

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday April 19th, 2026
Traditional 8:30am Service

Bethany Retreat

**MAY 1–3 AT RAINBOW TRAIL
LUTHERAN CAMP**

**Pack your bags for a weekend
of faith, fun, and community!**

All ages are invited.

WHY: Experience the best parts of camp.
Grow in faith, build relationships, and
enjoy fun activities for all ages.

WHERE: **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp**
Escape to a beautiful mountain retreat near Hillside, CO.

WHO: **Everyone is invited.**
Kids, youth, adults, and older adults—
all ages are welcome!

COST: **Accessible to everyone**
If money is tight for you, pay the minimum
amount. If able, you're encouraged to give
a little extra to help someone else attend.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Nate Crary

Special speaker
and musician **Nate
Crary** will lead us in worship
throughout the weekend
and share insight into our retreat
theme of identity, belonging,
and purpose.



All are welcome. Come be part of the weekend.

Scan here for lodging and registration info →



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Major

attr. J. S. Bach

WELCOME

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

Pastor Nate Preisinger



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained ministry of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW #368

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

GREETING

Pastor Gary Sandberg

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

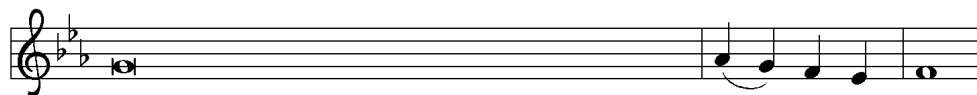
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



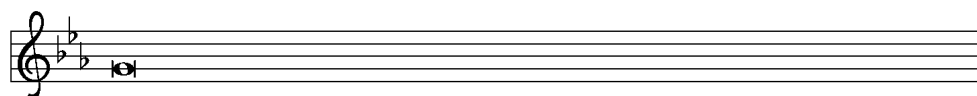
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



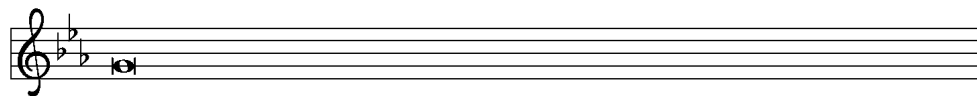
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Tom Mroch

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

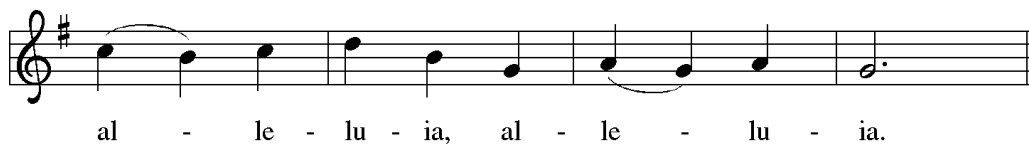
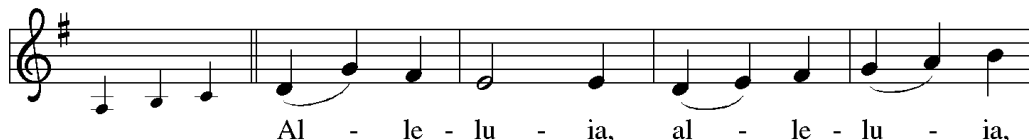
LESSON

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

- ¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,
² **for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**
- ³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
- ⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**
- ¹² How shall I repay the LORD for all the good things God has done for me?
¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.**
- ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people.
¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD, is the death of your servants.**
- ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- ¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all God's people,
¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

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

¹³ Now on the first day of the week two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

SERMON

Pastor Nate Preisinger



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

Refrain



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version
 Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune
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APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Gary Sandberg

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

BLESSING OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share a blessing of peace with others around you. After sharing the Peace, please be seated.

✠ OFFERING ✠

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
- ◆ **Synod Assembly:** April 23-25, hospitality is needed!
- ◆ **Bethany Retreat:** May 1 at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
- ◆ **Rick Seaton Organ Concert:** Friday, May 1 at 7:00pm.

YTD Financial Update (July – March)

	YTD Actuals	YTD Budget	Variance
Receipts	\$1,546,491	\$1,444,842	\$101,649
Expenses	\$1,583,679	\$1,616,801	(\$33,122)
Income/(Loss)	(\$20,312)	(\$171,959)	\$151,647

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

Like Him We Rise

Tom Trenney

Matthew Eschliman, tenor

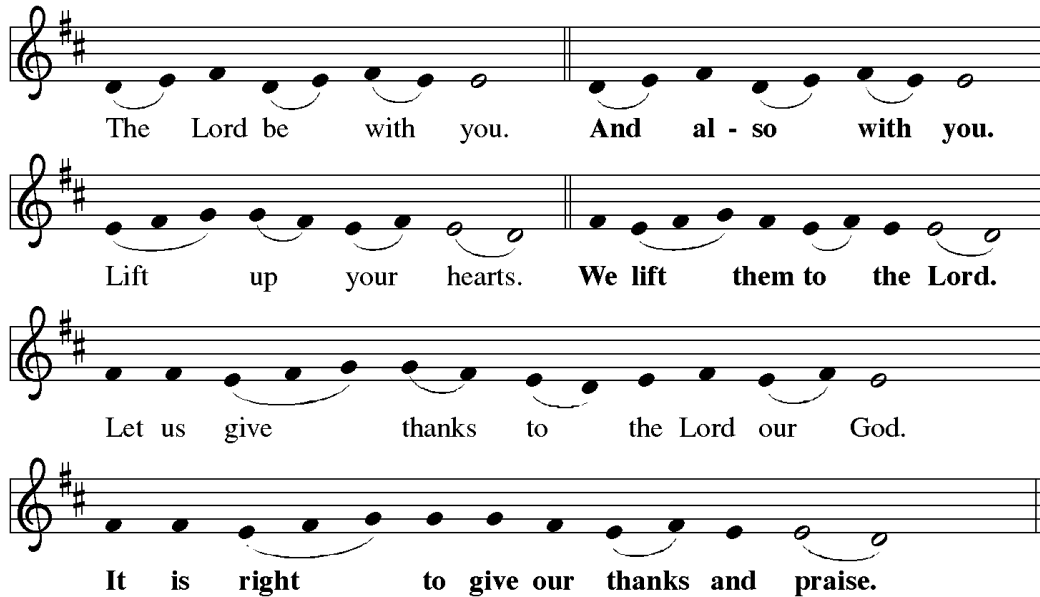
*He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may rise.
"Come unto me," our Savior said. "Ye weary, come, I'll give you rest."
From stable room and manger bed to paradise forever blessed.
Made like him, like him we rise. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
"Come, all who thirst, be satisfied with water I alone can give."
Upon the cross, "I thirst," he cried, conquering death that we might live.
"When in the shadow, do not fear. I am your light, your lamp, your sun."
The sting of death shall disappear. The fight is fought, the battle won.
Made like him, like him we rise. Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.*

✠ MEAL ✠

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Gary Sandberg

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

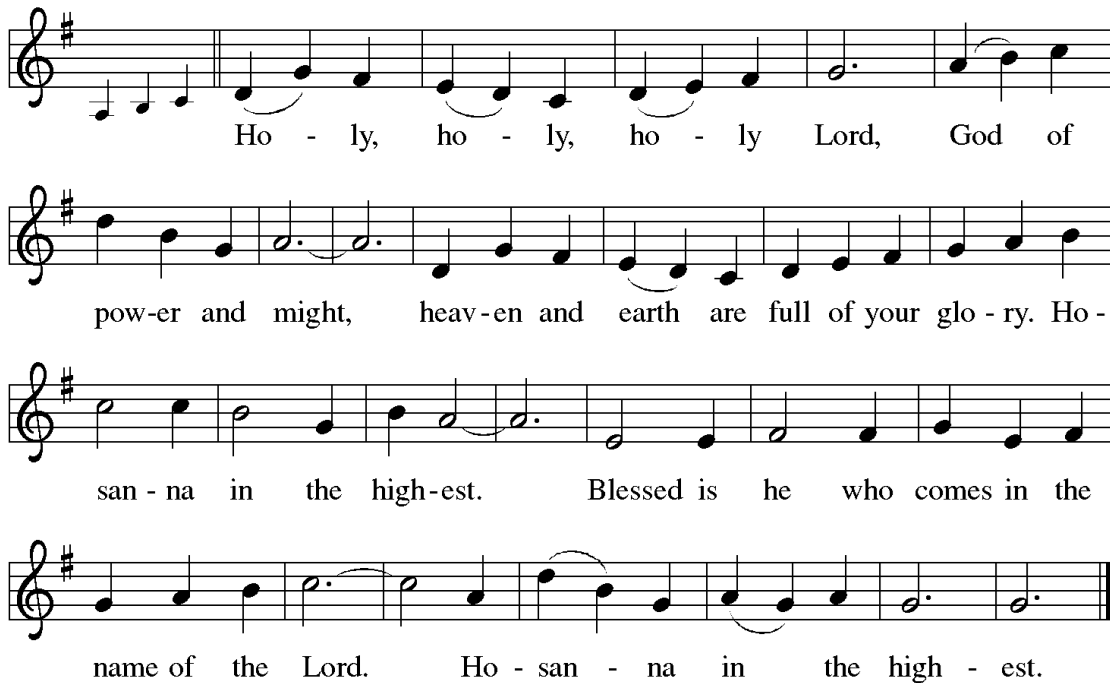


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy...
...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

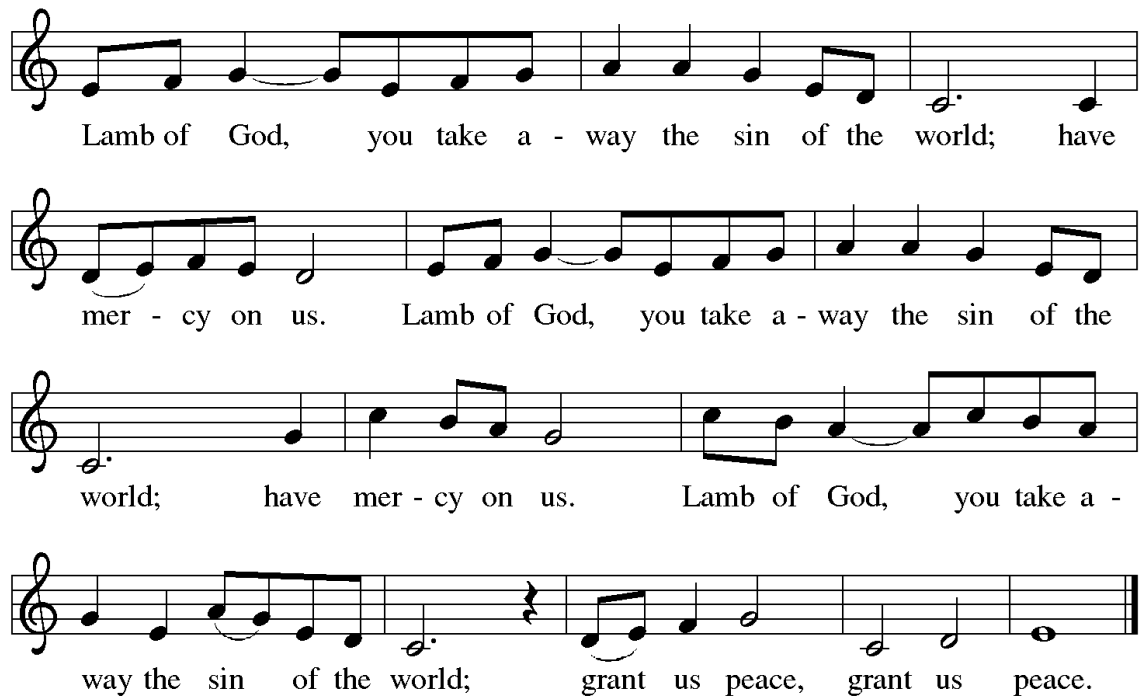
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, they will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

Receive communion by dipping the bread into the wine. Pre-packaged communion sets are alcohol free; gluten-free options are available. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chest to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Matthew Eschliman, tenor

Show Us How to Love

Mark A. Miller

*Hearts open, minds awake, change us now for heaven's sake.
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake. Show us how to love.
Hearts open, souls awake, rules we made we now must break.
With our very own lives at stake we must learn to love.
Eyes open, shocked awake, much to learn from our mistakes.
Draw us closer in our heartache. Show us how to love.*



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963
 Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

TABLE BLESSING

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Recessional

William Mathias

Things to Know about - Worship

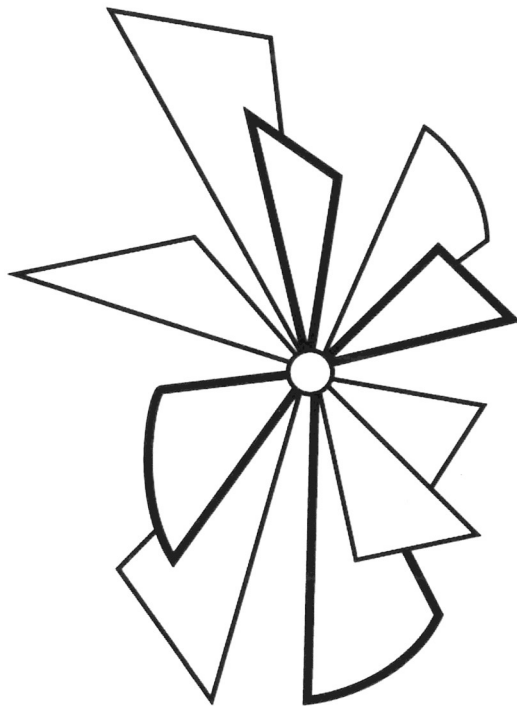
- ◆ **Welcome to Bethany!** If you have questions or would like to consider making Bethany your church home, visit our website, Bethany-Denver.org, or stop by the Newcomer Nook after worship. The pastoral team, consisting of Pastor Gary Sandberg (he/him), Pastor Nate Preisinger (he/him), Deacon Debra 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 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** - Getting involved / Bethany's governance. Meet 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.
- ◆ **Brian Tennien Memorial Rice and Bean Breakdown to Benefit Metro Caring: Sunday, TODAY** 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: TODAY, 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.
- ◆ **Rejoicing Spirits: Dinner & worship, TODAY, Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church, 21755 E Smoky Hill Rd. Aurora, 4:00pm-6:00pm.** This 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.
- ◆ **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/
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Rick Seaton Organ 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.
- ◆ **Diaper Drive:** Bethany is hosting a diaper drive to support Inner City Health and Metro Caring. Please bring your diapers to the Sanctuary **May 3 and May 10**.
- ◆ **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.

Things to Know about - News & Events - continued

- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver/Holy Hammers Volunteers Needed: Saturday, May 30, 8:50am-4:30pm, Griffith Station Homes, 8407 W 52nd Ave, Arvada, Saturday, Jun 20, 7:50 am – 3:30 pm | Griffith Station Homes, New Construction Site | 8407 W 52nd Ave, Arvada.** Register to volunteer at <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>. Contact Kevin Dempsey for questions at kmdmpsy@aol.com.
- ◆ **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.



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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!





United in Faith: Building Bethany's Future is a comprehensive initiative to steward what God has given us into the decades ahead. This campaign synthesizes overdue facility renewal with strategic improvements that will strengthen ministry, welcome new generations, and support deeper engagement.

At its heart, this plan is guided by three commitments. The commitment we will focus on this weekend is **ENHANCING SPACES THAT WELCOME AND ENGAGE.**

Bethany's campus is often the first expression of God's love that people encounter. This plan prioritizes our sanctuary as well as improved hospitality, accessibility, and flexibility. From refreshed gathering spaces to improved signage, lighting, and traffic flow, these updates help Bethany communicate welcome, purpose, and joy to the people of Bethany, guests, and community partners alike.

A FRONT ENTRANCE THAT SUPPORTS COMMUNITY **\$2,000,000-\$2,500,000**

Our North entrance is the way the majority of Sunday worshippers and community visitors enter our building. As we consider how to best care for this entrance, we will evaluate the prospect of increasing our welcoming space that will enhance community life.

A new north entry is envisioned as a more welcoming entrance along Hampden Avenue and a large gathering space where the Body of Christ will forge community.

STRENGTHENING OUR WELCOME **\$900,000-\$1,100,000**

Entrances, gathering spaces, restrooms, signage, lighting, and interior finishes should all communicate welcome, warmth, and belonging— before a word is spoken.

Improvements include a new exterior sign along Hampden Avenue, interior updates in meeting spaces and high-traffic areas and anywhere there is evident deterioration. Other improvements include upgrades and repairs to flooring and restrooms, parking lot resurfacing, restriping, and safety enhancements. All told, these initiatives reflect Bethany's commitment to fostering the beauty and utility of our God-given facilities into an environment of warmth, welcome, and joy for everyone.

NOURISHING CAMPUS GROUNDS AND OUTDOOR FACILITIES **\$500,000-\$600,000**

Bethany's beautiful and mature exterior landscape is ready for a refresh, and there are opportunities to reduce maintenance costs over time. Landscaping at three main entrances, the main courtyard, and the interior courtyard will be re-visioned to be more environmentally and economically sustainable, more easily maintained, and more seasonally attractive/water-wise. These projects create spiritually meaningful gathering places which foster reflection, celebration, and community life throughout our campus. These areas will also better support weddings, receptions, and pastoral care while continuing Bethany's many fun-filled events – socials, carnivals, and outdoor education and worship experiences.

BETHANY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN **\$200,000**

The columbarium is a place of remembrance and prayer. With existing crypts fully utilized, this campaign will provide for maintenance of the existing columbarium and potential expansion.

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





THE POWER OF SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sacrificial giving can be one of the most challenging parts of the Christian life. It asks us to move beyond what is comfortable and to give in ways that stretch us. Yet, this kind of giving opens the door to deeper faith and a life more closely aligned with Christ's heart. Jesus reminds us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

When we give sacrificially, we invest in something far greater than ourselves. We face our fears of scarcity and lean into God's promise of abundance. Sometimes it means letting go of luxuries or making changes to our daily lives—but the transformation that follows is profound. As we reorder our priorities around God's mission, our hearts begin to shift in lasting ways.

This kind of generosity not only blesses those we serve, it also shapes us. It draws us nearer to Christ, deepens our trust, and opens our eyes to God's provision in surprising ways. Again and again, we find that our needs are met, often more abundantly than we imagined.



Sacrificial giving is not about loss—it's about living into the joy and freedom that come from placing our treasure, and our trust, in God. How might God be inviting you to take that step as part of our shared life together?

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