

Third Sunday of Easter

ELW Holy Communion Setting Six

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



It is the Lord!

JOHN 21:7

Introduction to the day

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

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Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation and community affiliated with the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)** and part of the Body of Christ expressed through the **Northern Great Lakes Synod**. We affirm a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation through the activation of each of us so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love (ELCA vision and purpose).

We, at Bethany, have chosen to **express our unique gifts from God through dedicating our Call through “serving God, Community and Individuals”**. We express the unique gift that we each, and you are with us, as local representatives of a world-wide expression of grace and God's invitation to love through our support of the Lutheran World Federation and its ministries, both nationally (like Lutheran Social Services, Lutheran Disaster Response, and Global Refuge) and internationally (like Lutheran World Relief and ELCA Good Gifts).

We welcome you to participate in these, and the celebration of God's presence in and with us throughout our worship, today and all days we gather. This bulletin is a guide for you to be fully present with us as we explore God's call to us, God's gift of grace through Jesus Christ, and God's expansive love through heritage, questions, and openness while you're with us. We have **Assisted-Listening Devices available** for folks that might appreciate some help in hearing what goes on during the service. We have several spare units available if you'd care to try one. Just speak to someone at the sound desk, at the back of the Sanctuary, prior to the service. We can put your name on one if you'd like to use one regularly.

We recognize an open table here, knowing that Jesus' invitation for forgiveness is available to all people. You are welcome to express that invitation by participating in communion here, no matter your age or questions carried in this season of your life. At the invitation of an usher, during The Meal portion of our worship, you may come to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ as a reminder that you are free from sin, forgiven and justified by faith in Jesus, through God's grace, not by works of our hands. You may also come to the altar and receive a blessing, if you're not comfortable in the expression of communion at this time. You may also opt to receive communion where you are, if you struggle with mobility; we will happily come to you.

You are welcome here. We welcome you here. We affirm God's love for you here.

At the end of this bulletin are all the events upcoming in our life, together. You are welcome to participate in any that strike you as interesting or about which you may have some curiosity. Don't worry about engaging events that have already started, we're learning how to tell stories of our lives together, so welcoming new voices in the midst of our work, and play, is an opportunity for us to practice expressing “God with us” (Emmanuel) in our lives of faith. We want to share what God is doing with us, and we would like to learn with you, if you'll let us.

Regardless of your choices and call from God, we're glad to spend time with you today.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Love to Tell The Story
by William Fischer

Gathering

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

Please stand, as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

*Our confession is that we have forgotten
whose we are and therefore who we are
– created and lovingly made to walk in
God's way of peace and live in God's
peace; we confess as an opportunity to
begin reconciliation, with one another
and with God.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence is held for reflection)

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have
left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your
ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive
together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your
sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that
Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Come Away to the Skies (WOV 669)



- 1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
- 2 For thy glo - ry we were first cre - at - ed to share both the
- 3 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which has
- 4 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing to our Fa - ther and King, and our



joice in the day you were born: on this fes - ti - val day,
na - ture and king - dom di - vine; now cre - at - ed a - gain,
joined us to Je - sus'. . . name; so u - nit - ed in heart,
rap - tur - ous prais - es re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,



come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
that our lives may re - main through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
hal - le - lu - jah a - gain; sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia (WOV 613)



Verses sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

1 Now he is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb he is risen; he has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers.

3 The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed. I shall never die; I shall live telling his deeds.

2 He is the first fruits from death, now are our lives filled with glory! Darkness vanishes in the light of his power.

4 The stone which the builders rejected becomes the corner stone chosen. Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, together.

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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our young people wishing to engage a youth-oriented faith experience are invited to depart the sanctuary until our celebration of communion.



Word

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

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

A reading from Acts.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² 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. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 30

Our psalm, this morning, will be experienced as "call and response", with the assembly following the lector, each verse (reading the bold print).

- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.
- ⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
- ⁶ While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.
- ⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- ⁸ I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,
- ⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper.”

¹¹ You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹² Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

words by John Bell, music by Calvin Hampton (tune: St Helena)

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹ 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, ¹² 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!”

¹³ 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!”

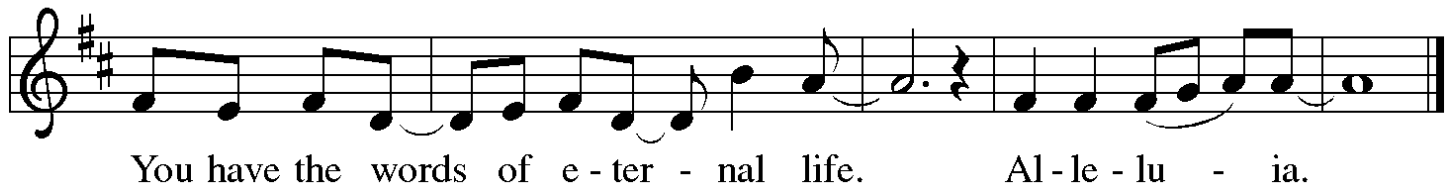
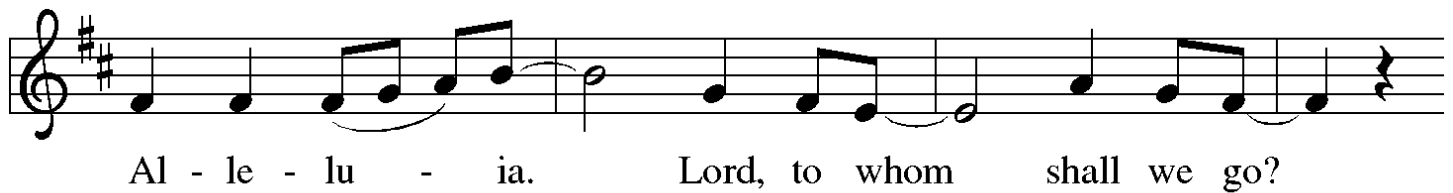
¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Gospel Acclamation serves as a welcome and a call to listen to the Word of God, expressing faith and anticipation for the Gospel reading. During Lent, the "Alleluia" is omitted, and a different acclamation is used, often a verse from the Lectionary.

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ 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. ² 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. ³ 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.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ 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. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ 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.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ 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.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ 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 fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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.

CREEDAL VOICES

Catherine of Siena (b.1347-1380) and Sallie McFague

Adapted from the *Earth Gospel*

The reason why God's servants love God's creatures so deeply is

That they realize how deeply Christ loves them.

It is the very character of love

To love what is loved

By those we love.

There is only one world, a world that God loves.

Since God loves it, we not only *can*, and *should*.

In fact, loving the world (not God alone), or rather, loving God *through* loving the world, *is* the way of the Spirit.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Prayers of intercession 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.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care. We lift up those Siblings who have invited us to walk with them through our prayer connections, and offer those names for whom we hold care, either silently, or aloud
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of 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.

OFFERING

Ways to support the ministry here at Bethany and in Ishpeming:

- 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.
- 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!
- The May Noisy offering supports Lutheran Social Services in the UP and Wisconsin.



We give thanks for your sharing of gifts and generosity!

Please stand, as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.

OFFERING PRAYER

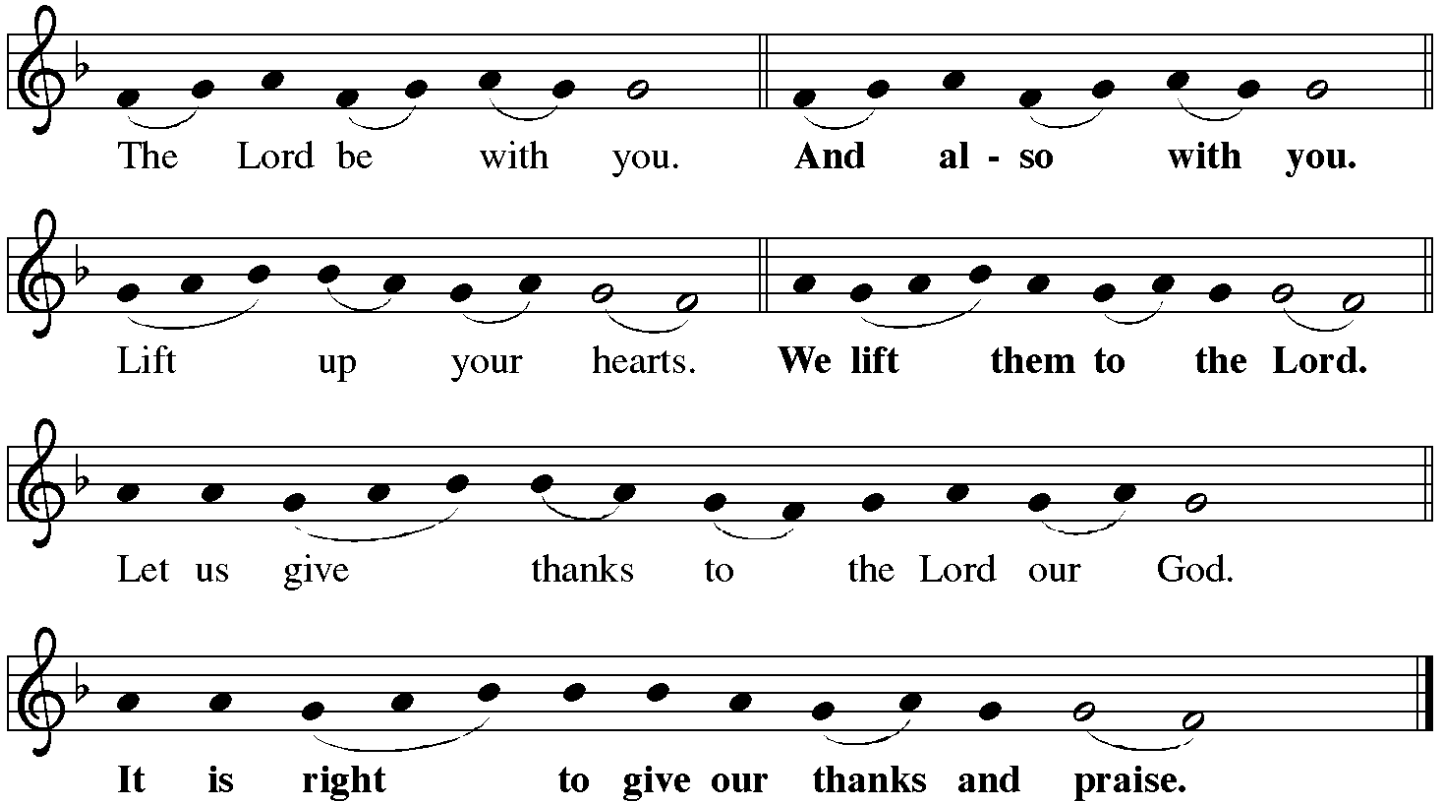
Let us pray, together.

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.**

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 al - so 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.

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!

PREFACE



It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

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.

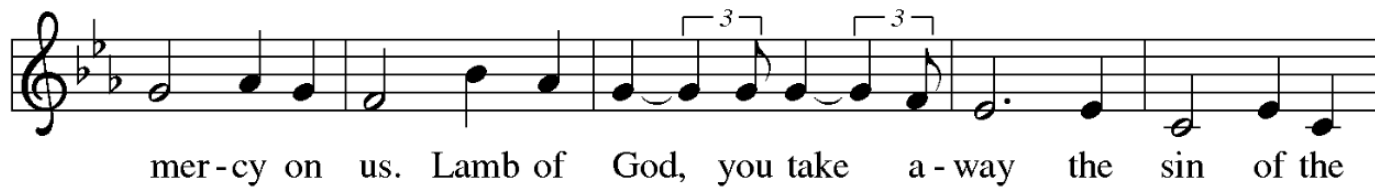
Holy Communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is a central practice where the crucified and risen Christ is believed to be truly present, offering his body and blood as food and drink, and is celebrated every Sunday and festival. We believe that the presence of Christ is in, with, through, 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.

Please be seated.

At the invitation of an usher, you may come forward for the Eucharist or a blessing. Gluten free bread is available, upon request – please voice your need to the pastor. Both grape juice and wine are available in each passed tray; please take the option that best suites your expression and embodiment of this celebration at God's Table. All are welcome here.



COMMUNION SONG



SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Please stand, as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

POST-COMMUNION COMMENDATION

May the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, together.

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. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Sending

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are willing or able, in body or in spirit.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go to the World (ACS 991)



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary
by John Travers

Upcoming Commemorations

Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.

Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416

Thursday, May 8, 2025

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303 (TFF)

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

Friday, May 9, 2025

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

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Join us from 9am-3pm, June 16-18, 2025

Arts and Crafts Bible Study Games Peer Fellowship

Campers who are
entering First Grade – entering Sixth grade
are welcome!

Snack and lunch provided!

BONUS: Thursday ALL AGES Field trip to
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp!! Kids Free
(Transportation provided)


Camp is located at:
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church
715 Mather Ave, Ishpeming, MI 49849



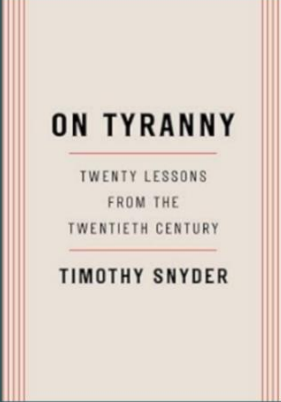
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
May 31st



Prayerful Yoga at Bethel- We are embodied people. Our bodies affect how we feel, how we connect with the world and God. Join us as we combine yoga, meditation, and prayer to bring peace and wholeness into our lives. The first experiment will gather on Sunday, March 16 at 2pm at Bethel, Ishpeming. If you have a yoga mat/block/strap please bring, otherwise we will have extras provided. An option to do yoga in a chair will also be offered. Pam Roose will be our yoga instructor. Her leadership is provided due to a Thrivent grant, and we will collect a free will offering to help provide for the space.



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The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience.

There is still room for you!
**Thursday evenings, at 7PM, online and
in the Social Room at Bethany
(except 17Apr, Maundy Thursday).**
Contact Pastor J. - pastor@jmmichaelmills.org

Sign Up Today

Start a journey of commitment to
your community.



We are looking for you. Where? On the kiosk. What kiosk? Why, the one in the narthex, silly! On it, are not only all the events upcoming *and* space for you to offer assistance with worship, fellowship, food-centered gatherings, potlucks... truly? Ways to share your gifts of cooking, speaking, baking, reading, praying, asking, telling, soup-ing, spicing, joy, lament (yes, that's a gift, we checked). No need to delay or rely on someone tracking you down; you can choose where you want your gifts to be used. Surprise us! Do be careful that there is no one on the other side, when you spin it, though... we do have bandaids, if you get excited.

FILM SCREENING

THOMAS THEATRE GROUP-MARQUETTE CINEMAS



INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL HISTORY AND ITS IMPACT ARE NOT IN THE PAST.

SATURDAY MAY 10 1:00 PM

"IN 2021, EVIDENCE OF UNMARKED GRAVES NEAR AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL RUN BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CANADA SPARKED A NATIONAL OUTCRY ABOUT THE FORCED SEPARATION, ASSIMILATION, AND ABUSE MANY CHILDREN EXPERIENCED AT THIS NETWORK OF SEGREGATED BOARDING SCHOOLS DESIGNED TO SLOWLY DESTROY THE CULTURE AND SOCIAL FABRIC OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. SET AMIDST A GROUND-BREAKING INVESTIGATION INTO ABUSE AND DEATH AT AN INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, THE FILM EMPOWERS PARTICIPANTS TO BREAK CYCLES OF INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA BY BEARING WITNESS TO PAINFUL, LONG-IGNORED TRUTHS – AND THE LOVE THAT ENDURES WITHIN THEIR FAMILIES DESPITE THE REVELATION OF GENOCIDE."

RSVP

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THE MINISTERS OF THE DAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor J. Michael Mills

Assistant Minister:

Lector:

Music Director: Tonya Perry

Organist: Linda Hurrell

Flowers: Celebrating Jan Shaffer's birthday, from John Waters

Coffee Host: Martha Joy Circle/WELCA

CALENDAR

Today	Third Sunday of Easter	
	9:30A	Choir
	10:30A	Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J
	2:00P	Prayerful Yoga at Bethel
	3:00P	Fortune Lake Association business meeting
Tuesday	9:00A	Quilters
	11:00A	Bible Study at Bethel
	2:00P	Teal Lake Senior Center-Worship with Pastor J.
Wednesday	9:30A	Weight Watcher Support Group
	5:15P	Bell Choir practice
	6:00P	4-ISH ELCA meeting - Bethany
	6:30P	Choir practice
Thursday	7:00P	Magic Book Study with Pastor J.
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Happy Mother's Day)	
	9:30A	Choir
	10:30A	Worship/Online Worship with Pastor J
	2:00P	Prayerful Yoga at Bethel

Church office hours: Mon 10:00A – 4:00P Tues 10:00A – 2:00P

Wed 10:00A – 4:00P Thu 12:30 – 4:30P

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