Sacrament". Both elements of worship are essential. There have been periods in the history of the Lutheran church where the frequency of Holy Communion waxed and waned. In the late 19th century, a liturgical renewal began, and one of the results was the restoration of weekly Communion. At Bethany, we follow that cadence.

Great Thanksgiving

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Preface introduces us to the next part of the service, where we are invited into God's presence for the sharing of the meal. It is an ancient aspect of Christian liturgy. St. Hippolytus mentions that in the early 3rd century, Christians were using a preface in worship. This exchange has survived for centuries almost word-for-word in our liturgy!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,



cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en los cie - los.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God...

...we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

... Power of the Most High,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to use the words of the Lord's Prayer that speak loudest to you, and experiencing the rhythms of the Spirit that speak to each of us, creating both dissonance and resonance.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

**Fader Vår, som är i himmelen
Helgat varde ditt namn.
Tillkomme ditt rike. Ske din vilja,
såsom i himmelen så ock på jorden.
Vårt dagliga bröd giv oss idag,
och förlåt oss våra skulder,
såsom ock vi förlåta dem oss skyldiga äro,
och inled oss icke i frestelse utan fräls oss ifrån
ondo.
Ty riket är ditt och makten och härligheten i
evighet.
Amen.**

**O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we
honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring
your good road to us, where the beauty of your
ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in
the earth below. Provide for us day by day—
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn,
the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we
need for each day. Release us from the things
we have done wrong, in the same way we
release others for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things that tempt us to
stray from your good road, and set us free
from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho!
May it be so!¹**

¹ Wildman, Terry M.. First Nations Version: An Indigenous Bible Translation of the New Testament (p. 10). InterVarsity Press. Kindle Edition.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION


The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

Please be seated.


Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper, or Eucharist, is a central practice where the crucified and risen Christ is believed to be truly present, offering his body and blood as food and drink, and is celebrated every Sunday and festival. We believe that the presence of Christ is in, with, through, around, and under the elements of bread and wine. We hold that there are two Sacraments (sacred acts of divine institution), Communion and Baptism, both outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace coupling earthly elements with divine command.

At the invitation of an usher, you may come forward for the Eucharist or a blessing. We offer gluten-free bread for the whole community. Both grape juice and wine are available in each passed tray; please take the option that best suits your expression and embodiment of this celebration at God's Table. All are welcome here.


COMMUNION SONG




Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the




ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.




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 O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the



 ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
 sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -



 so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
 on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.



 Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
 Grant us your peace. A - mén.



SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (ELW 384)



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

ADDITIONAL HYMNS (10:00AM)

Please use the cranberry hymnals in the pew

Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)

Thine the Amen (ELW 826)

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

May the body and blood of Christ, Risen Savior, strengthen **✝** and keep us. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Hail thee, Festival Day (ELW 394)

Refrain



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



Easter 1 All the fair beau - ty of earth from the



death of the win - ter a - ris - ing! Ev - 'ry good



gift of the year now with its mas - ter re - turns: *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, together.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you're willing and able, in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

The holy Three, the holy One
increase your hope,
strengthen your faith,
deepen your love,
and ✠ grant you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

The Day of Resurrection! (ELW 361)



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

DISMISSAL

Go into the world with peace-filled partnership; share the good news!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Upcoming Commemorations

**Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553;
artists**

Monday, April 6, 2026

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

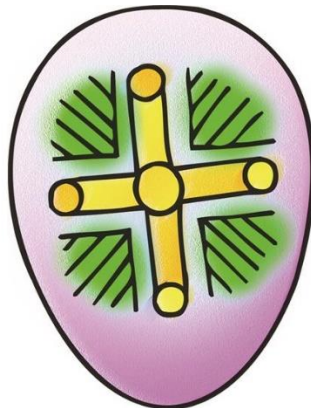
Thursday, April 9, 2026

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Friday, April 10, 2026

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.



Faith-Bethany Partnership Easter Garden

In Loving Memory/Honor of:

*Husband Werner Maki
Parents, brother, & nephew*

*Eugene & Dorothy Hosking
Curtis Hosking*

*Karl Dahl
Marvin & Evelyn Nadeau*

*Nan Kline
John Ruona*

Diana Schaffer

*Marvin & Evelyn Nadeau
Peter Cain*

*Dwayne Kaukola
Parents Ruby & Bob Kaukola*

*Paul Kindstrand and those
who have passed on*

*Betty & Ray Leverton
Steve Leverton*

Our Parents

Our Parents

*Parents-Dick & Doris Carter,
Barth & Betty Carlson-and nephew
Nathan Luna*

*Joseph Henson, Fancis Olgren, Ron Olgren
Our children & grandchildren*

Francis & Ron Olgren, Joseph Henson

*Sharon Eklund, Cheryl Frederickson,
Jerry Hagar, Phil Hill, Edmund Holmgren,
Curtis Hosking, Bev Kippola, William
Lawson, Robert Maki, Clifford Mattson*

Given by:

Elaine Maki

Trudie Seablom

Linda Dahl

Norm & Karen Ruona

Donna Poirier

Debbie Cain

Denise Kaukola-Mason

Irene Kindstrand

Dave Leverton

Mark & Kathleen Slown

Bill & Kris Barton

Doug & Jill Carter

Gale Hanson

Donald & Judith Meyer

Janet Olgren

*Faith-Bethany Partnership
for those dearly departed
last year.*

Community Events

*****Holy Humor Sunday! - April 12, 10am** at the Faith Campus, 180 CR PPO, Ishpeming

Many churches are resurrecting an old Easter custom begun by the early Greek Christians - 'bright Sunday' or 'Holy Humor Sunday' celebrations on the Sunday after Easter. One thought about the origin of this tradition was the musings early church theologians had about God playing a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. For centuries, the week following Easter Sunday was observed by the faithful as 'days of joy and laughter' with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection.

On April 12, bring a clean joke to share during the beginning or sending announcements or a mid-service 'humor break.' Children are invited to bring jokes to share during the children's sermon.

Fortune Lake "Camperships" – Interested in attending camp this year? Need some financial assistance? We're proud to announce that "camperships" are available starting at 50% assistance for children or families that would like to attend FLLC this year. The Spiritual Education Team is fielding requests and can be reached via email at FaithSpiritualEducation@BethanyIshpeming.org. When you register for camp, before the summer deadline (5Mar), you will be prompted to submit a campership form (available on the kiosk, or by email). After the registration deadline, we can offer assistance on a case by case basis. We celebrate our Partnered Leaders' affirmation through action the opportunity for everyone to experience the joy and spirituality of the Fortune Lake gift.

Social Ministry – Interested in being part of the outreach ministries of this partnership? Looking for a way to make our gifts work to the benefit of our home-bound, neighbors in need, or collecting resources to make that manifestation of God's Call to us happen? Have we got a deal for you! The Social Ministry Team meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 10:30AM, at the Bethany Campus and is always looking for additional voices to assist in ministry that loves our neighbor. Join us whenever you can *and* get coffee and sweet treats with the quilters if you arrive early! 😊

NORTH CAROLINA YOUTH TRIP

In July around 25 youth and adults from around our synod will be going to North Carolina. This includes 5 youth and 2 adults from the 4 Ishpeming ELCA churches (Anders Johnston; Aly Hollinshead; Lily Peller; Allie Barron; Peter Lemire; Abbey Hollinshead and Pastor Tim). Your support for this youth trip is much appreciated. The following opportunities exist for you to support this effort:

- Thank you for your support during Lent mid-week meals- the meal offering went to combined youth efforts
- Palm Sunday (March 29) meal offerings
- Sunday April 12 (4ISH service at Faith) - take a numbered envelope, put that much into the envelope- all will go to the trip (for example, envelope number 10, put \$10 in the envelope)
- **Check your 2ISH bulletins for other noisy offering support opportunities**



What: **Card-making Event**, with instructions!

Where: **Faith Campus**, 180 County Road PPO, Ishpeming

When: **April 12, 2026, 1:00 pm** in the fellowship hall (use the lower parking lot entrance)

The event and materials are free of cost, and you're welcome to take cards home to use in your relationship-building if you promise to leave some for our use within ministry seasons at church. 😊

Hosted by Karen Kasper and JoAnn Manty. Questions? Contact 906-361-2523

THE MINISTER OF THE DAY

Presider: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Communion Assistant:

Lector: Dede Caplett (8:00A)

Laura Korte, Kathy Richards (10:00A_

Music Director: Donna Poirier

Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell

Altar flowers are from the Paul Fl. Blewett Fund

CALENDAR

Today

Easter Sunday

8:00 A Partnership Worship, Faith campus

9:00A Choir practice, Faith campus

9:00A Fellowship between services in Fellowship Hall, Faith campus

10:00A Partnership Worship/Online at Faith campus
Fellowship following the service.

12:00P Choir practice – Bethany campus

Tuesday

9:00A Quilters, Bethany campus

11:00A Quilters, Faith campus

11:00A Bible Study at Bethel campus

2:00P Teal Lake Senior Center Worship with Pastor J.

Wednesday

9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group, Bethany campus

Sunday

Humor Sunday

9:00A Choir practice

10:00A 4ISH Worship, Faith campus

Church office hours Bethany Campus

Monday 10:00A – 5:00P

Tuesday 1:00P – 2:00P, 3:00P – 5:00P

Wednesday 10:00A – 11:45A, 1:45P – 5:00P

Thursday 10:00 – 5:00P

Church Office hours Faith Campus

Tuesday 12:00P – 4:00P

Thursday 12:00P – 4:00P

Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see Pastor J.

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