

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY  
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
*Nurture with Love, Serve with Hope*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

*(Please stand.)*

THE GATHERING

**Gathering Song** “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*”

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

**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.**

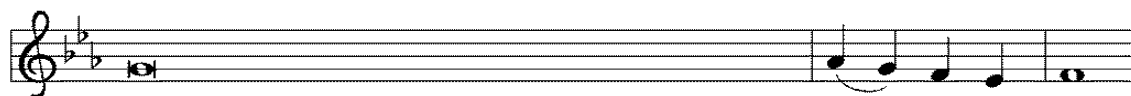
# Kyrie



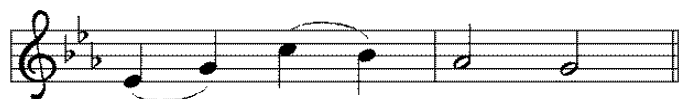
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



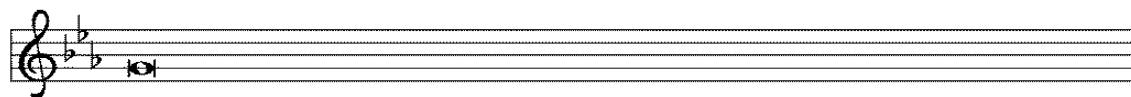
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



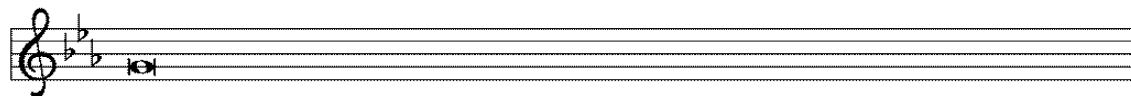
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



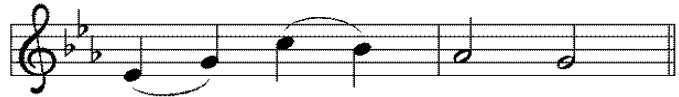
Lord, have mer - cy.



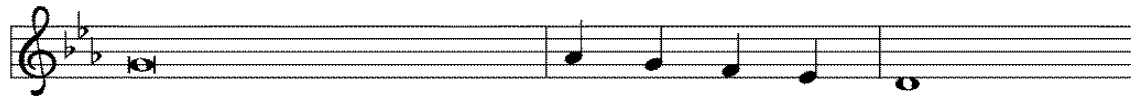
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# This is the Feast

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Refrain*

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE WORD

### **The First Reading** Genesis 1:1-2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

- A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 8

- A O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
C **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
- A When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
C **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**  
**human beings that you should care for them?**
- A Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
C **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**  
**you have put all things under their feet:**
- A all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
C **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- A O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

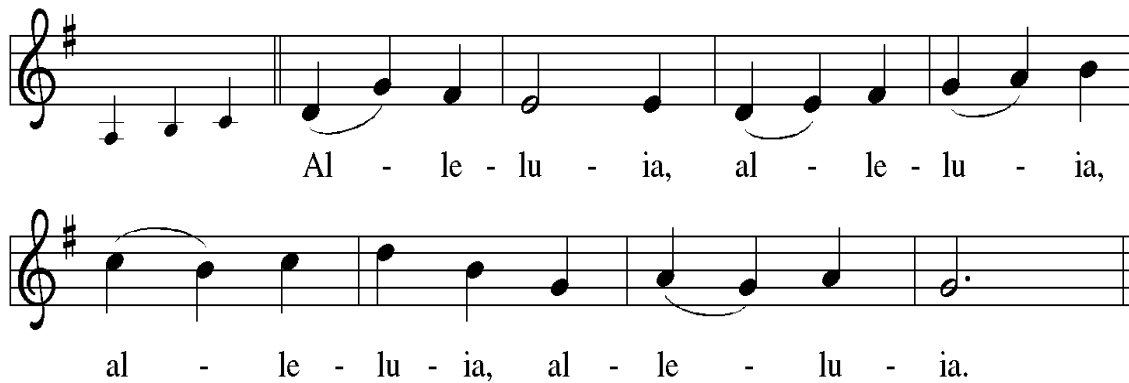
Paul writes: Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

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

- A The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

**Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Sermon** Rev. Elaina Salmon

*(Please stand.)*

**Hymn of the Day**    *“Womb of Life and Source of Being”*

*Womb of life and source of being,  
home of ev'ry restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened;  
you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather round you,  
at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,  
we are nurtured by your care.*

*Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us,  
knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of life and Death of death,  
risen Christ, come stand among us,  
send the Spirit by your breath.*

*Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
be our partner, be our friend.  
When our mem'ry fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us; aid the birthing  
of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master,  
free for love and unity.*

*Mother, Brother, holy Partner;  
Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever,  
One-in-Three and Three-in-One.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.*

**Prayers of the People**

A     Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*(a moment of silence)*

A Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. Grant your Spirit's presence and power to the Metropolitan Chicago Synod Assembly as they gather this week and elect a new bishop. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen.**

### **Sharing of Christ's Peace**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*(Please be seated.)*

## THE MEAL

### **Invitation to the Offering**

P All that we are, all that we have, is a gift from a God. Let us give an offering in thanksgiving for all that has first been given to us.

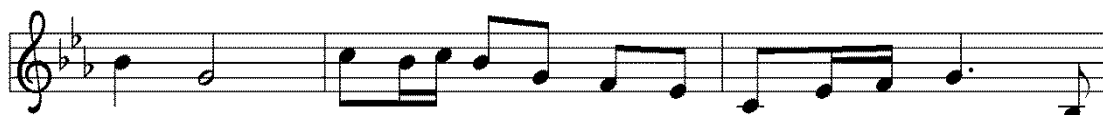
## Offering

*(Please stand.)*

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offertory Prayer

- A Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.  
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

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.

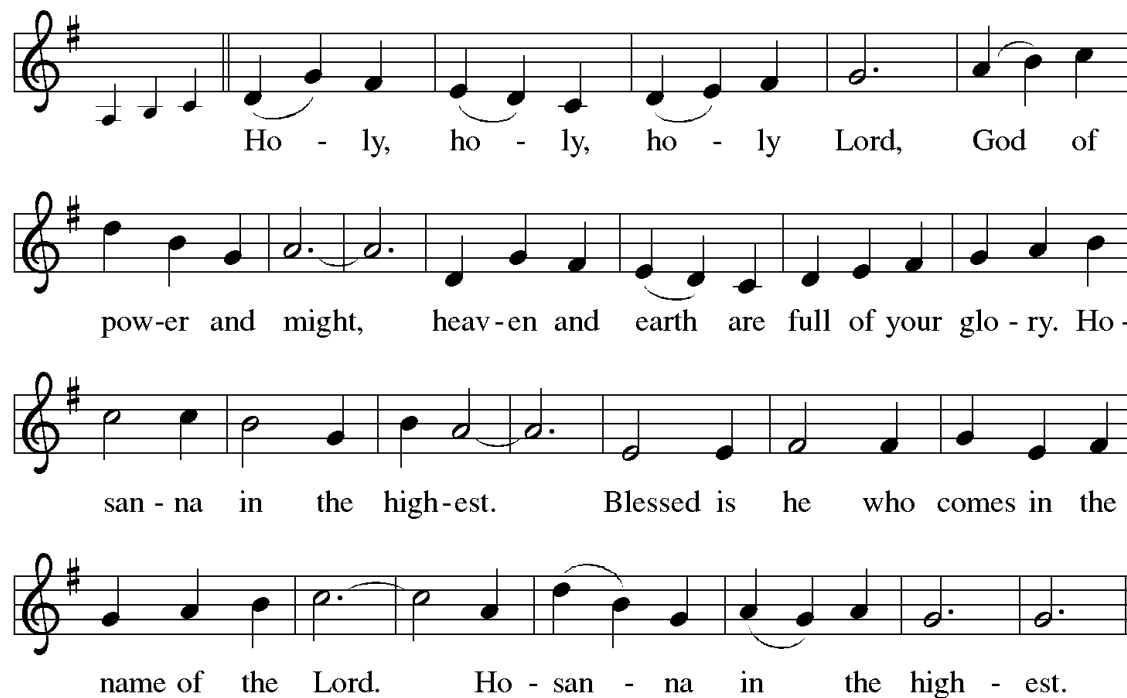
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

## The Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,  
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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

P 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.

P Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love,  
O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor now and forever.

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 Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

*(Please be seated.)*

## Communion Distribution

### Communion Songs

*"Lamb of God"*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*“In the Singing”*

*In the singing, in the silence,  
in the hands expectant, open,  
in the blessing, in the breaking,  
in your presence at this table,*

*Refrain*

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the wine of grace;  
Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ,  
be the bread of peace.*

*In the question, in the answer,  
in the moment of acceptance,  
in the heart's cry, in the healing,  
in the circle of your people, Refrain*

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God. (repeat)*

*(Please stand.)*

### **Communion Blessing**

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

### **Post Communion Song**      *“Thankful Hearts”*

*Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice  
and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## SENDING

### **Blessing**

**P** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**C Amen.**

### **Sending Song** “*When Long before Time*”

*When long before time and the worlds were begun,  
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,  
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,  
and even our Maker had only a dream--*

*The silence was broken when God sang the Song,  
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,  
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,  
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.*

*The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,  
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;  
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,  
the choir of the creatures reechoed it long.*

*Though down through the ages the Song disappeared,  
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,  
the Singer comes to us to sing it again,  
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.*

*The Light has returned as it came once before,  
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,  
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice  
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.*

*To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,  
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,  
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,  
be glory for ever, through life and through death.*

## **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace to nurture with love and serve with hope.

**C** **Thanks be to God**

## *PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY*

Ed Anderson	Monica Johnson	Charlotte Pohlman
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For those we name in our hearts, and for those who have not yet found Jesus.

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**SERVING TODAY** — Glenda Anderson

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### **WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BETHANY?**

During your summer travels and activities, we invite you to wear your Bethany gear and get a picture for our bulletin board. Let's see where Bethany pops up!

### **PRAYER GROUP**

Our monthly Prayer Group will gather on Wednesday, June 3 at 7pm. All are welcome to join us.

### **BETHANY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!**

Our Raffle Fundraiser is officially launched! We're asking Bethany members to help us reach our goal of selling 200 tickets! Chris Domzalski will be available after worship to provide tickets. Payment is not due today, but when ticket stubs are returned. You may also opt to purchase today or purchase on our Vanco Giving Page. Tickets are \$60 each.

Five Winners

Grand Prize: \$2000

Runner Up: \$1000

Third Place: Apple iPad Air 11

Fourth Place: \$500

Fifth Place: \$100

Drawing will be on July 15th at Tap House Grill. Join us for food, fun and fellowship before we announce the winners.

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