

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 12th, 2026
Blended Casual 10:00am Service



Day Camp at Bethany!

Registration is now OPEN!

Children (Pre School - 5th grade) & Helpers (6th grade - adult)
are invited to join in the fun!

DATES: June 22-26th

TIME: 9:00am-2:30 pm (Pre School until 12:00pm)

COST: \$90 for Pre School & \$120 for Elementary

Registration fee includes a camp t-shirt.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Debra at
debra@bethany-denver.org

Reserve your spots now!



+ We Prepare Our Hearts +

Gathering Music

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Welcome to Worship

Deacon Debra Alba

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



Song of Praise

Touch that Soothes and Heals

ACS 939



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:



Refrain
"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

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, trust 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

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

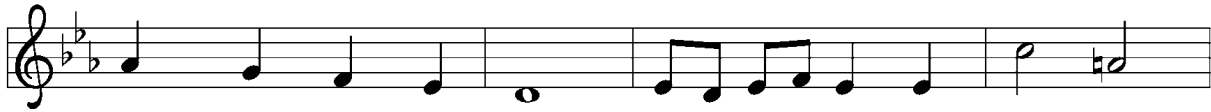
You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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.

Anthem

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. Barbara Kinyon

ReBELLion, dir. Alex Rodasti

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God,

the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing. Amen.

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Touch that Soothes and Heals

ACS 939

4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain
"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the
grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as
ones I died to save."

+ We Encounter God's Word +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

John 20:19-31

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Sermon Notes



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

A Statement of Our Faith (*Apostles' Creed*)

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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 +

CAMPAIGN MOMENT

All are invited to the All-Congregation Campaign Morning on April 26! That day we will hold one worship service at 9:00am, followed by a celebration at 10:00am that will include special food and drink.

Abundantly Bethany

Pastor Gary Sandberg

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

- ◆ **Bethany Info Sessions:** TODAY and April 19
- ◆ **Synod Assembly:** April 23-25, hospitality is needed!
- ◆ **Bethany Retreat:** May 1 at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

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 **BethanyConnect (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 as they are passed in the service.
- Unlock your phone, hold near **NFC card** (on pew back), and wait for the notification to appear



Offering Music

Roll that Rock

Billy Ray Cyrus

Bethany Bluegrass Ensemble

*When you're climbing up that mountain, sometimes you slip, sometimes you fall.
And those boulders come a-crashing. You get trapped, lonely, and lost.
And you're laying in that valley, and you think no one cares.
I know someone who will help you. Just praise his name and he'll be there.
And he'll roll that rock away. Jesus is his name.
When the clouds, they gather round you, and the wind begins to blow,
You're still stuck down in that valley beneath the rain, the mud, and stones,
And you feel there's no tomorrow, and all your hope is gone,
Just cry, please deliver me, Lord, I can't do this on my own.
Well, they tortured and they beat him, then they hung him on a cross.
When the time came, it was finished. He'd shed his blood for all the lost.
Then they laid him in a tomb, and they blocked the door with a stone.
Three days later, Mary came to see him. She cried out, "My Lord is gone."*

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

Lord, Don't Forsake Me

Alison Krauss & Union Station

Bethany Bluegrass Ensemble

Oh, my Lord, please don't forsake me. This is your child, I'm tired and sore.

Oh, my Lord, can you hear me? I need your love; my soul is poor.

I can hear the angels singing. I can see those pearly gates.

Oh, my Lord, can you hear me? I need a place where I can rest.

Oh, my Lord, I can't remember when I first said, "Come in my life,"

For I have lived my life in darkness, my whole world is filled with strife.



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, Pierre de Corbeil, d. 1222

Table Blessing

+ God Sends Us To Serve +

Benediction

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Song of Sending

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

ELW 535

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



Refrain
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our



bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*



1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain



I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

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

Christ lag in Todesbanden

J. S. Bach

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 *friendly staffed Nursery*, please speak with an usher.

Things to Know about - News & Events

- ◆ **Bethany's Social Justice Team:** Meets **TODAY**, 11:20am-12:30pm, Room 210. If you have an interest in social justice issues we'd love to have you participate! Suggestions for upcoming events and book studies will be discussed.
- ◆ **Bethany Information Sessions:** These are a great way to get to know Bethany Lutheran Church and are open to everyone. They are also designed to share information for those considering formal membership at Bethany. **TODAY** - Christianity and Lutheranism 101, including how Bethany lives into its expression of these and **Apr 19** - Getting involved / Bethany's governance. Both are at 11:20am in Room 400 in the downstairs education wing. New Members will be received on **Sunday, May 3** at both worship services and a tour of the Bethany campus will be offered at 11:20am.
- ◆ **Winter Food Bank Collection Drive:** The food item collection ends **TODAY**. 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. Thank you for your contributions!
- ◆ **Women of Bethany (WOB) Fellowship:** **Saturday, Apr 18**, 10:00am, New York Deli News at 7105 E. Hampden Ave, Denver. Sign up on the Bethany Connect app or Bethany News on the website. All are welcome.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver/Holy Hammers Volunteers Needed:** **Saturday, April 18**, 8:50am - 4:30pm, Griffith Station Homes, 8407 W 52nd Ave, Arvada; **Saturday, May 30**, 8:50am-4:30pm, Griffith Station Homes, 8407 W 52nd Ave, Arvada. Register to volunteer at <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>. Contact Kevin Dempsey for questions at kmdmpsy@aol.com.
- ◆ **Brian Tennien Memorial Rice and Bean Breakdown to Benefit Metro Caring:** **Sunday, Apr 19** between services and after the 10:00am service. We have 501b. bags of rice and beans to break down into individual family size portions. If you would like to support Metro Caring financially, please consider donating to the Rice and Bean Breakdown using the Give button on the Bethany website. Thanks for your support!
- ◆ **Prayer Vigil for United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future:** **Sunday, Apr 19**, 9:30am-1:00pm in the Chapel. You are invited to pray individually or as a group with friends, family, or members of an organization for the campaign. There are 21 slots at 10 minute intervals. Materials such as Bible verses related to generosity, the campaign prayer and the campaign prospectus will be available in the Chapel. Enjoy soft instrumental music by candlelight while praying to support Bethany in this spiritually impactful time for our church. Sign up on Bethany-Denver.org - scroll down to the "sign up schedule" button and choose a time.
- ◆ **Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly:** Bethany is hosting this **Thursday, Apr 23 - Saturday, Apr 25**. Over 300 participants from the 5 state area will be taking part. We are seeking 20 volunteers for Wed and Thurs, and 8 for Saturday morning. Tasks will include offering hospitality (sometimes as simple as directing participants to rooms), and assisting with the caterers as they manage set-up and flow. Please consider being a friendly "face of Bethany" to our guests. See shifts and sign up at the Sign Up Schedule button on the website home page.
- ◆ **Project Angel Heart - Dining Out for Life:** **Thursday, Apr 23**. Dine at a participating restaurant for breakfast, lunch, happy hour, dinner, or takeout! 25% of your check will be donated to Project Angel Heart to help provide delicious, medically tailored meals for Coloradans living with severe illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. With more than 100 restaurants participating, it's easy to find the perfect spot for a delectable meal! Find a restaurant at www.projectangelheart.org/events/dining-out-for-life/

Things to Know about - News & Events - continued

- ◆ **All-ages Bethany Retreat:** Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, **May 1-3**. Everyone is invited! Pack your bags for a weekend of faith, fun, and community! We'll explore our faith formation theme of identity, belonging, and purpose through worship, Bible study, large group games, special music, and camp-style activities for every age. It's a chance to experience all the best parts of camp with your Bethany church family. We don't want cost to keep anyone away: if money is tight, simply pay the minimum. If you're able, you're invited to give a little extra. Register at Bethany News on the website.
- ◆ **Bethany Concert: Friday, May 1** at 7:00pm. A special evening of music! Organist Rick Seaton, with guest artist Laura Tribby, soprano. Enjoy a selection of favorite postludes from throughout the church year and more. This is a **FREE** concert—invite your friends and come experience a beautiful evening of music, sure to include some delightful and entertaining moments.
- ◆ **Lutheran Family Services Legacy and Light Gala:** Illuminating the Future, **Friday, May 1**, 5:30pm-8:30pm, at the History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver. Single Ticket \$175 by Apr 17. Tickets: <https://bolder.bid/app/public/bidapp/lfsrmgala>
- ◆ **Outreach:** Save the date! A Volunteer Food Packing Event, with Feed My Starving Children will be held on Saturday, **May 2** at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden. Ages 4-100 are welcome to help! A sign-up link will soon be available. Please contact Bethany member, Nick Wellen at n.wellen@mac.com or coloradofeedinggodskids@gmail.com for more details.
- ◆ **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp Work Weekend:** Bethany's annual work weekend is **May 29-31**. Spend a beautiful weekend in the mountains preparing the camp for the summer season. This is a great weekend for families since many projects such as landscaping and painting are kid friendly. Lodging and delicious food provided. Bring sleeping gear for cabins and be ready to have lots of fun! Register on the Bethany Connect app or Bethany News on the website. Please contact Susan Pfabe-Wiggans at susanpw4@gmail.com for more information.
- ◆ **Day Camp registration: June 22-26.** Children (Pre School through 5th grade) and Helpers (6th grade - adult) are invited to join in the fun! Cost is \$90 for Pre School age children and \$120 for elementary children. Register at the ad for the event on Bethany News on our website.



Bethany Retreat

FAITH. FUN. COMMUNITY.

MAY 1-3 | AT RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP

SPECIAL GUEST NATE CRARY
Leading Worship - All Weekend

WHO	WHAT	WHY	COST
Everyone is welcome Children, youth, adults, and older adults... there will be programming for everyone!	Worship, Bible study, large-group games, special music, and camp-style activities for every age.	Grow in faith, build relationships, and discover how God leads us into identity, belonging, and purpose.	Accessible to everyone. If money is tight, simply pay the minimum. If you're able, give a little extra to help someone else attend.

Scan here for lodging and registration info → 

All are welcome.
COME BE PART OF THE WEEKEND. 





CAMPAIGN PRAYER VIGIL: 4/19, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

As part of our campaign, we are organizing a special Campaign Prayer Vigil on Sunday, April 19, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM, located in the chapel. This will be a meaningful time for our church community to come together in prayer, seeking guidance in generosity during this important season. Participants can sign up for a designated 10 minute time slot during the vigil, ensuring continuous prayer throughout the event. Sign up via the Sign Up Schedule on the Bethany Website.

CAMPAIGN Q+A: 4/19, 9:40 AM AND 11:10 AM

You are invited to the Great Hall on April 19th for a time of Q+A and open dialogue on the ***United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future*** campaign. Join us following the 8:30 AM or 10:00 AM service.

ALL-CONGREGATION CELEBRATION: 4/26

***One service at 9:00 AM Followed by a Time of Celebration!**

ALL are invited to a special Sunday on April 26th for the ***United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future*** campaign. That morning, we will hold one service at 9:00 AM, followed by a celebration in the Fellowship Hall and Courtyard.

- Fellowship
- Live Music
- Bouncy Castle
- Breakfast Burritos
- French Toast
- Yogurt Bar
- Iced Coffee Bar
- Chocolate Fountain
- Fruit

To learn more, scan the QR code or visit
www.Bethany-Denver.org/UnitedInFaith





GENEROSITY AS AN ACT OF TRUST

Financial generosity is a bold declaration of trust in God's care. When we give, we affirm our belief that God not only knows our needs but is more than able to meet them.

In a culture shaped by scarcity and "never enough," it can feel safer to hold tightly to what we have. Fear whispers that giving will leave us vulnerable. Yet scripture invites us to a different way. Philippians 4:19 assures us, "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of God's glory in Christ Jesus." This is a promise that frees us to give in faith, not in fear.

Generosity flows from knowing that everything we hold has first been entrusted to us by God. Our time, talents, and resources are gifts meant to be used for the good of others and for the sake of God's work in the world. When we share what we have, we become living signs of God's love, care, and provision.

Giving also changes us. It loosens the grip that anxiety and self-reliance can have on our hearts. It



deepens our gratitude. And it roots us more firmly in the truth that God's abundance is not measured by what we keep, but by what God makes possible when we release our gifts into the world.

When you give generously, you are not simply funding ministry—you are participating in God's ongoing story of provision and grace.

For more information, visit www.Bethany-Denver.org/UnitedInFaith