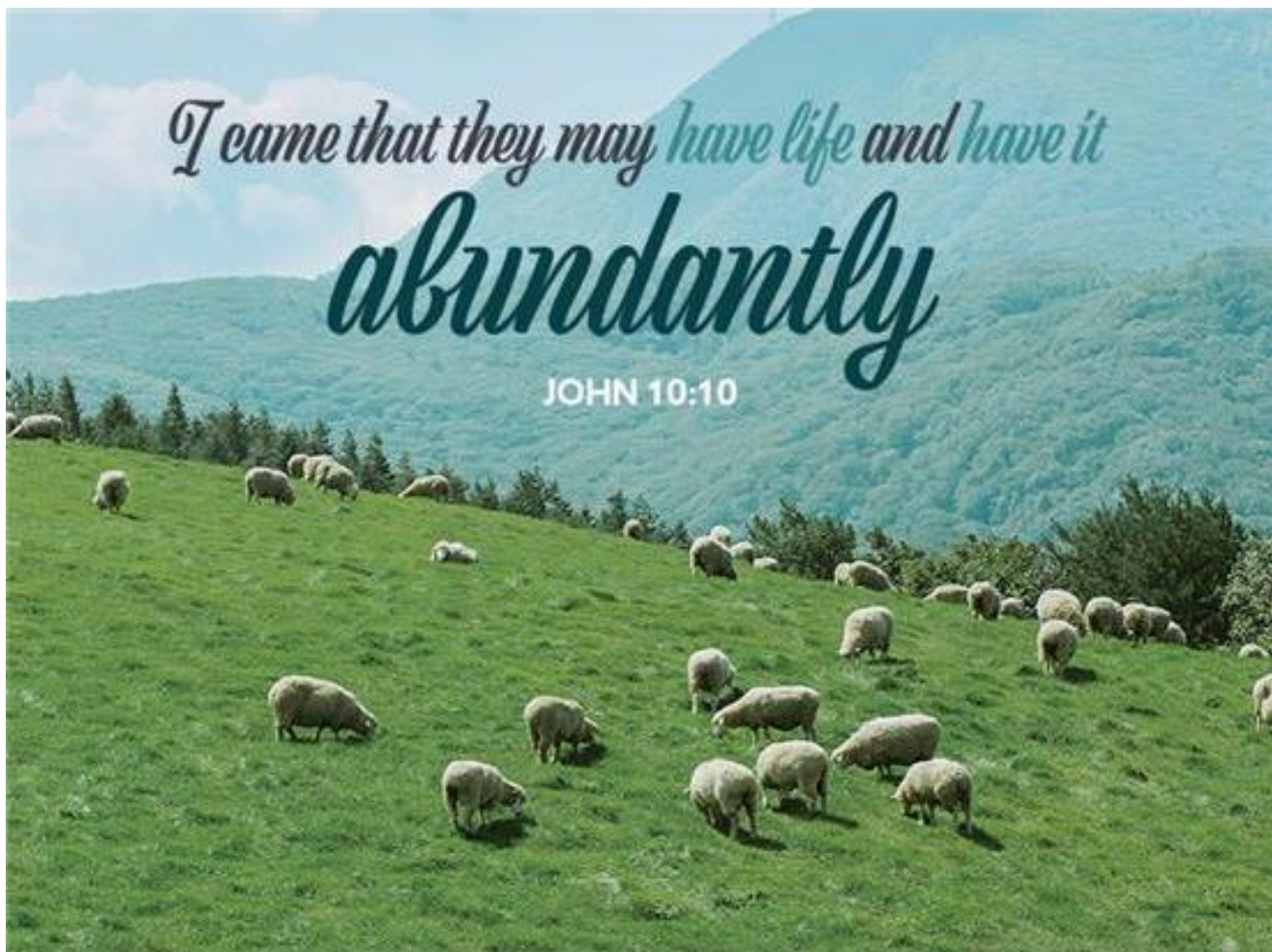


Fourth Sunday in Easter

ACS Holy Communion Setting 11
Sunday, April 26, 2026

Faith-Bethany Partnership

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



Introduction to the day

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

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Faith-Bethany Partnership — One Partnership, Two Campuses

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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

The Lord Is my Shepherd
by Jessie Irvine

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

GATHERING SONG

Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 499)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.



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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

O God our shepherd, **you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Ezekiel 34:7-15

A reading from Isaiah.

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸ As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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We will chant the psalm, following the Choir.



¹ The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³ You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from first Peter.

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

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

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

John 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

Please be seated.


SERMON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

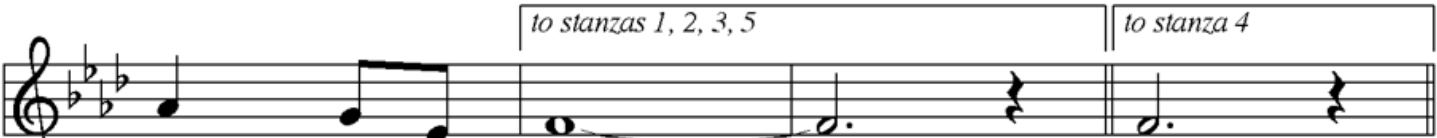
Shepherd me, O God (ELW 780)

Refrain
All




Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All




1 God is my shep-herd, so noth - ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous - ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

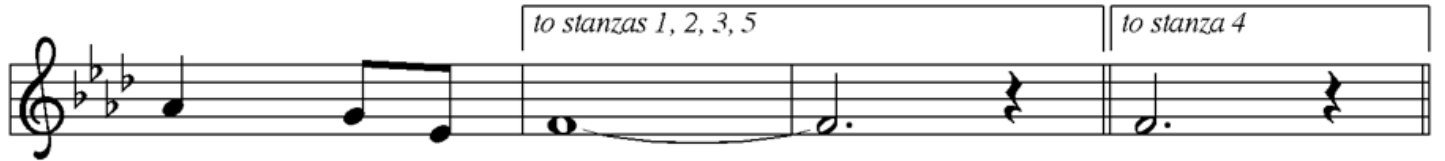
Stanzas 4 and 5 on next page.

Refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from



death in - to life. life.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

Leader or All



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain

All



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.



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

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. We lift up the names of our Siblings who have invited us into care together through our prayer connections, silently or aloud, now... .. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing.
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home.
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.

Please be seated.

"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.

ANTHEM

*Composed by James Leith Macbeth Bain (b. Scotland, c. 1840; d. Liverpool, England, 1925),
arr. by Gordon Jacob*

Brother James' Air

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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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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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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

Refrain



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNION HYMN

Please use the cranberry hymnal in the pew

Blessing, Honor, and Glory (ELW 433)

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

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

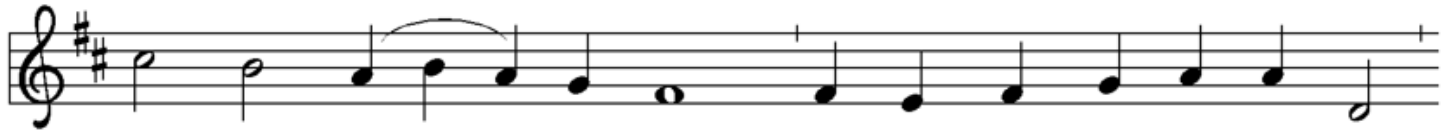


SENDING SONG

At the Lamb's High Feast (ELW 362)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Go into the world with peace-filled partnership; share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sunday Joy
by Mark Hayes

Upcoming Commemorations

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church." Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

Philip and James, Apostles

Friday, May 1, 2026

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, died 373

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Best remembered for defending the teaching that Christ was fully God against those who taught otherwise, Athanasius was an influential church leader around the time of the Council of Nicea. He was banished from Alexandria five times for his forthright views.

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Faith-Bethany Community Care

Faith-Bethany Prayer Chain Update: Bethany established an active prayer chain in 2013. A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance through the power of prayer. It is also a way for any person to act on God's commandment to love one another (John 13:34-35). Prayers have been offered for family, friends, non-church people; we pray for ALL.

The prayer chain is activated when Pastor J. or any member receives a request for prayers and contacts the first person on the prayer chain list, and that person calls the next person. If no one answers, the caller continues until a person is reached. This keeps the process moving forward.

We are publishing our prayer team ministry process and invites our Faith Siblings to join us. You may join the prayer chain at any time. Please contact Pastor J. Mills (906) 486-4351 or pastor@jmichaelmills.org if you would like to become a part of this ministry.

Faith-Bethany 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 Faith-Bethany 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! 😊

Faith-Bethany Community Events

HAPPY

Mother's
Day

It has been a tradition at Faith that the men serve during fellowship on Mother's Day. We want to extend an invitation to Bethany members to celebrate this with us!

So far, we are planning on Italian eggs, pulled pork, cake. If you would like to help serve or feel called to bring something to share, please contact Kurt Penrose (906-250-0025 or kpen581@hotmail.com). Last year we also had a waffle bar and other items people contributed to the brunch.

We look forward to partnering together in this celebration of the women in our community!

Community Events



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.

DINNER, GAMES, SONGS & CARDIO DRUMMING

Where: Bethel, Ishpeming
When: Sunday May 3rd
Time: 3p - 5p
What to expect: Wear comfortable clothes and shoes for a little workout and fun!



SUPERIOR CONFERENCE YOUTH GROUP EVENTS



PLEASE RSVP
Text Stacy @ 906-361-9123



BOWLING & PIZZA

Where: River Rock Lanes,
Ishpeming
When: Sunday June 7th
Time: 4p - 6p
\$5 donation is suggested



Note: These monthly events are designed for youth attending 6-12 grade.

New 4-ISH Card Ministry: A newly formed card ministry is birthing in the 4 Ish community. There will be monthly card making sessions announced. All are welcome to attend; no previous skills are needed. Kits will be put together for assembly.

What will the cards be used for, you may ask? Anyone from the 4 Ish community can take a card (they will be available at all 4 campuses) and send to anyone needing a Paper hug. There is no charge for the card, just put on the address and a stamp and mail it out.

Special occasions may be another time for their use, like birthdays and holidays. For sure anyone in need of paper hugs!! It is projected that the cards will be available at all campuses by June 1. Stay tune for more updates and card making sessions!! Paper hug's ministry a subcommittee of Social Ministry. Karen Kasper is the point person, karen.kasper@gmail.com.



Join the fun on Friday, May 1st at 6:00PM at the Bethany Campus!

3-May, 10AM	Bethany	Trinity
10-May, 10AM	Faith	Bethel
17-May, 10AM	4ISH Trinity	
24-May, 10AM	Bethany	Trinity
31-May, 10AM	4ISH Bethel	

THE MINISTER OF THE DAY

Presider: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Communion Assistant:

Lector: Jolene Silva

Music Director: Donna Poirier

Organist/Accompanists: Carol Cox, Linda Hurrell

CALENDAR

Today	4th Sunday in Easter	
	9:00A	Choir practice, Faith campus
	10:00A	Partnership Worship/Online at Faith campus
Tuesday	9:00A	Quilters, Bethany campus
	11:00A	Quilters, Faith campus
	11:00A	Bible Study at Bethel campus
Wednesday	9:30A	Weight Watcher Support Group, Bethany campus
Friday	6:00P	4-ISH Card Night, Bethany campus
Sunday	5th Sunday in Easter	
	9:00A	Choir practice, Bethany campus
	10:00A	Partnership Worship, Bethany
	11:00A	Fellowship

Church office hours Bethany Campus

Monday	10:00A – 12:45P
Tuesday	10:00A – 2:00P
Wednesday	10:00A – 11:45A, 1:45P – 5:00P
Thursday	10:00A – 1:00P, 3:30- - 5:30P
	2:00P

Church Office hours Faith Campus

Tuesday	10:00P – 2:00P
Thursday	10:00P –

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