

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Traditional Worship Service

October 12, 2025

8:30am

CHURCH TOWN HALL



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
11.20 A.M. ROOM 312

Come hear an update from the Executive Council
about Bethany's present and future.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Two Trumpet Tunes

Michael McCabe

WELCOME

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

Pastor Nate Preisinger



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.**

GATHERING HYMN

Come, All You People

ELW #819

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.
come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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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.

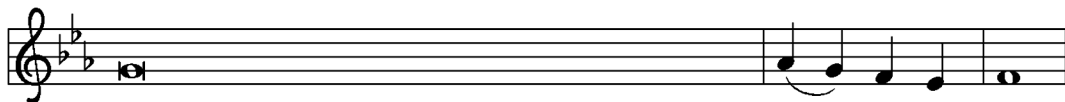
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



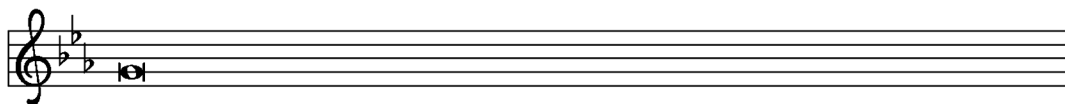
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



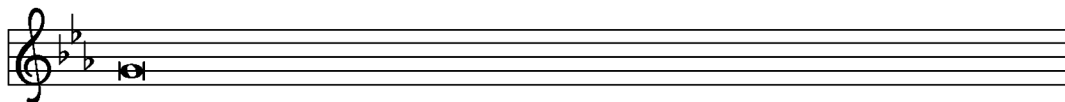
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE


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



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



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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Dear Lord, may the scriptures we read today ground us in the joy of the resurrection, that we might grow in God's grace. May we find opportunity to live out your Gospel message as we share this good news with the world. **Amen.**

LESSON

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

SERMON

Pastor Gary Sandberg

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

ELW #613

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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

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 Gary Sandberg

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

- **Town Hall:** TODAY, 11:20am, Room 312
- **Next Sunday:** Quilt Blessing & Candle Lighting for Mental Health
- **Lord's Prayer Milestone class:** Sunday, Oct 19, 11:20am, Great Hall

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**
- **Mail** in your check to the office (4500 E. Hampden Ave. Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113)
- Sunday mornings, drop your offering in the silver plate at the doors as you exit



OFFERING MUSIC

Eagle's Wings Medley

Reuben Morgan/Michael Joncas

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

*Here I am waiting, abide in me I pray; here I am longing for You.
Hide me in Your love, bring me to my knees; may I know Jesus more and more.
Come live in me, all my life take over; come breathe in me and I will rise on eagle's wings.
And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.*

✠ Meal ✠

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Nate Preisinger

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al- so with you. Lift up your hearts.

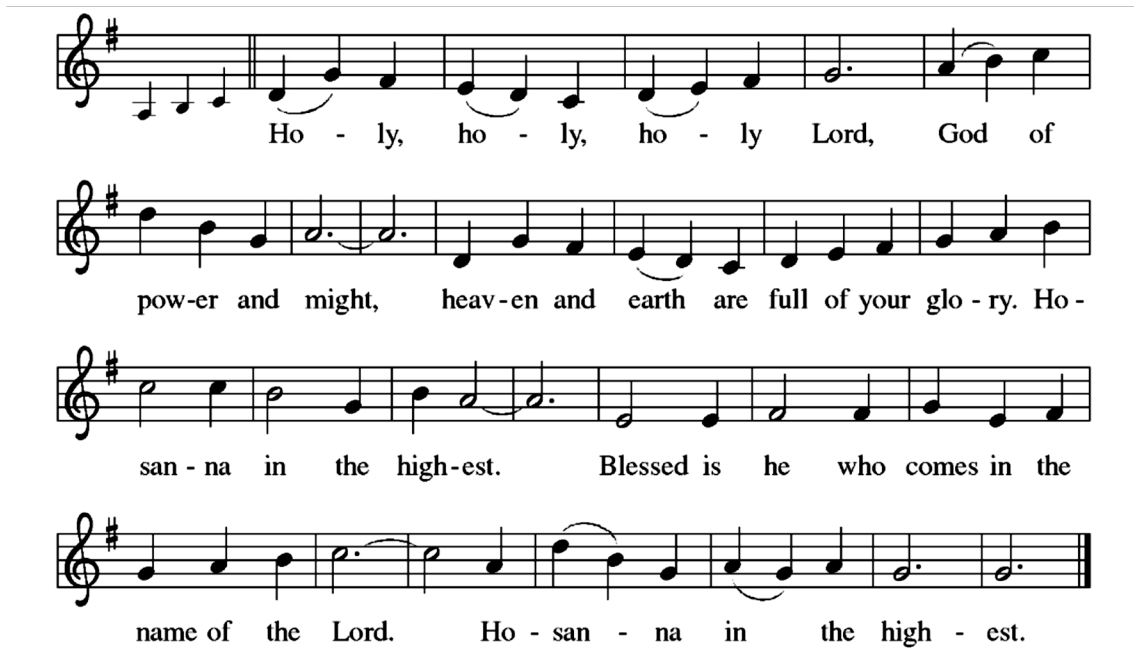
We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

SANCTUS



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.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

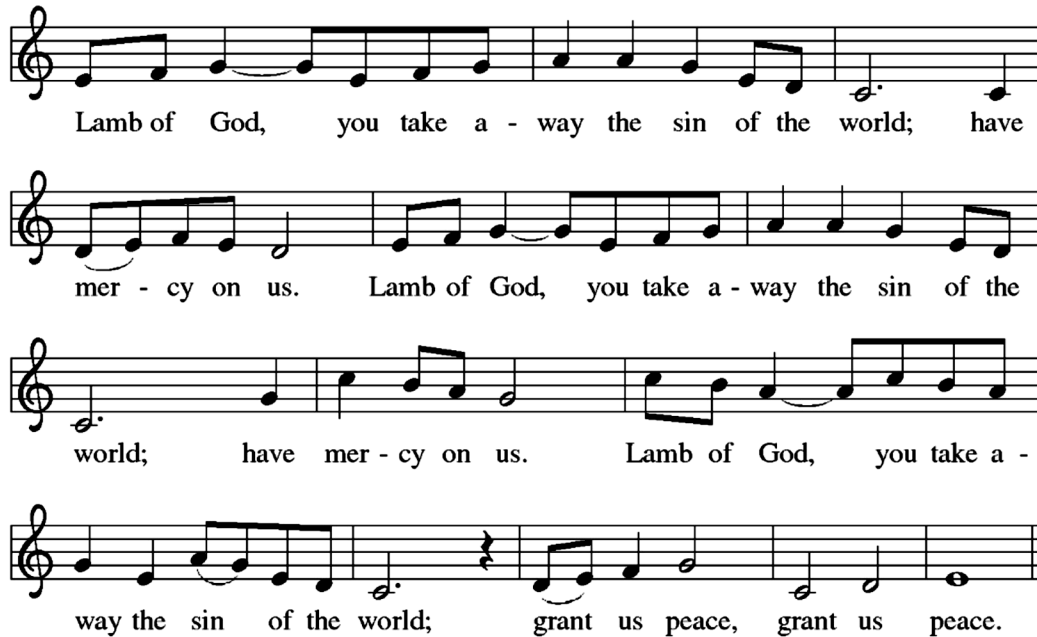
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC

What an Awesome God

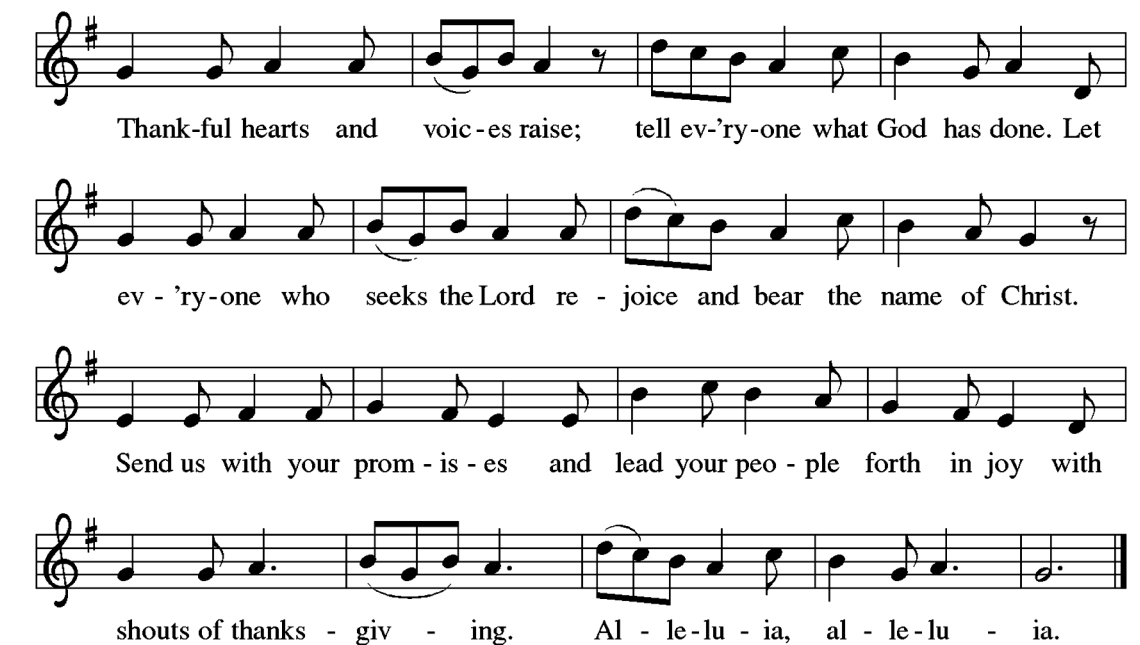
R. Mullins, P. Wickham, J. Smith

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

*God is great, give Him all the praise, hallelujah Name above all Names.
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins, everywhere His glory on display.
Take a look at those stars, He can name them all. Before His throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise, even the wind and waves obey.
Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God.
And even when I ran He didn't run away. He came and put death back in its place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame; Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet. He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King. Let all the saints and the angels sing.
Eyes on the sky. There will be a day, He will come and wipe our tears away.
No more fear, no more pain, no more sorrow, sin or shame.
The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end.
For everything You've done and everything You do, and everything You are, I'll sing to You.*

TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

✠ Sending ✠

BENEDICTION

Pastor Gary Sandberg

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #543

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



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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DISMISSAL

Pastor Gary Sandberg

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

The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

Things To Know About - News & Events

- ◆ **Bethany Town Hall meeting: TODAY** at 11:20am in Room 312 in the Music Wing. Topic: Fall 2025 highlights including staffing, finances, events and facility.
- ◆ **Bethany's Global Mission Ministry Team:** We welcome Dr. Siimon Haamer, President of Tartu Academy of Theology in Estonia. He will speak on the challenges and opportunities of sharing Christ's message in a country emerging from decades of Soviet influence. Hear how God is working through this ministry we are privileged to support. Tuesday, **Oct 14**, 7:00pm, Room 208.
- ◆ **Project Angel Heart** is the Bethany ministry partner that provides medically tailored meals to persons with serious illnesses. The organization is holding its 24th annual Taste for Life fundraiser on **Oct 16** at the Infinity Park Events Center, 4400 E. Kentucky Avenue, Glendale from 6:00-9:00pm. For more information go to <https://www.projectangelheart.org/events/a-taste-for-life/>.
- ◆ **Quilt Blessing and Sale: Sunday, Oct 19.** Lutheran World Relief marks 80 years of global compassion and Bethany Patchers has proudly contributed for 28 of those years. Thanks to your continued support, we've provided comfort, warmth, and love to our neighbors near and far. Each quilt we create carries a message of hope, stitched with care and purpose. Next Sunday we invite you to join us for a special Quilt Blessing and Sale, featuring a variety of handmade quilts and other crafted items. Your donations allows us to purchase supplies and continue our mission. Contributions can be made through SubSplash or directly to our Patchers group. Thank you for wrapping the world in love - one stitch at a time.
- ◆ **Candle Lighting for Mental Health:** Our annual Candle lighting for Mental Health will take place on **Sunday, Oct 19** to highlight mental health awareness. During both worship services, there will be candles at the altar for the congregation to light in honor of themselves or someone who is afflicted with a mental illness in their lives during communion. A great resource for information or support is the National Alliance on Mental Illness or NAMI (www.nami.org). If you have further questions or would like to talk with one of the Pastoral Team, please feel free to contact Pastor Gary, Pastor Nate, Deacon Debra or Janet Mortinsen, through the main church office at 303-758-2820. If you are interested in volunteering for that day, please sign up on the website.
- ◆ **Understanding Your Grief Support Group:** Bethany will be offering a 7-week grief support group based on the book, "Understanding Your Grief" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt co-facilitated by Janet Mortinsen, Director of Pastoral Care, and Susan Junge, Stephen Minister and congregational member. The group will meet in the library on **Sundays Oct 19 – Nov 23 and Dec 7** from 11:15am – 12:45pm. To register for this class or for more information, please contact Janet Mortinsen at janet@bethany-denver.org or call 303-300-3317.
- ◆ **Lord's Prayer Milestone:** 3rd - 5th graders, **Sunday, Oct 19**, from 11:20am-1:30pm, Great Hall. Children and their adult caregivers are invited to enjoy lunch together and to participate in engaging and creative cross-generational learning activities all focused on The Lord's Prayer. Sign up on the Bethany News webpage or the Bethany Connect app. This is the first of four Milestone activities Bethany will offer for children during this program year. Go to Bethany-Denver.org/Children for more information on Bethany's Milestone Ministry or contact Deacon Debra Alba at Debra@Bethany-Denver.org.
- ◆ **Rejoicing Spirits: Sunday, Oct 19** at Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church ,21755 E Smoky Hill Rd. Aurora, CO 80015, 4:00-6:00pm. 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. If you would like more information regarding the Rejoicing Spirits experience or volunteering, please contact: Pastor Margot at pastor@lordofthehills.org.
- ◆ **Confirmation Projects:** Twelve Bethany 9th graders will be confirmed on **Oct 27** at the 10:00am service! They are currently working hard on their confirmation projects and you can help! Go to www.Bethany-denver.org/news and scroll down to see a list of many of the great projects our young people are working on.
- ◆ **Bethany's Global Mission Ministry Team:** Funds have been awarded to eight international partners and the team hopes to do even more this year as we share God's generosity. If you know an international church, program, or project to recommend, including efforts like the Youth in Global Mission initiative, we're accepting letters of introduction now. Please contact Deacon Debra at Debra@Bethany-Denver.org by **Oct 31**. Consider joining the team—you're needed!
- ◆ **Senior Ministries:** The gatherings continue on Tuesdays through May 20, 10:00am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Any special activities will be communicated via our email list. If you'd like to be on the email list, contact Janet Boss at Janetb@Bethany-Denver.org. Join us for community fellowship, chapel, and lunch. Second and Fourth Tuesdays include special speakers & activities. Lunch is served at Noon each week, for a suggested donation of \$10/person. Payment can be either online or by check/cash.

- ♦ **Breakfast help needed:** Does your family or group like to cook? Does your family or group like to serve others? We are looking for interested people/families to help host a breakfast now and then for the Bethany Community. Please contact Gayle Newell at Gayle@Bethany-Denver.org or 303-758-2820.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **REMINDER:** If you haven't already, please transition your recurring gift from Realm to Subsplash. If you need any assistance, please reach out to Josh Ehlers (Accountant) or Diane McAllen (Gifts Processor). Thank you all so much for your help with this transition!
- ♦ **Denver Walk to End Alzheimer's:** Five Bethany folks participated in the annual walk on a gorgeous Saturday morning, Sep 20. Thanks to everyone who supported our team; we exceeded our goal and raised \$2,291! The Denver walk is one of the 10 largest that takes place on the same day across America to fund research and support those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

For more information and to see other announcements, please sign up for the email blasts by contacting the office - 303.758.2820, or visit www.Bethany-Denver.org/Bethany-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!
- ♦ 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. The Nursery will not be staffed during our 8:30am service but you are welcome to use it with your child.