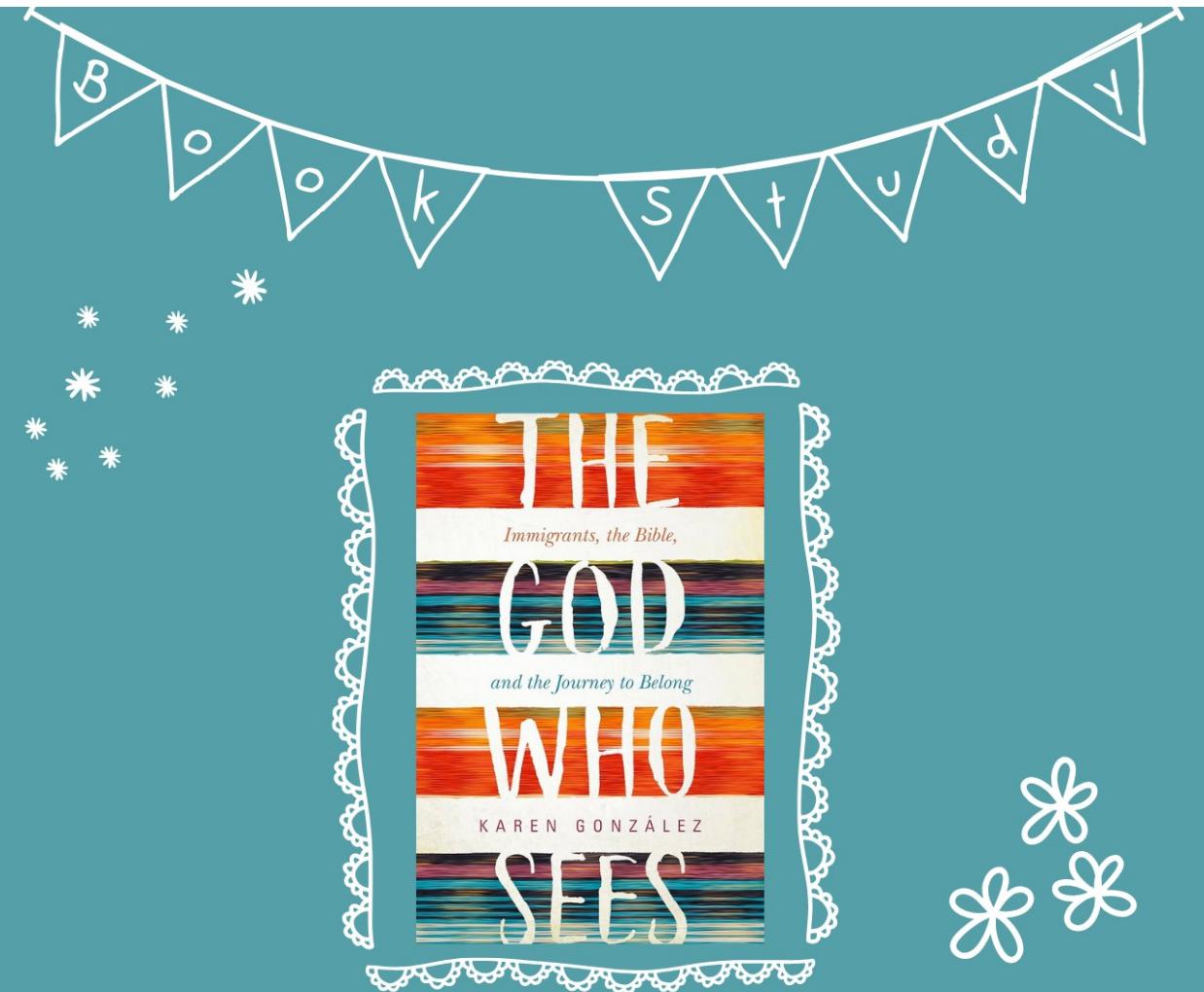


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**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**CASUAL BLENDED SERVICE**  
**10:00AM FEBRUARY 15, 2026**



**Bethany's Social Justice Ministry** invites you  
to an engaging . . .

### **Book Study**

**Sunday, February 22nd**

**11:20am -12:30pm**

**Room 210**

We'll be discussing, "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.

Copies of the book will be available 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).

# + WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS +

## Gathering Music

Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

## Welcome to Worship

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Deacon Debra Alba



## 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

Arr. © 1990 Melva W. Costen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

## 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

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

ELW 316

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.

1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and

glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us

moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

## 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

O God,

in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

**John Robb MacLennan** - Born: September 7, 2025

Parents: *Will and Jordan MacLennan*

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.**

Parents, do you wish John 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.

Parents, do you promise to: Live with your child among God's faithful people, bring your child to the Lord's table, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place the holy scriptures in their hands to nurture their faith and prayer life, so that they will know and trust God?

**R: I do.**

Parents, sponsors, people of God, do you promise to support and pray for John's new life in Christ?

**R: We do.**

**Baptism:** John Robb, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayer:** Sustain John 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:** John Robb, 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

*Deacon Debra Alba*

## 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 ENOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

Psalm 2

Michelle Stone Kraus

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,  
against the Lord and against the Lord's anointed?

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me,

"You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

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

## **Matthew 17:1-9**

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

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

## **Sermon**

*Pastor Nate Preisinger*

## **Sermon Notes**

## Song of the Day

### Beautiful Savior

ELW 868

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God flow'rs and Son bloom - ing Man!  
robbed in spar - kling stars on spring;  
bright the God and Son of God high;  
Son of Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - an - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the sor - an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## 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

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- ♦ Souper Bowl of Caring: Update
- ♦ All Things Lent
- ♦ Two Social Justice Committee Events
- ♦ 2026 Intention of Giving (Pledge)

## YTD Financial Update (July – January)

Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expenses
\$1,056,795	\$1,257,726
Actual Income	Actual Expenses
\$1,151,289	\$1,271,825

## 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

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William L. Dawson

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body, but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train upon this track, it runs to heaven and right back.  
Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

## Children Return to the Sanctuary

# + THE COMMUNITY MEAL +

## Invitation to The Communion 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 (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

Create in Me, O God

Johannes Brahms

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

*Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within me.*

#### Communion Song

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW 820



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

### Table Blessing

# + GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

## Benediction

Pastor Nate Preisinger

### Song of Sending

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318

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



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## 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

Marche de Fête

Henri Büsser

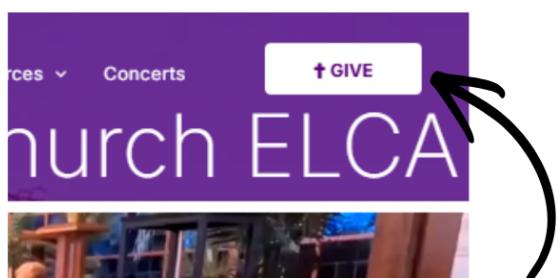


*Completing the Intention to Give form helps our leadership plan for next year's budget and ministry.*

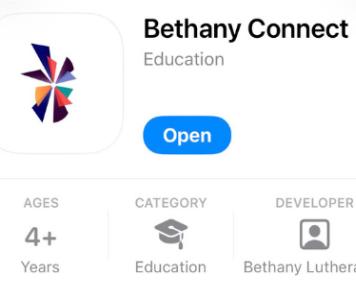
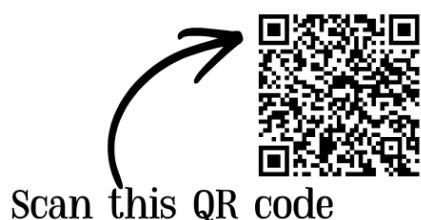
*There are many ways to access this form:*



Tap the NFC card in the back of the pew and click the first link on the webpage



Click the "give" button on our website, and then click the 2026 Intention to Give link



Open the Bethany Connect Mobile App and click the top link



or just stop by the Mission Center for a physical copy  
of the Intention to Give Form

# Lent at Bethany: **Restored.**

Finding healing, hope, and rest in God.

## 2/18 Ash Wednesday

You're welcome to stop in for ashes before work or join us for full worship services with communion on February 18th.

7:30 AM	Brief service with imposition of ashes - in and out before work
12:00 PM	Full Ash Wednesday worship with communion
6:00 PM	Simple soup supper before the 7pm service. Come early to share a meal and connect with others!
7:00 PM	Full Ash Wednesday worship with communion

## Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays in Lent • 6:00–7:00 p.m.  
A relaxed, open conversation around Scripture and real life. No homework, no prior Bible experience needed—just come as you are. Drop in any week during Lent.

## Prayer Labyrinth

Throughout Lent, our indoor Prayer Labyrinth will be open for personal reflection. Walk slowly, breathe deeply, and use this quiet time to pray, think, or simply rest. (Dates and times will be posted at church and online.)

## Holy Week

Mark your calendar for our upcoming Holy Week services and events.



3/29	8:30 AM, 10 AM	Palm Sunday
4/2	7 PM	Maundy Thursday
4/3	12 PM, 7 PM	Good Friday
4/4	4:15 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
4/4	5 PM	Early Easter Service
4/5	8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM	Easter Worship

All are welcome.

Come with questions, with faith, or with none at all. There is space for you here.

[www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org)

## Things To Know About - News & Events

- ◆ **Rejoicing Spirits:** Palentine's Day, a global holiday celebrating friendships and every other form of platonic love. **TODAY**, 4:00-6:00pm at Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church 21755 E Smoky Hill Rd for 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](mailto:pastor@lordofthehills.org).
- ◆ **Lent:** Begins Ash Wednesday, **Feb 18**. 7:30am Brief order of Confession and Ashes in the Chapel; 12:00pm and 7:00pm Communion worship with Imposition of Ashes in the Sanctuary (7:00pm will be livestreamed). There will also be a Soup Supper available from 6:00pm-7:00pm. If you cannot make services in person and would like ashes you can pick up a packet with ashes in the church office during regular office hours.
- ◆ **All Lent Long - Walk the Labyrinth:** As part of your Lenten Spiritual Practice, you are invited to walk the labyrinth downstairs in the Big Room - 412. Hours are posted at [www.bethany-denver.org/Lent](http://www.bethany-denver.org/Lent). Note that the start time is when the doors will be opened and the end time is when the doors will be locked. Please check in and out at the log at the top of the steps. If the SE doors are locked, enter the building through the office door. Call the office (303-758-2820) with any questions.
- ◆ **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 Outdoor Adventures:** Hike was postponed to Feb 21, Mount Falcon Park, a 25 minute drive west of Bethany on US Hwy 285. There are 4 options for different levels of hikes or playing in the snow, followed by hot cocoa and cookies at a final meeting point. If you haven't already, register at the ad on Bethany News. If you are not able to participate on the new date, please contact Lizza Aalto so we do not wait for you. [taalto@aol.com](mailto:taalto@aol.com)
- ◆ **Integrated Family Community Services Nibbles & Sips Gala:** **Saturday, Feb 21**, 5:00-8:30pm, at the Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center, 7800 E Tufts Ave, Denver. A fundraising event to support of IFCS' One Can Feed Hunger Alleviation Campaign. <https://bolder.bid/app/public/bidapp/ifcs> Your participation in the auction and your donations at this event will directly support the IFCS mission.
- ◆ **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. Not recommended for children under the age of 12. Sign up with this QR code or at the event ad on Bethany News **by Feb 26** to secure your seat!
- ◆ **Winter Food Bank Collection Drive:** The food item for collection through February will be boxes of cereal but **Sunday, Mar 1-Apr 12** it will change to canned tuna or chicken. Please place your items in the crates on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, these can be made by using the GIVE button on Bethany's website and choosing Integrated Family Community Services in the drop down menu.
- ◆ **Middle School event - Sunday Night Live:** **Mar 1**, 5:00-7:00pm at Bethany. Special guest - Addison Andrix! 6th-8th graders are invited. There will be pizza, snacks, bounce houses, pickleball, Video Games and more! Come for a great evening of fun and fellowship and the chance to meet Addison, our new Youth Director! Cost: \$5
- ◆ **Family Promise volunteers needed:** **Week of Mar 1** at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church in Aurora. The purpose of Family Promise is to hold families together in times of need. A group from Bethany will be preparing dinner the night of Mar 3. Volunteers are also needed for driving the van to transport, serving as overnight hosts, and moving beds at the end of the stay. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, call Jean Scott at 303 519-7061.





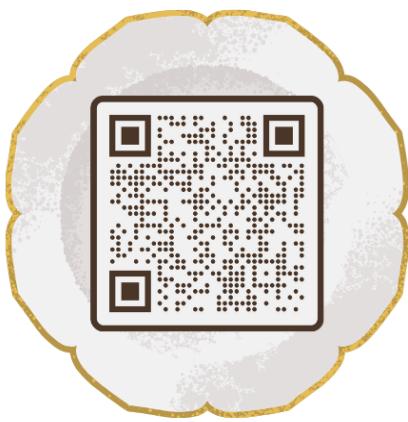
# Cocina Libre

Let's travel on a culinary journey together!



You are invited to enjoy an international meal, prepared by local, immigrant chefs on **Sunday, March 8th from 11:30am-1:00pm** in Bethany's Fellowship Hall.

Join Bethany Lutheran Church and the Cocina Libre team, led by DU Associate Professor of Psychology, Dr. Julia Roncoroni.



Sign up here by February 26th!



Together we will...



**The cost of the meal is \$25 and childcare will be available.**

We hope you'll join in this nourishing experience for your body, mind and spirit!  
For more information please contact Deacon Debra at [debra@bethany-denver.org](mailto:debra@bethany-denver.org)

## **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.