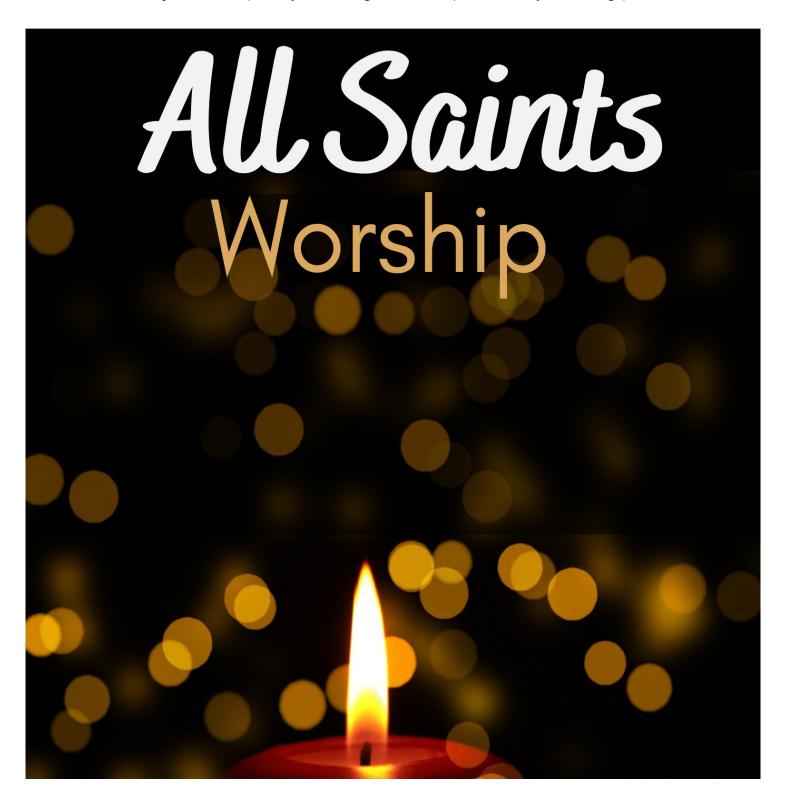
BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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8:30am & 10:00am November 2, 2025



Requiem by Heather Sorenson - Bringing Hope and Healing

Sorenson's Requiem follows the traditional requiem form, and is sung with Latin and English text. The piece differs from the traditional requiem in that along with expressions of grief over the losses we have experienced there are also passages that bring both hope and healing. It premiered at Carnegie Hall in 2023 and has been performed all over the United States and around the world with high praise from reviewers. Originally commissioned to honor those lost during the recent pandemic, it has become a staple of the concert hall. As far as we can ascertain, the November 2nd performance at Bethany will be one of the first to incorporate the work into a full worship service. Expect to be moved.

¥ GATHERING **¥**

Chimes will sound to indicate the beginning of worship

PRELUDE

Bist du bei mir "Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

J. S. Bach Edward Elgar

Welcome Pastor Nate Preisinger

GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW #422

You are invited to turn and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

 $Music: SINE\ NOMINE,\ Ralph\ Vaughan\ Williams,\ 1872–1958$

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ALL SAINTS DIALOGUE

Deacon Debra Alba

In Holy Baptism God makes saints out of sinners.

The waters of Baptism purify, cleanse and re-create.

The Spirit of God, seen in a flame, is present.

That same Spirit guides a life.

Today we honor those saints whose baptismal journey is complete.

God Grant them eternal peace.

LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Pastor Gary Sandberg

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:00am)

Deacon Debra Alba

REQUIEM I. Introit Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, (Rest eternal, grant to them, O Lord,)
Et lux perpetua luceat eis. (And let perpetual light shine upon them.)
A hymn, O God, becomes Thee in Zion. (Te decet hymnus, Deus in Sion.)
A vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem (et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Lord, hear my prayer. All flesh shall come to Thee.

¥ Word **¥**

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

We commend to almighty God our Bethany siblings in the faith, who have finished their course on earth, and now rest in God's eternal glory.

Charlie Benson John Betin Bill Boonenberg
Bob Burchfield Robin Chambers Cyndi Clavier
Bernie Cone Jim Cramer Rene Crothers

Douglas Everhart Jim Falor

We are thankful that God has welcomed these saints with arms opened in mercy.

May God bless them and keep them, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Antonio Alba (8:30am) Gretchen Hack (10:00am)

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

REQUIEM II. Kyrie Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Kyrie Eleison. (Lord, have mercy.) Have mercy on me, Lord.
Blessed are the poor in spirit, for they shall inherit heaven.
Blessed are the children who are scorned, for they shall be held in Your embrace.
Blessed are the families without homes, and blessed are those who mourn.

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

We commend to almighty God our Bethany siblings in the faith, who have finished their course on earth, and now rest in God's eternal glory.

Jay FraserDarwin GoltzMarjorie GuardArdis HaugenLyle HaugenMike Hausman

Gloria Johnson Kris Kukuczka Vic Lido

Else Magg Dan Menter

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In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

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

- "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
- ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the

those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

REQUIEM III. Sanctus Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, (Holy, Holy, Holy)
Dominus Deus Sabaoth. (Lord God of Hosts.)
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. (Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.)
Hosanna in excelsis! (Hosanna in the highest!)

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS

We commend to almighty God our Bethany siblings in the faith, who have finished their course on earth, and now rest in God's eternal glory.

James NeislerLaura NelsonDean PetersonBrian RaseJane RomsdahlErika SchaferEric SchmidtBarbara SchusterSusan Stehl-StohsDon WatsonDon WestphalLucille Zwanzig

We are thankful that God has welcomed these saints with arms opened in mercy.

May God bless them and keep them, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

REFLECTIONPastor Nate Preisinger

²⁰ Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Pie Jesu, Domine, Pie Jesu, dona eis requiem.
(Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest.)
Into Your hands, O Lord, we commit the souls of those we love.
Pie Jesu, hold them in Your safe embrace.
Warm them with the sunlight of Your face.

Prayers Pastor Gary Sandberg

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.

REQUIEM V. Agnus Dei Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi.
(Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world.)
Behold, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.
Behold your God, behold your King, behold the Lamb, behold the GREAT I AM.
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

CHILDREN RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY (10:00am)

▼ Meal **▼**

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Gary Sandberg

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 our thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (traditional translation)

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

REQUIEM VI. Psalmus Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

I lift my eyes unto the hills from where my help is come.
My help cometh from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth.
He will not slumber, the Lord will not sleep. The Lord is my Shepherd.
Even in death, He is faithful my soul to keep.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of death, He will guide me. I will fear no harm.
I will not fear for He is near.

VII. Lux Aeterna

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine. (May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord.)

They shall shine like the stars of heaven.

They shall shine like the stars on a moonless night.

They shall shine with the flame of the Father's love.

Lux aeterna, cum sanctis tuis.

(May light eternal shine upon them with Your saints forever.)

TABLE BLESSING

▼ Sending **▼**

BENEDICTION/REQUIEM

VIII. Benedictus

Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Stayed upon Jehovah, dona nobis requiem. (God grant us rest.)
Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace, overall victorious in its bright increase.
Perfect yet it floweth every day, it groweth deeper, fuller all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blessed, finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.
Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, never foe can follow, never traitor stand.
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do; and they who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.

We invite you to sit and reflect during the Postlude. As you leave the Sanctuary, please do so quietly. You are invited to brunch in the Fellowship Hall after each service.

POSTLUDE Gabriel's Oboe Ennio Morricone

OFFERING

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

- On our website, find the giving button in the header or under the Get Involved tab at Bethany-Denver.org
- Through the Bethany Connect App/Realm
- 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)
- If you attend in-person on Sunday, drop your offering in the silver plate at the doors as you exit



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NEWS & EVENTS

- ♦ 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!
- ♦ Vitalant Blood Drive: Bethany will be hosting a blood drive for Vitalant on Wednesday, Nov 5, in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00am-1:00pm. Vitalant shared a recent statistic that 1 in 7 patients need blood. Thank you for considering to contribute to this important medical need. To schedule an appointment, visit www.vitalant.org/donate and use blood drive code 0377 or call 877-258-4825. Please contact Janet Mortinsen if you have questions.
- ♦ Bethany Information Sessions: These are a great way to get to know Bethany Lutheran Church. They are also designed to share information for those considering formal membership at Bethany. The next session is Sunday, Nov 9 at 11:20am. We will meet in Room 400 in the downstairs education wing. New Members will be received on Sunday, Nov 23 at both worship services and a tour of the Bethany campus will be offered at 11:20am.
- ♦ Young Adult Lunch: Sunday, Nov 9, 11:20am, Room 210. All adults ages 20–35 are invited to join us for a Young Adult Lunch. Lunch will be provided! Come enjoy good food, meet new people, and help us continue building this growing ministry of connection and community.
- Senior High Mission Trip info session: Are you going to be entering 9th-12th grade in the fall of 2026? Then this meeting is for you! Come on Sunday, Nov 16 to learn the initial details for our summer mission trip in 2026! We are so excited to once again offer a faith-forming experience for our high school youth this summer. Come to room 412 at 11:20am on 11/16 to learn more.
- Bethany's Bible Milestone: Sunday, Nov 16, 11:30am 1:00pm, Great Hall. This class is for children in grades 2nd 5th and their adult caregivers. You are invited to enjoy a light lunch together and to participate in engaging and creative cross-generational learning activities around the theme of the Bible. The following Sunday, Nov 23, each child will be blessed and presented with a Bible during worship at the 10:00am service.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Eve: Wednesday, Nov 26. Worship service at 6:30pm (Holden Evening Prayer) followed by a pie festival in the Fellowship Hall. We need pies! Sign up to bring a pie, to help setup, help with worship, and help with cleanup after the pie fest at the yellow bubble on the website home page. Please bring pies to the Fellowship Hall by 6:00pm that night. Thank you!
- 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.
- ♦ Childcare Workers: We are hiring! Bethany is looking for reliable, fun, and nurturing childcare workers for our Sunday morning nursery. Hours are Sunday mornings from 8:00am-11:30am. Hiring will be dependent upon completion of a Safe Gatherings background check and Online Child Abuse Prevention Training to ensure all safety standards are met. For more information about the position, please contact Deacon Debra Alba at Debra@Bethany-Denver.org.

How to Help for the Holidays

- ♦ Home for the Holidays: This Outreach event helps LFSRM (Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains) welcome newcomers and connects with foster and adoptive families during the Thanksgiving holiday. Items needed: Pots and Pans, Electric Kettles, Rice Cookers. <u>New Items Only!!</u> Also needed are \$50 Gift Cards from Wal-Mart or King Soopers. Please deliver to the church no later than **Sunday**, **Nov 9.**
- ♦ Brian Tennien Memorial Rice and Bean Breakdown for Metro Caring: Sunday, Nov 9, 8:00am-12:00pm. You're invited to participate in the food breakdown in Fellowship Hall! Break down 50lb bags of rice and beans into family-sized portions for the Metro Caring Grocery Market. All age groups are welcome to participate. If you would like to help with some of the costs of the event use the Give button on the website.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Dinner at Boys and Girls Club of Metro Denver: Thursday, Nov 20, 4:30-8:00pm. Ten Bethany volunteers are needed to serve Thanksgiving dinner at the J. Churchill Owen Boys and Girls Club at 3480 W. Kentucky Ave, Denver, 80219. Sign-up to volunteer on the Bethany Connect app. This event is in partnership with the Optimist Club of Monaco South. For more info contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com or 303-810-5563.
- ♦ Food Bank of the Rockies Volunteer Opportunity: Friday, Nov 21, 1:00-4:00pm at the Main Warehouse-10700 E 45th Ave, Denver 80239. Sign up on the Bethany Connect app. Contact Maren Diercks for more information at marenjdiercks@gmail.com or 720-238-2333

For more information and to see other announcements, please sign up for the weekly email by contacting the office - 303.758.2820, or visit www.Bethany-Denver.org/news/.



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 <u>always</u> 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 today's services but you are welcome to use it with your child.