24th Sunday after Pentecost

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 Hampden Ave • Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

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Bethany Advent Fest

Get Ready

Sunday, November 29th
11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
Great Hall

Lunch provided!

Sing-along

Outreach Project

Craft Rotations

All ages are welcome!
Families are encouraged to attend together.



Register here!

New to Bethany? Stop by the Mission Center for a welcome to Bethany Gift.

+ We Prepare Our Hearts +

Prelude The Church's One Foundation Samuel S. Wesley, arr. Cathy Moklebust

Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns

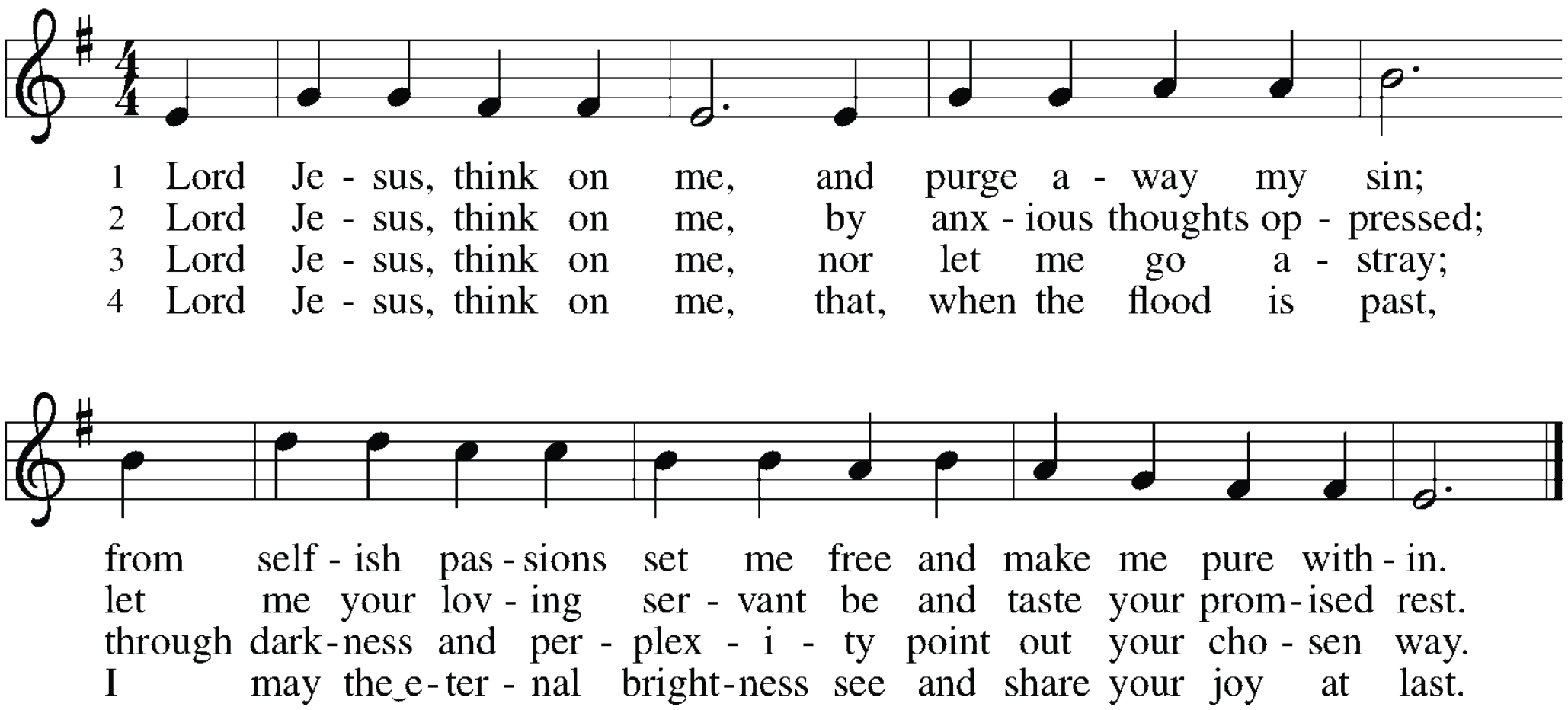
Welcome to Worship *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

To fill out your digital connection card, go to:

www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect.

A Time of Confession

Confession Song Lord Jesus, Think on Me ELW 599

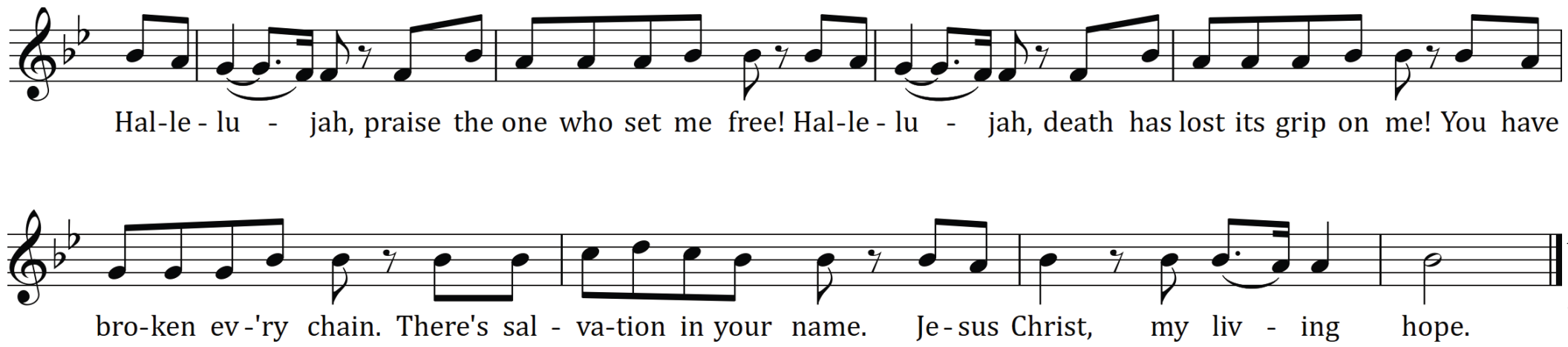


Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375–430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808–1896, alt.
Music: SOUTHWELL, W. Daman, *The Psalmes of Dauid*, 1579, alt.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Living Hope



Greeting

Deacon Debra Alba

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.**

Prayer of the Day

God of life and promise, **meet us in our waiting. Keep our hope alive when the night grows long, and help us trust that even death cannot separate us from the life you promise. Through Jesus Christ,**
who is with us now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Debra Alba

Children's Worship

+ We Encounter God's Word +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have
died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord
himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the
air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these
words.

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

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the disciples: 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come
out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the
wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,
and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was
shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither
the day nor the hour."

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

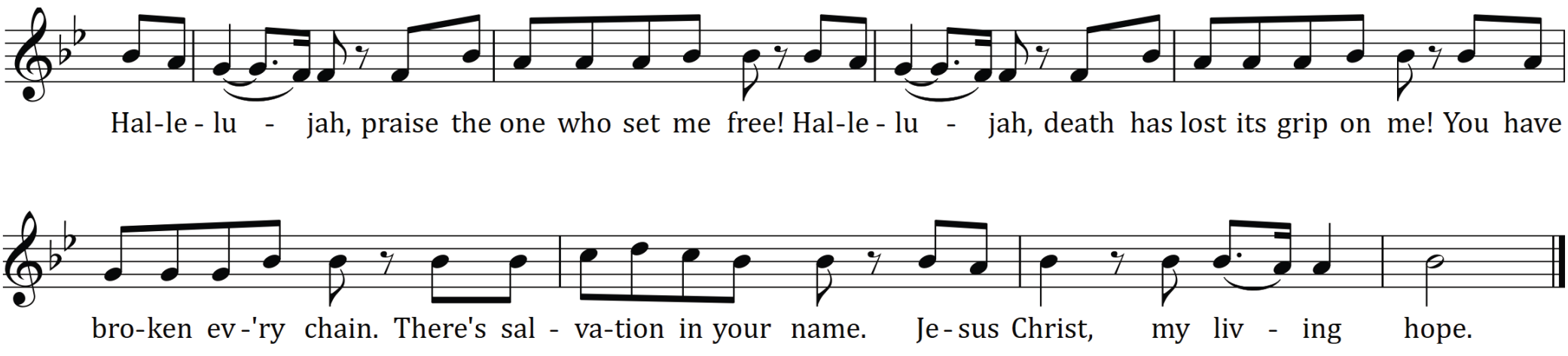
Sermon *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

Sermon Notes

Anthem Living Hope Brian Johnson & Phil Wickham

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night.
Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.
Then came the morning that sealed the promise, your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the roaring lion declared the grave has no claim on me.



Prayers of the People

Each petition will end with Christ our Savior...

*the congregation will respond...**Be Our Living Hope.***

We Share God's Peace

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

+ We Worship God With Our Offerings +

Abundantly Bethany

Pastor Nate Preisinger

- **Advent Fest Nov. 29**
- **Usher and Alter Guild Training today 9:35am**
- **Bronco Watch Party 11am room 412**
- **Low Anthropology Book Club**

The Offering

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

- On our **website**, find the GIVE button in the header 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

Musical Offering The Only Name Benji Cowart

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

Yours will be the only name that matters to me,
The only one whose favor I seek, the only name that matters to me.
Yours will be the friendship and affection I need,
To feel my Father smiling on me, the only name that matters to me.
And yours is the name that saved me. Mercy and grace, the power that forgave me.
And your love is all I've ever needed.
Yours will be the only name that matters to me,
The only one whose favor I seek, The only name that matters to me.
When I wake up in the land of glory, with the saints, I will tell my story;
There will be one Name that I proclaim.

Children Return to the Sanctuary

+ The Community Meal +

Invitation to The Communion Table *Pastor Nate Preisinger*

Celebration of Holy Communion

In a world where so much is uncertain,
Christ offers us a promise.

Even as we wait for all things to be made new,
God meets us here in bread and wine.

At this table, we receive a glimpse of the life God has promised.
A life where all are welcome and restored.

We taste the promise of what is to come,
and find hope for the journey ahead.

Blessing of the Bread and Wine

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical translation)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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 Music

Acclamation in G Minor — Karen Thompson

Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns

Communion Song

Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — ELW 490



Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

Table Blessing

+ God Sends Us To Serve +

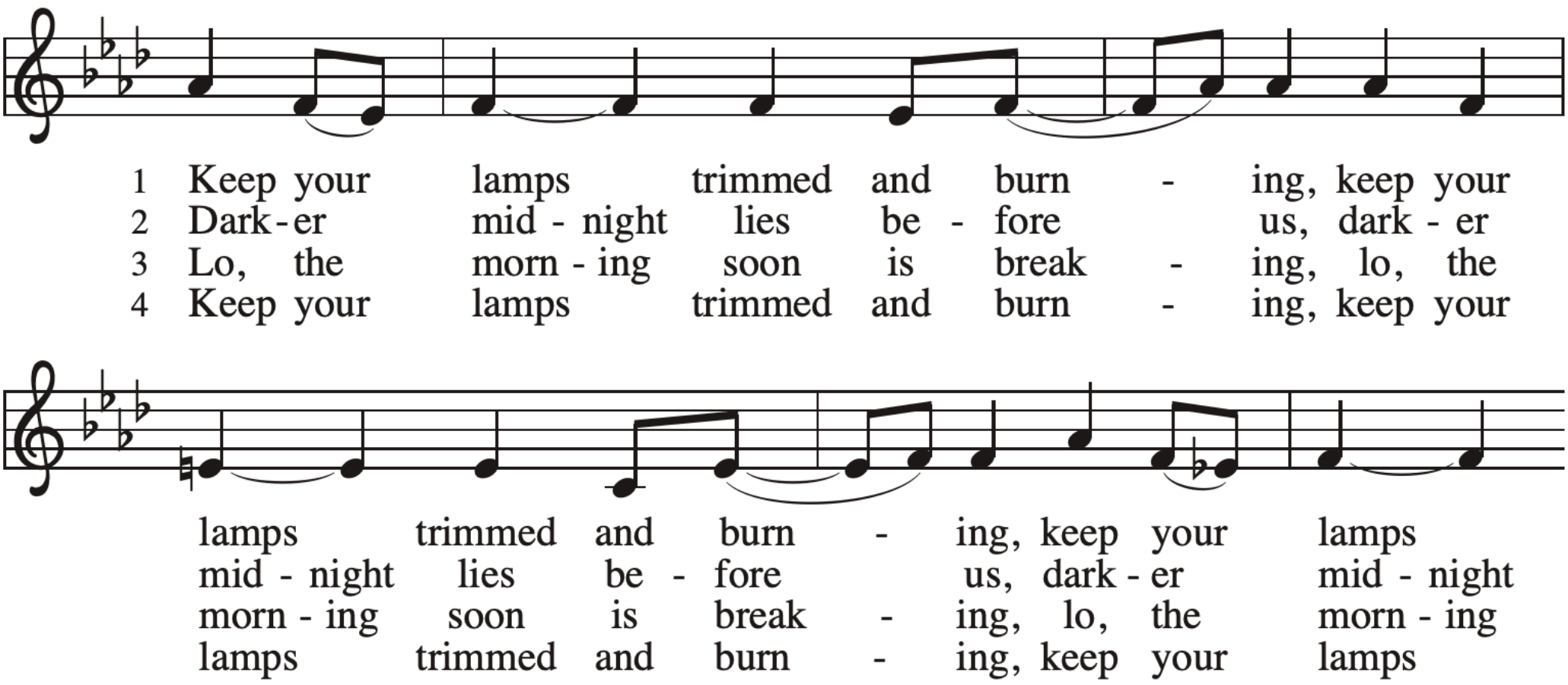
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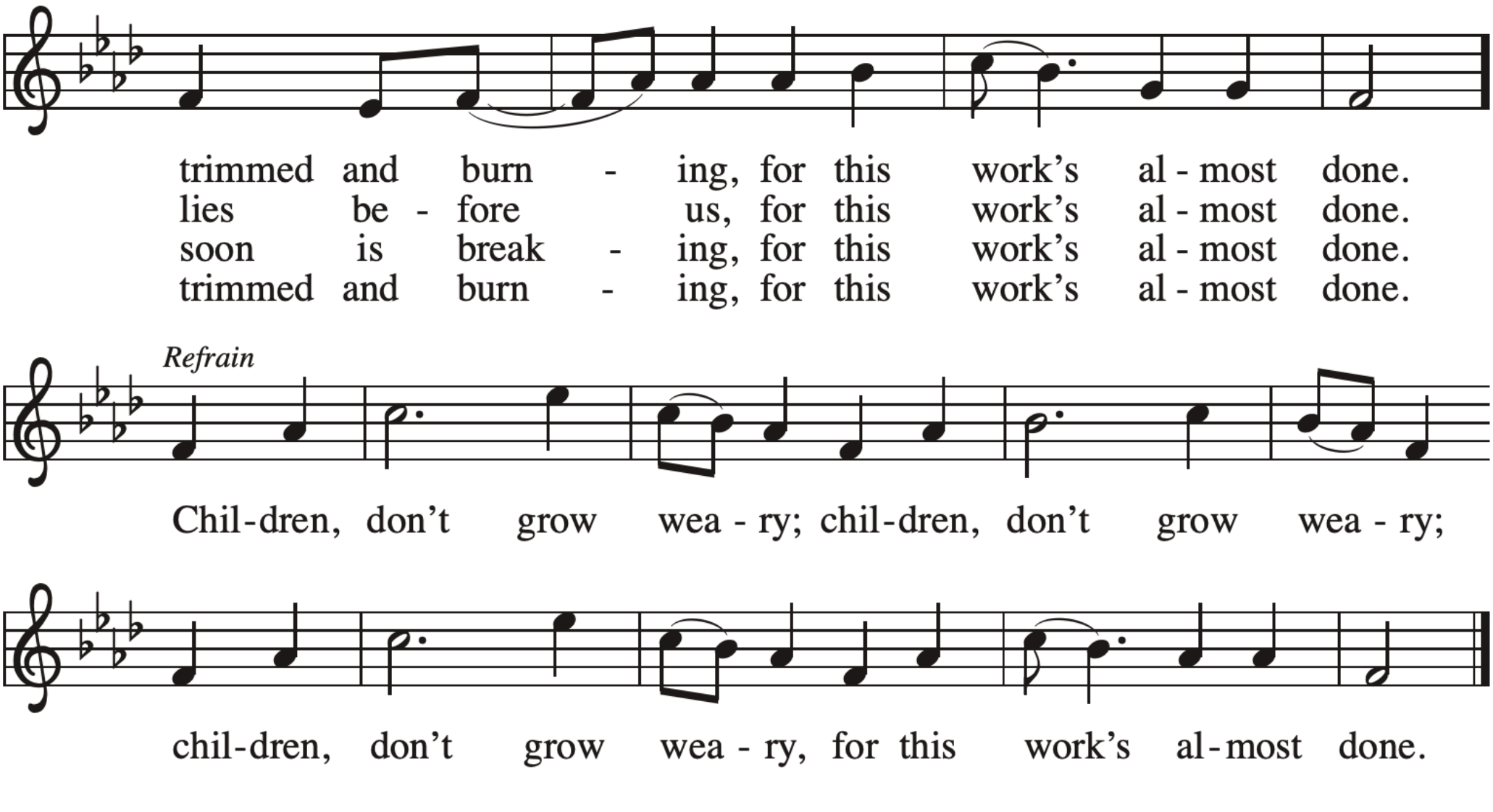
Deacon Debra Alba

May the God who holds your past,
walks beside you in the present,
and promises you a future beyond death,
keep the lamp of hope burning within you.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
Amen.

Song of Sending — Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning — ACS 949





Text: African American spiritual
Music: KEEP YOUR LAMPS, African American spiritual

Veteran's Recognition

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 — Recessional on "Wachet auf" — Rick Seaton

Things to Know About News & Events

Happening Today:

- **Usher Training** - Today 9:35am
- **Altar Guild Training -** Today 9:35am
- **Bronco Watch Party -** 11am Room 412

Happening Next Sunday Nov. 15:

- **Brian Tennien Memorial Rice and Bean Breakdown** for Metro Caring Sunday, Nov 15
- **Town Hall -** 11:30-12pm in Room 312

Worship:

- **Rejoicing Spirits** for dinner and worship, Sunday, November 15 4-6 pm

Education/Faith Formation:

- **Book discussion** of "Low Anthropology" by David Zahl on Dec 6 and 13.
- **Advent Fest -** Nov 29 11:15-1pm

Hospitality:

- **Bethany Outdoor Adventures -** South Valley Park Nov 21, 10am

Outreach:

- **Angel Gifts 2026** -Angel Gifts Holiday Donation Drive sponsored by Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains! Angel Gifts (Angel Tree) Drop off on Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29 and Dec 6.
- **Global Mission**: Bethany's Global Mission Ministry proposals- Nov 17
- **Thanksgiving Dinner at Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver** - Thursday, November 19 4:30-7pm
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Look for full details for all our news and events on the Bethany website: Bethany-denver.org/news

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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 fear fully 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 staffed Nursery, please speak with an usher.