

Things To Know About Worship

Welcome to Bethany! If you have questions or would like to consider making Bethany your church home, visit our website, Bethany-Denver.org, or stop by the Newcomer Nook after worship. The pastoral team, consisting of Pastor Gary Sandberg (he/him), Pastor Nate Preisinger (he/him), Deacon Debra Alba (she/her) and Director of Pastoral Care Janet Mortinsen (she/her), is available to speak with you.

Bethany Lutheran Church values people of diverse race, sexual identity, ethnicity, and political affiliation. All are welcome at Bethany Lutheran Church and this community is enriched because you are here. We are together for good!

Sunday Worship services: (8:30am Traditional) - worship follows traditional Lutheran liturgy. (10:00am Casual Blended) a flow of worship that includes the elements of Lutheran worship with music that spans multiple genres and brings some creative ways to engage the theme of the day. Worship leaders are generally dressed more casually.

Participating in Worship: There will be times during worship when you are invited to stand, but if it is more comfortable or more meaningful for you to remain seated, please feel free to do so.

Communion Statement: Everyone gathered for worship is invited to take part in Communion. Jesus did not place any barriers around who received communion and neither does Bethany.

Safety: Bethany Lutheran Church is committed to maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for everyone. If at any time you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or have concerns, please speak with one of our staff or designated leaders. We are here to listen and to support you.

Hearing Assistance Device: Please see the Sound Tech in the A/V booth at the rear of the Sanctuary if you need a hearing assistance device.

Worship Servants: Thank you to all the A/V team, Ushers, Communion Servers, Altar Guild, Musicians, Embrace Volunteers and Sacristans for your work to greet people and make worship happen. We always welcome Worship Servants - go to www.signupschedule.com/Bethany to sign up!

Children at Bethany: Children and youth are a blessing from God and we love having children in the Sanctuary! Additionally, we offer several options for children and families to feel comfortable in a variety of spaces on Sunday mornings:

Fidget Station: We know that all of God's children (young and old) are wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of God. And, at Bethany, ALL are welcome to worship. Available outside the Sanctuary's north doors is a Fidget Station. Children and adults are invited to use these fidgets and art supplies to aid in your spiritual growth and presence in worship. Please return items to the station when you are finished.

Busy Bags: Near the Sanctuary doors you will find premade bags perfect for littles. Pick one up on the way in and return it on the way out.

Nursery: For directions to our Nursery, please speak with an usher.

Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 4, 2026
Traditional

Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113
bethany-denver.org

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune in D Paul Fey
WELCOME Pastor Gary Sandberg

To fill out your digital connection card, go to www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.
The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Things to Know About News & Events

- Worship:**
- **Pet Blessing** at the 10am service
 - **Choir for middle & high school students:** Spiritus rehearsals on Sundays from 11:20-12:00 10/25, 11/15, 12/13,12/20

- Education/Faith Formation:**
- **Sunday Adult Education** - 9:45 in room 210, 11:30 in Chapel
 - **High School Bible Study** - TODAY 11:30am southeast entrance/Dunkin Donuts
 - **Middle School Coyote Howl Retreat:** Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4
 - **Summer 2027 trip!** Info Meeting -Oct 11, Room 412, 11:30-12:15

- Hospitality:**
- **Bethany Outdoor Adventures:** Sat Oct 17
 - **Understanding Your Grief Support Group:** on Sundays 10/18 – 11/22 and 12/6 – 12/13 from 11:15 – 12:45
 - **Women of Bethany!** Save the date of October 27, Tuesday at 11:30
 - **Halloween Party** When was the last time you attended a Halloween Party? Oct 27 10am
 - **End of life planning.** Tuesday, October 20

- Outreach:**
- **Bethany Social Justice Group: Voting Security and Election Processes.** Oct. 6, 4-5pm
 - **Family Promise:** Oct. 4-11
 - **Outreach Ministry Fair:** Oct. 11
 - **Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains** – Home for the Holidays Donation Drive Nov 4
 - **Global Mission:** Bethany’s Global Mission Ministry proposals- Nov 17
 - **Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS)** Fresh Thanks - Sat, Nov 21
 - **Outreach Team:** Project Angel Heart delivering meals on Oct 24
 - **LFSRM’s Refugee Youth Empowerment Program Needs SUPPLIES!**

- Other:**
- **Service Project:** *Hope Jones* Sun, drop off today in Fellowship Hall
 - **Confirmation Service Project:** *Liz Catt-Rubald*, drop off today in Fellowship Hall
 - **ESOL** (English for Speakers of Other Languages) @ Bethany – Wed evenings

Look for full details for all our news and events on the Bethany website:
Bethany-denver.org/news



Bethany Benevolence Team

2025-2026 RECIPIENTS

Habitat for Humanity	\$5,000.00	Optimist Club	\$1,000.00
Inner City Health	\$3,750.00	LuMin	\$5,000.00
Metro Caring	\$4,000.00	Heartland	\$4,000.00
Rice and Beans	\$5,000.00	LFS	\$5,000.00
IFCS	\$17,000.00	Total: \$49,750.00	

The Benevolence Team provides funds for non-profit organizations that are part of Bethany's Outreach initiatives.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

SENDING HYMN Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (vs 1-2) ELW 645

You are invited to face the cross as it recesses to the center.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

Dismissal *Pastor Nate Preisinger*
As we go forth into the week ahead we remember our calling as the people of Bethany.
Together we will:

**Worship and encounter a God who loves us;
Embrace healthy dialogue that promotes unity over division;
Respond to the needs of the world through generosity and action.**

With this as our mission, go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata on "Old Hundredth" Michael Burkhardt

GATHERING HYMN Morning has Broken ELW 556
You are invited to face the cross as it enters.

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

GREETING *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

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.

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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

TABLE BLESSING

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC Children of the Heavenly Father arr. David C. Dickau
Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

*Children of the heavenly Father, safely in his bosom gather;
Nesting bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given.
All children come as gifts from God above, a promise of our faith and of our love,
And each a blessing of his own design, a special light to shine.
Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your protector never slumbers.
At the will of your defender every foe man must surrender.
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.*

HYMN OF PRAISE



Assisting minister
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,
Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

LESSON: Genesis 1:20-25

20 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.” 21 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. 22 God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” 23 And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.
24 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. 25 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND THE WINE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Receive communion by dipping the bread into the wine. Pre-packaged communion sets are alcohol free; gluten-free options are available. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chest to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

OFFERING MUSIC

All Creatures of our God and King

arr. Sean Paul

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, Alleluia!
Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him with humbleness. O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, Praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Jesus, Creator, Lord, and friend! His love and reign shall never end.
All praise to Jesus Christ, the King! Let all creation join to sing! O praise him, Alleluia!

✠ Meal ✠

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Pastor Gary Sandberg

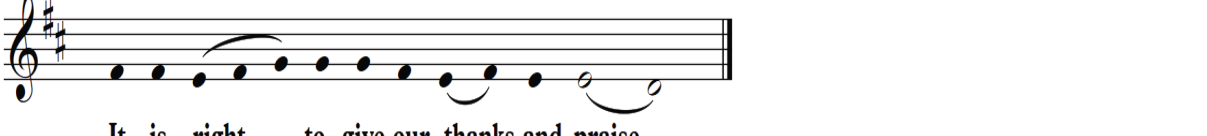
CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:25-34

The Holy Gospel According to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord**

25 “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? 28 And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ 32 For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Things Bright and Beautiful

ELW 767

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Refrain

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

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

BLESSING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a blessing of peace with others around you. After sharing the Peace please be seated.

✠ Offering ✠

ABUNDANTLY BETHANY

Pastor Nate Preisinger

- Confirmation Projects
- Outdoor adventure

OFFERING

You can give in the following ways; Thank you for your gifts!

- On our **website**, find the GIVE button in the header or under the Get Involved tab at **Bethany-Denver.org**

Through **SubSplash** - Use your phone’s camera to scan this **QR Code**



- Unlock your phone, hold near the **NFC card** (on pew back), and wait for the notification to appear
- **Mail** in your check to the office (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113)
- Sunday mornings, drop your offering in the plate as it is passed