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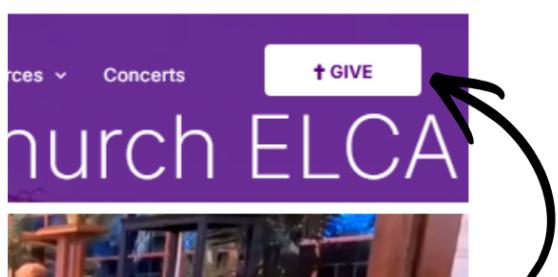


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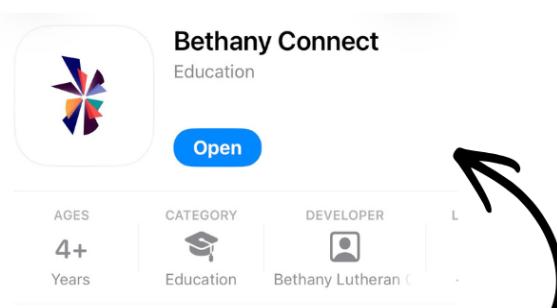
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# + WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS +

## Gathering Music

Pie Jesu  
Festive Intrada

Gabriel Fauré  
Paul Fey

## Welcome to Worship

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*Pastor Gary Sandberg*



## Song of Praise

Every Time I Feel the Spirit (sing twice)

ACS 942

*Refrain*



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing  
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the  
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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## A Time of Confession

Gracious God,

We admit that we have fallen short. In what we have said and done, and in what we have left undone, we have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. We have carried worries, guilt, and burdens that we struggle to release. We confess these to you now, trusting in your mercy. Forgive us, God. Lighten our load and guide us into a new way of living. Amen.

## God's Gift of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, hear this good news. God is merciful and full of love. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven and your burdens are lifted. You are set free to walk in God's grace and to live in the joy of the resurrection. **Amen.**

## Opening Song

## Christ, Be Our Light

ELW 715

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone  
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,

your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.  
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-till all are fed.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath-ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT; Bernadette Farrell

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## 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God,

**you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart.  
Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our  
words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Anthem

Bethany Youth Choir, dir. Laura Tribby

## We May Never Know

Jennifer Klein & Karen Crane

Everywhere around us life gives opportunities. We can be of service, we can help someone in need. Many are the wounded hearts we meet along the way. We can be an instrument of healing for today. Holy is the Spirit's call to lend a loving hand. Reaching out is part of heaven's good and perfect plan.

We become the hands of God to those the world forsakes.

We may never know the difference our compassion makes.

We may never know who our kindness blesses. We may never know where the circle ends.

Like a fire grows when the wind is restless, where the Spirit goes, we may never know.

We may never know the joy our simple actions bring. Every gift of love is like a sacred offering.

God will use our willing hearts to cheer where hope is gone. When we help each other, then the gift goes on and on.

## Children's Sermon

## Children's Worship

### We Prepare to Hear God's Word

### Every Time I Feel the Spirit (sing twice)

ACS 942

*Refrain*

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

## + WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

### 1 Corinthians 16:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. <sup>2</sup> On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. <sup>3</sup> And when I arrive, I will send any whom you approve with letters to take your gift to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

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

## Luke 12:27-34

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

<sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

**Sermon**

*Pastor Gary Sandberg*

**Sermon Notes**

## Song of the Day

## Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW 767



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860  
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## 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.

# + WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS +

## Abundantly Bethany

Pastor Gary Sandberg

To fill out your digital connection card, go to [www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect](http://www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect).

- ♦ **Bethany Dinner Club:** Registration closes TODAY!
- ♦ **Souper Bowl of Caring:** Sunday, Feb 8
- ♦ **2026 Intention of Giving (Pledge)**

## 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](http://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
- Unlock your phone, hold near NFC card (on pew back), & wait for notification to appear



## Offering Music

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

arr. Rick Seaton

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood.  
Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.  
Alleluia! King eternal, Lord all powerful we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heaven your throne.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every faithful heart.

## 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 our 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

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

#### Communion Music

Sounds of Praise, dir. Paula Wills

Like Incense/Sometimes By Step

B. Ligertwood, D. Strasser, R. Mullins

*May my prayer like incense rise before You. The lifting of my hands a sacrifice.  
Oh Lord Jesus turn Your eyes upon me, for I know there is mercy in Your sight.  
Your statutes are my heritage forever. My heart is set on keeping Your decrees.  
Please still my anxious urge toward rebellion. Let love keep my will upon its knees.*

*Oh God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.*

*To all creation I can see a limit. But Your commands are boundless and have none.*

*So Your word is my joy and meditation from the rising to the setting of the sun.*

*All Your ways are loving and are faithful. Your road is narrow but Your burden light.*

*Because You gladly lean to lead the humble, I shall gladly kneel to leave my pride.*

*I will seek You in the morning. I will learn to walk in Your ways.*

*And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

## Communion Song

## O Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 480

1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims  
2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er  
3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den

giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed  
stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come  
splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,

with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -  
now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and  
let the veil be - riv - en, and our clear eye in

plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.  
flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.  
heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1661; tr. Hugh T. Henry, 1862–1946, sts. 1, 3; tr. Philip Schaff, 1819–1893, st. 2  
Music: O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450–1517

## Table Blessing

# + GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

## Benediction

Pastor Gary Sandberg

### Song of Sending

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545

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



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

## Dismissal

Pastor Gary Sandberg

As we go forth into the week ahead we remember our calling as the people of Bethany.

Together we will:

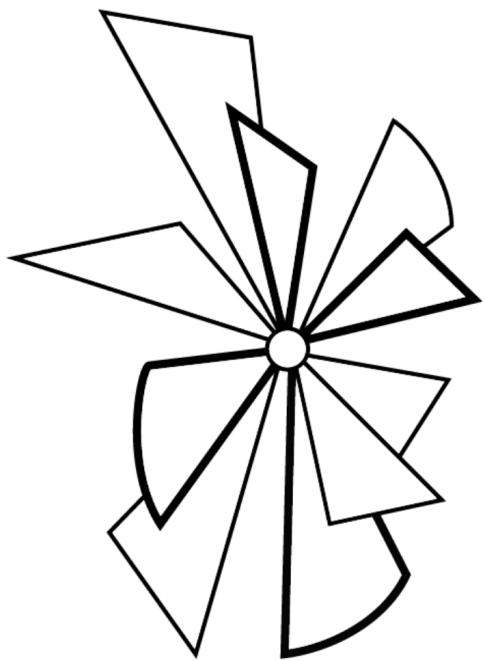
**Worship and encounter a God who loves us;**  
**Embrace healthy dialogue that promotes unity over division;**  
**Respond to the needs of the world through generosity and action.**

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

## Postlude

Toccata

David Hegarty



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## Things To Know About - News & Events

- ◆ **Souper Bowl of Caring: Sunday, Feb 8** during Community Time 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the event ad on Bethany News to bring a pot of soup/stew or bread/crackers to share. All soups are welcome: meaty, vegetarian, vegan and gluten free. There will be power to plug in crock pots.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver/Holy Hammers:** Volunteers needed **Saturday, Feb 28** at the Habitat Production Shop, 8:30am- 3:00pm. Address is 430 S Navajo St, Denver, 80223. Note that volunteers can be as young as 14 and you'll want to dress appropriately for painting. Register at <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers> by **Feb 14**. Contact Kevin Dempsey at [kmdmpsy@aol.com](mailto:kmdmpsy@aol.com) for more info.
- ◆ **Mentoring for Lent!** This year we have 39 middle schoolers who are looking for a caring adult to get to know as mentors on Wednesday nights during Lent – **Feb 25 thru Mar 29**. If you feel called, please email Pastor Nate by **Feb 18** and he will equip you with details and will connect you with a young person and family. Thanks!
- ◆ **Bethany's Social Justice Ministry:** You are invited to participate in a Book Study Sunday, **Feb 22**, 11:20am - 12:30pm in Room 210. The book is, "The God who Sees – Immigrants, the Bible and the Journey to Belong" by immigration advocate, Karen Gonzalez. In the book Karen recounts her family's migration from Guatemala to the US. Along her journey she encounters Jesus and begins to follow him. The book will be at the Mission Center for a suggested donation of \$15. For more information please contact Deacon Debra at [Debra@Bethany-Denver.org](mailto:Debra@Bethany-Denver.org).
- ◆ **Cocina Libre International Meal: Sunday, Mar 8**, 11:30am-1:00pm, Fellowship Hall. This meal is prepared by local, immigrant chefs. The Cocina Libre team, lead by DU Associate Professor of Psychology, Dr. Julia Roncoroni will lead us in viewing a documentary highlighting a few of their stories and participating in guided discussions as we share our stories of Identity, Purpose, and Belonging. The cost of the meal is \$25 and childcare will be available in the Nursery. Due to the sensitive nature of the discussion, it is not recommended for children under the age of 12. Sign up at the event ad on Bethany News by **Feb 26** to secure your seat! For more information contact Deacon Debra at [debra@bethany-denver.org](mailto:debra@bethany-denver.org).
- ◆ **Winter Food Bank Collection Drive:** Continues through mid-April. Please bring boxes of cereal to church and put them on the table in the Fellowship Hall. This effort supports the Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) food bank, located at 3370 S. Irving St, Englewood. Thank you for your gracious hands-on support of this Bethany ministry. For questions contact Ed Blum at 303-506-4782.

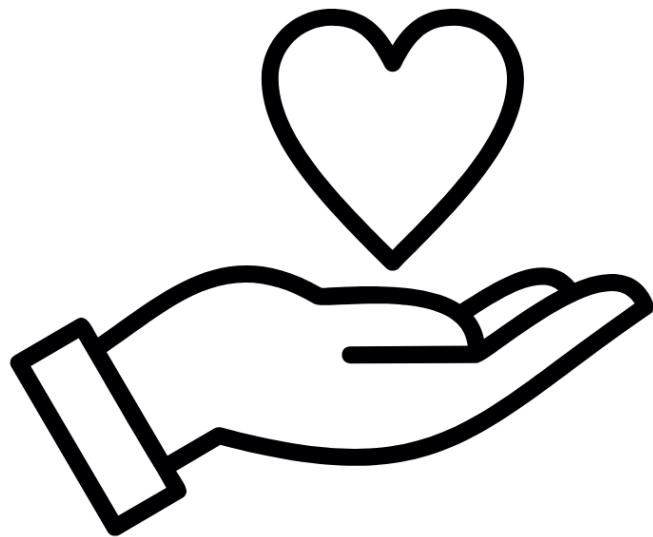
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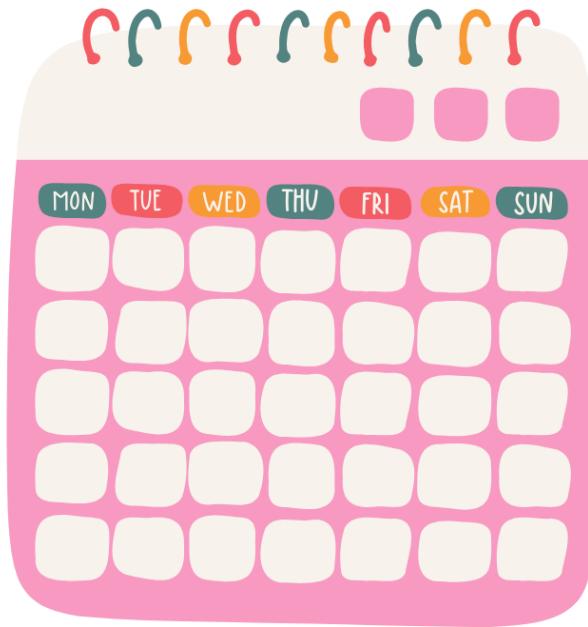
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## **THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT WORSHIP**

- ◆ **Welcome to Bethany!** If you have questions or would like to consider making Bethany your church home, visit our website, [Bethany-Denver.org](http://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](http://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 staffed Nursery, please speak with an usher.