

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope

June 2, 2021

PASTOR ELAINA SALMON

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

Gathering Song

Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, since the beginning of time, you have blessed your people--with life, bread, holy purpose, rest, hope, and love. Bless our gathering with your presence that in this time of worship we hear and see how you touch our lives and lead us into the future. In Jesus' name, we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE WORD

Readings and Message God's Blessings

Prayers of the People Toasts and Blessings

Sharing Christ's Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace--jazz hands, a wave, or peace sign.

THE MEAL

(Please stand.)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P As we gather at God's table, we remember God's saving works throughout history: from the beginning of creation, to the gift of the Beloved Son, to this moment now as we abide in Christ's love and share in his body and blood.

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.

With this bread and cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P Loving God, come among us now and bless this feast. Fill us with your Spirit and send us forth with the love of Christ in our hearts and on our lips. O God of blessing, we give you our thanks and praise.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

At this time, you may eat the bread and drink the grape juice.

Blessing

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

P O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Blessing

P 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.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

Dismissal

P Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

EJ Ahlberg	Monica Johnson	Linda Nelson
Joanne Bauer	Norma Johnson	Gwen O'Neill
Georgette Beck-Brandt	Peyton Kirk	Frank Roy
Rev. Glenn Bergmark	Lenny Kobilca	Joseph Rymkey
Gail Boehme	Julie Kowal	Ranada Rymkus
Sharon Bolerjack	Rick Kwasneski	Ben Sabourin
Yvonne Borkhuis	Virgie Kwasneski	Rani Sachi
Sean Clark	Don Laasch	Bernie Schroeder
Gary Cobbett	Rev. John Lang	Tim Schroeder
Ginny Connelly	Nancy Lang	Virginia Schroeder
Patrick Connelly	Sue Lucheon	John Shea
Beau Dowling	Scott Lundgren	Stella Slowik
Jim Driscoll	Dede Machowski	Gene Sobba
Finley Engnell	Liz Martinez	Vivian Tiemeier
Elwood Faulhaber	Glenn McAdam	John Tomaskovic
Julie Hayes	Jim McKeever	Sherri Vick
Marie Heeren	Deiter Michaelson	Kyle Williams
Mike Hoffman	Frank Miller	George Woolet
Frank Iwan	Dennis Murphy	Justin Wormsley
Nancy Iwan	Omni Rook Myers	Stephanie Wormsley
		Janet Zingen

For Sean Acosta, Dustin Johnson, Steve Kleinfelder, Patrick Naughton, Chad Peters, Mitch Pohlman and all others serving our country and their families.

For those we name in our hearts, and for those who have not yet found Jesus.

Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope

When we are at our best you will see us:

- *Building relationships that connect people in meaningful ways*
- *Growing spiritually through the adventure of the Gospel, then and now*
- *Engaging our community with a servant's heart*
- *Welcoming and offering acceptance to all those we meet*
- *Giving generously out of the abundance of God*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK!

We're so excited to return to in-person worship on Sundays! Please wear a mask while you are in the building. Keep a 6 foot distance between you and others. Scoot down the pew if needed. Communion will be taken at our seats. Make sure you have your all-in-one wafer and grape juice. On the weeks to come, please remember to make your reservation at <https://www.picktime.com/BethanyLemontReservations>

And for those not ready to be in-person, our services will continue to stream on Zoom.

FAITH LIFT--MESSAGES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

For several months, Bethany has been sending two texts each week to those who signed up to receive these messages. These texts include a scripture verse and brief prayer. To continue these Faith Lift messages during Pr. Elaina's sabbatical, we're looking for some folks to choose a verse and write a prayer to go with it. Please contact Alison Parker if you'd like to contribute (alisonparker@kw.com). If you are not receiving Faith Lift text messages but would like to, please text LOVESERVE to 84576 to sign-up.

SABBATICAL — JUNE 7-AUGUST 17

Pr. Elaina's sabbatical is right around the corner! This is meant to be time away from church life so that Pastor can have time for sabbath rest, continuing education, and family. In an event of emergency or death, emergency pastoral coverage is in place. Please contact the Church Office, Council President Zach Howell (630-313-0600), or Vice President Kelsey Schroeder (630-363-0389) to be connected to our emergency pastor.

COVID VACCINATIONS—Pr. Elaina is keeping a tally of Bethany members who have received their Covid vaccine. We're up to 58 people vaccinated! If you're comfortable doing so, please let Pr. Elaina when you receive your vaccine.

ELECTRONIC GIVING is available to support Bethany Church.

It is fast, easy and secure. You can schedule a weekly or monthly contribution that is automatically debited from your savings or checking account. Make a one-time donation to a special fund; even direct the gift in honor or in memory of someone. Visit our website: bethanylemont.org and click the Donate button on the homepage.

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