

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope

MAY 16, 2021

PASTOR ELAINA SALMON

Today during worship, we will be celebrating Holy Communion. Please have your table set with bread and wine or grape juice.

Prelude *“Hymn of Promise”*

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Litany *(based on Psalm 1)*

P Happy are they who walk in the ways of the Lord,
A who delight in God's teaching.
P Happy are they who walk hand in hand with goodness,
A who delight in the Spirit of Love.
P They are like trees planted by streams of water,
A with roots that sink deep into living water,
P and branches that stretch to the sun
A and blossom with lush green leaves and fruit.
P Happy are they who walk in the ways of the Lord.
C **Happy are we who delight in the Spirit of Love.**

Gathering Song *“Beautiful Savior”*

Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

The Reading 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and

this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

Prayers of the People

A Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

(a moment of silence)

A Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

A In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE MEAL

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.

As Pr. Elaina lifts the bread, one of the communing members of your household may also lift the bread.

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.

As Pr. Elaina lifts the cup, one of the communing members of your household may also lift the cup.

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.**

As Pr. Elaina makes a sign of the cross over the meal, a communing member of your household may do the same.

- 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.**

Prayer after Communion

- A God of steadfast love,
at this table you gather your people
into one body for the sake of the world.
Send us in the power of your Spirit,
that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

Blessing

- P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Sending Song *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*

Dismissal

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

Offering

Your offering supports the ministry of this church as we seek to *Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope*. You may submit your offering online at bethanylemont.org, by mailing in your gift (500 Lemont St.) or placing in the basket in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

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

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.

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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*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVING TODAY — Sandy Doebert

MUSICIANS — Sue Gray and Sandy Doebert

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

In May, Wednesday Evening Prayer will continue to take place on Zoom. Wednesday Evening prayer will take a sabbatical during Pr. Elaina's sabbatical, although occasional Bonfire Worship Services may be offered. Stay tuned.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

With Pastor's sabbatical, we will also need to have some additional assisting ministers as some Sundays will require Bethany members to fill both the Leader and Assisting Minister parts. If you're interested, please let Pr. Elaina know. There will be a training for new Assisting Ministers.

A GIFT TO THE GENERAL FUND is given by Jackie & Luke Walker in celebration of today's baptism of their son, Beau Alan Walker. He is the grandson of Ann Walker, Mark Walker and Bill & Mary Jasper, and great-grandson of Rev. Glenn & MariLynn Bergmark.

A GIFT TO THE BUILDING CARE FUND in honor of Rev. Glenn Bergmark by Jackie & Luke Walker

GIFTS TO THE CEMETERY FUND

given in loving memory of Kerri Schroeder by Lorenza Salinas and Kevin & Michelle Brown.

COVID VACCINATIONS—Pr. Elaina is keeping a tally of Bethany members who have received their Covid vaccine. We're up to 51 people vaccinated! If you're comfortable doing so, please let Pr. Elaina when you receive your vaccine.

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