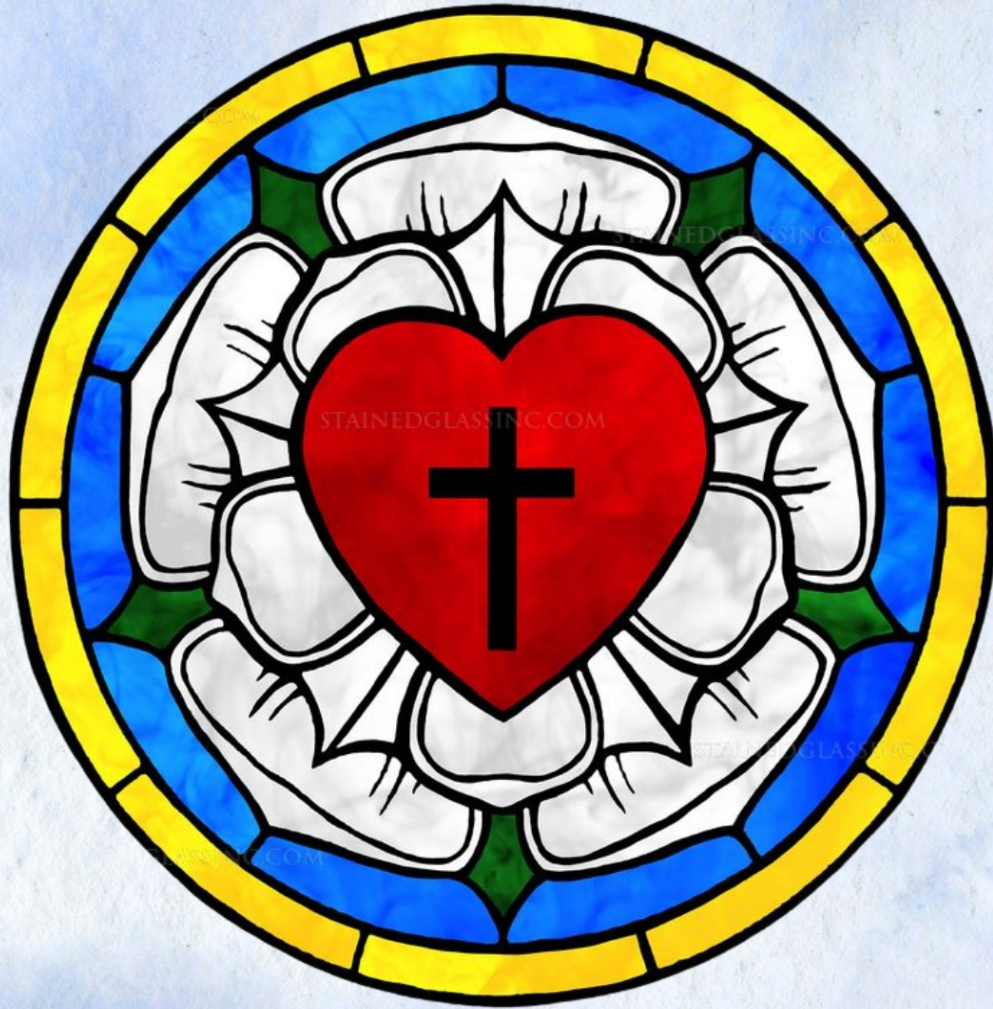


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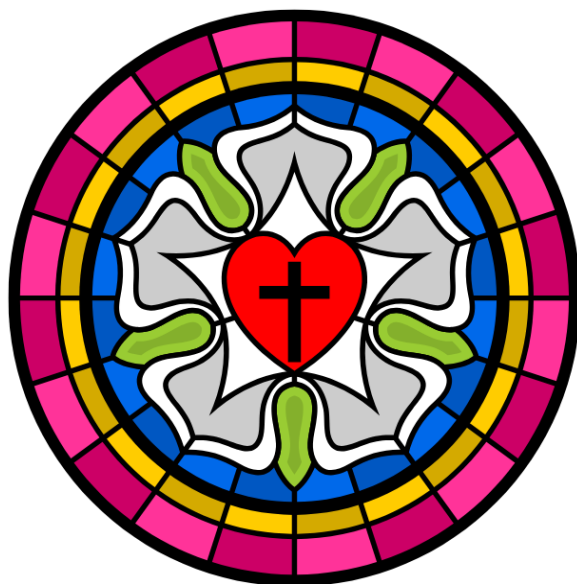
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Prelude

Adagio from Symphony V
Fugue in C Major

Charles-Marie Widor
Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Song of Praise

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days

I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.

Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands; for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev -

- er I'll stand. Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

A Time of Confession

Holy and gracious God,

We confess that we have fallen short - in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions.

We have done things we should not have done, and we have left good things undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not fully loved our neighbors.

We have often taken your gifts for granted. In your mercy, forgive us.

Turn us toward what is good and right, and lead us in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Forgiveness of Sins (from Luther's sermon in 1533)

Your sins are forgiven unto you! Wonder of wonders to every God-fearing person and something for which to thank God from the bottom of your hearts, because God has given such power unto people! It truly is a mighty power when one Christian can say to another, Dear friend, be unafraid, God is gracious to you; only believe what God promises, as I declare it to you in Jesus' name, for it is as valid as if God were saying it directly to you, Your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Song

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 597

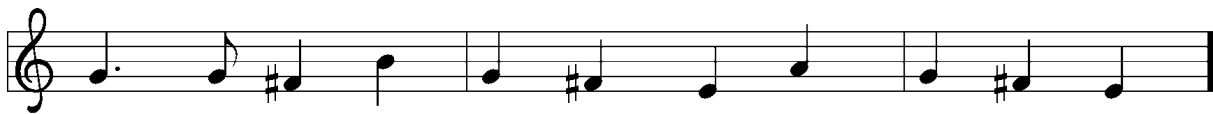
You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.

Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Greeting

Pastor Gary Sandberg

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

Gracious God,

your law shows us our need, and your gospel shows us your love. Free us from trying to earn what can only be received and shape our lives not by fear, but by your grace through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Jonah Micheal Rodriguez

We gather at these living waters. Throughout history, God's saving action toward God's people has taken place through water. Let us pray:

Most Holy God, you created the seas, rivers, and lakes; you saved Noah and his family from the floods; you led the Israelites through the Red Sea and quenched their thirst with water flowing from a rock. Through the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus your own beloved son and so through these waters of baptism, you proclaim that we, too, are your own beloved children, now and forever. Amen.

Jonah, do you wish to be baptized into the promises of God?

R: I do.

We make promises and assume responsibilities at baptism. God promises us unconditional love and life forever, and we know that our journey of faith encompasses certain promises so that our lives reflect this love.

Jonah, do you promise to: Live among God's faithful people, come to the Lord's table, learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read the holy scriptures to nurture your faith and prayer life, so that you will know and trust God?

R: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for Jonah's new life in Christ?

R: We do.

Baptism: Jonah Micheal, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer: Sustain Jonah with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Blessing: Jonah Micheal, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us welcome our new sibling in Christ!

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, child of God's kingdom on earth and in heaven.

Children's Worship

Gayle Newell, Kate Souther



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.
Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev -
- er I'll stand. Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Ephesians 2:4-10

Gretchen Hack

⁴God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

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

Luke 6:6-10

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

⁶ On another Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. ⁸ But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand in the middle." He got up and stood there. ⁹ Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰ After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored.

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

Sermon

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Sermon Notes

Song of the Day

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

A Statement of Our Faith (Apostles' Creed)

Pastor Gary Sandberg

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 of the People

We Share God's 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.

Abundantly Bethany

Jeff Finnin, Justin March

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- Sunday mornings, drop your offering in the silver plate at the doors as you exit



Eliza Neff, soprano

*We pray for blessings. We pray for peace, comfort for family, protection while we sleep.
We pray for healing, for prosperity. We pray for your mighty hand to ease our suffering.
And all the while you hear each spoken need, yet love us way too much to give us lesser things.
Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops? What if your healing comes through tears?
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know you're near?
And what if trials of this life are your mercies in disguise?
We pray for wisdom, your voice to hear. And we cry in anger when we cannot feel you near.
We doubt your goodness. We doubt your love, as if every promise from your word is not enough.
And all the while you hear each desperate plea, and long that we'd have faith to believe.
When friends betray us, when darkness seems to win,
We know that pain reminds this heart that this is not, this is not our home.
What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life,
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
And what if the trials of this life, the rain, the storms, the hardest nights are your mercies in disguise?*

Children Return to the Sanctuary

+ THE COMMUNITY MEAL +

Invitation to The Communion Table

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

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

Bethany welcomes all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. An usher will direct you forward where you can receive communion by dipping the bread into the wine, or pick up a pre-packaged communion set or a gluten-free communion set from the tray in front of your seating area. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chests to receive a blessing.

This Sacrament is the Gospel: in full measure and beyond all measure. For here in the bread and wine you are given the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation all at once.

(from Large Catechism, Sacrament of the Altar §32)

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

I'll Walk with God

P.F. Webster & Nicholas Brodsky

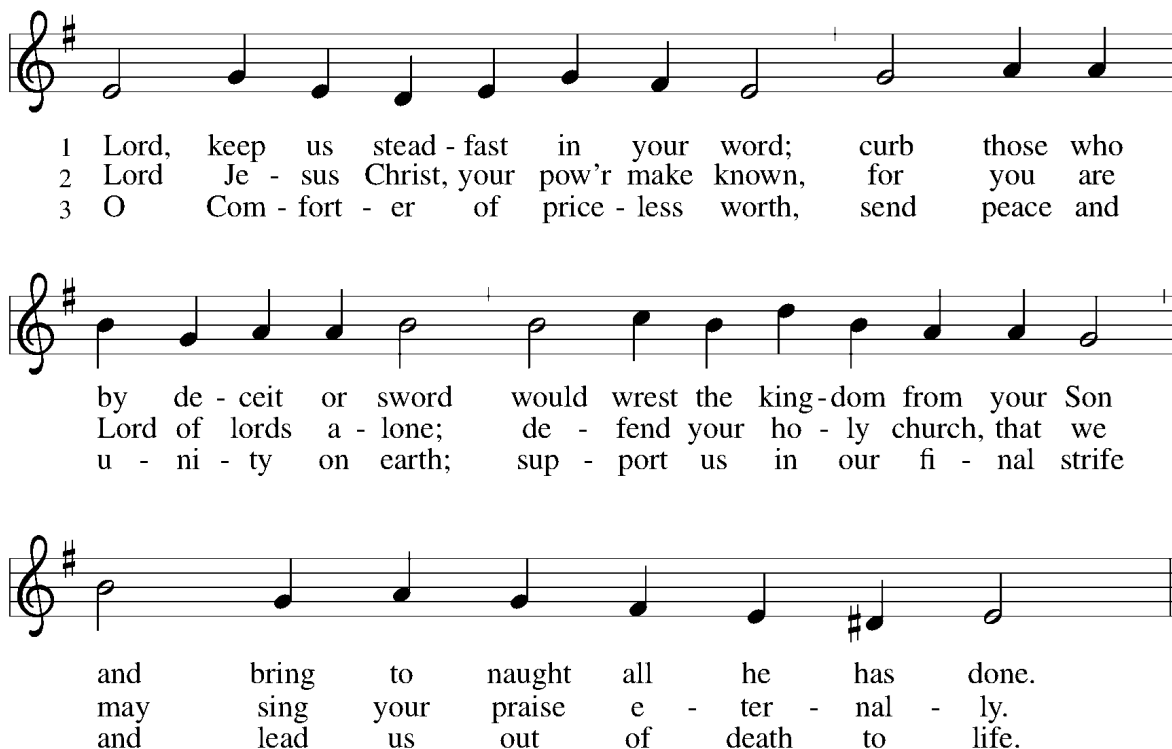
Eliza Neff, soprano

I'll walk with God from this day on; his helping hand I'll lean upon.
This is my prayer, my humble plea, may the Lord be ever with me.
There is no death, though eyes grow dim. There is no fear when I'm near to him.
I'll lean on him forever, and he'll forsake me never.
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong.
Whatever road I may walk along, I'll walk with God.
I'll take his hand. I'll talk with God, he'll understand.
I'll pray to him, each day to him, and he'll hear the words that I say.
His hand will guide my throne and rod, and I'll never walk alone while I walk with God.

Communion Song

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW 517



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Table Blessing

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

Sending Invitation and Blessing

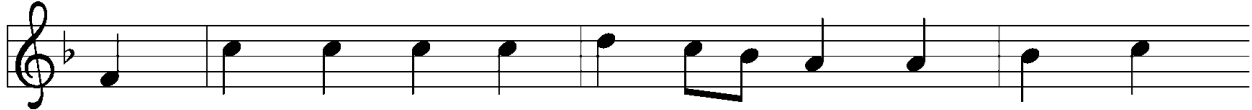
Pastor Nate Preisinger

Song of Sending

O Christ, Our Hope

ELW 604

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



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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

Trumpet Tune in A Major

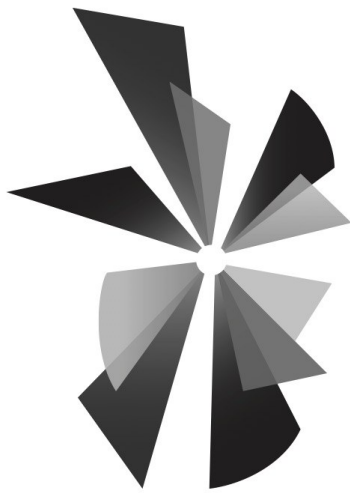
David N. Johnson

Things To Know About News & Events

- ♦ **Food Collection:** In **July**, we'll collect peanut butter, jelly (all kinds), and crackers (all kinds) for the Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) free food market. The 16 oz jars of peanut butter is preferable over larger containers, but any size is welcome. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings all of July. Cash donations can be made using the Give button on Bethany's website.
- ♦ **Breakfast with the Bible:** This is a weekly Bible study Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am in the church Library. For the summer, Vicky Daub and Clara O'Connell are facilitating this Bible study. All are welcome!
- ♦ **Rejoicing Spirits: Sunday, TODAY**, at Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church 21755 E Smoky Hill Rd. Aurora, 4:00-6:00pm, Dinner and worship! Rejoicing Spirits is an inclusive worship space for people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, their caregivers, families and anyone who seeks an open, joyful and creative worship experience. Please RSVP to pastor@lordofthehills.org.
- ♦ **Holy Hammers Hustle for Habitat Fun Walk: Saturday, Aug 2**, anytime from 9:00 AM to Noon. Get some exercise with family and friends while raising money for Holy Hammers' sponsorship of the construction of a Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver home at Augustana Lutheran, by taking part in a 5K (3 miles) Fun Walk at Cottonwood Park West in Parker. Children under age 5 free, special pricing for children ages 5 to 12, ages 13 to 18, and a discount for families who register all together. To register for the Fun Walk and/or make a donation, please go to the following site: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Parker/HolyHammersHustleforHumanity>. Contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com for information or questions.
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver/Holy Hammers:** Upcoming volunteer dates: **Saturday, Aug 9**, 7:50am-3:30pm, Augustana Homes (5088 E Dakota Ave, Denver); **Saturday, Jul 19**, 9:00am-4:00pm, Production Shop (430 S Navajo St, Denver). Register at <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>. No prior construction experience necessary. Please contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com with questions or more information.
- ♦ **Minding Your Balance class: Tuesdays, Sept 2 - 30**, 1:00pm-2:15pm, Room 412. Good balance is necessary for daily activities which is essential to maintaining independence. There are steps you can take to improve and maintain balance. Susan Chandler from Denver Ki-Aikido will be offering a 5 week "Minding Your Balance" series at Bethany. Cost for the series is \$75. Susan utilizes an approach that looks at the relationship of mind and emotion and their influence on balance. Space is limited so please sign up online at www.bethany-denver.org at the Bethany News Link by Aug 26. For questions, contact Janet Mortinsen at Janet@Bethany-Denver.org.
- ♦ **Volunteers Needed at IFCS Fresh Market:** More adults are needed to join the existing Bethany team that volunteers at the Integrated Family Community Services' (IFCS) Fresh Market on the first Wednesday of each month 8:00am- 11:30am. Volunteers will shepherd and guide the IFCS clients as they shop in the Market, and may help restock the shelves in the Market as able. IFCS is located at 3370 S. Irving St in Englewood. Please contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com or 303-699-1629 for additional information and/or to become part of our team.
- ♦ **Lutheran World Relief:** Within 12 hours of the flash flood disaster in Texas, Lutheran World Relief distributed quilts and personal care kits to neighbors in crisis. The Patchers Group extends heartfelt thanks for your continued support in helping us provide comfort and hope to those facing hardship.
- ♦ **Bethany Foundation scholarships** available to students attending Lutheran colleges. Lutheran colleges offer a smaller class size, like minded students and staff who serve as mentors helping students grow in faith and education. Consider a Lutheran college for your higher education. Send questions to Office@Bethany-Denver.org.

- ♦ **Bethany has an App!** The new Bethany Connect App features sermons, music, devotionals, meditations, and much, much more with new features added all the time! Download the Bethany Connect App in the Google Play or Apple App store.
- ♦ **Bethany Mugs:** Want a “Sanctuary-approved” coffee mug? You can purchase one for \$15 at the Mission Center desk!

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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:** 9:00am One worship service in the summer - Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend. Worship style may be Traditional - follows traditional Lutheran liturgy or 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.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **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!
- ♦ You are welcome to bring beverages into the Sanctuary but please use a covered container. And enjoy your food outside the Sanctuary (although we understand small children may need snacks!).
- ♦ **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. Grab one on the way in and return it on the way out.
 - ⇒ **Nursery:** For directions to our Nursery, please speak with an usher. You are welcome to use it with your child.

