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LUTHERAN CHURCH

— SECOND SUNDAY AFTER —
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PENTECOST

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JUNE 7, 2026
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Hosea 5:15–6:6 • Psalm 50:7–15 • Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUMMER WORSHIP
SUNDAYS • 9:00 AM

4500 Hampden Ave, Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

bethany-denver.org

RAINBOW TRAIL LUTHERAN CAMP



Day Camp at Bethany!

June 22-26

Registration is now OPEN!

Pre School: 9am-12pm - \$90

Elementary: 9am-2pm - \$120

Helpers (6th grade - adult) are invited to join in the fun!

Scholarships are available!

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 +

Prelude

Paraphrase on "Suo Gan"

Hans-Andre Stamm

Welcome to Worship

Deacon Debra Alba

Song of Praise

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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A Time of Confession

Holy and gracious God,

We confess that we have fallen short - in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions.

We have done things we should not have done, and we have left good things undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not fully loved our neighbors.

We have often taken your gifts for granted. In your mercy, forgive us.

Turn us toward what is good and right, and lead us in the way of Jesus. Amen.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

Dear friends, God does not desire shame or punishment for us. God longs for us to turn away from that which does not give life and truly live. So hear this good news: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven - completely and forever - in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Song

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

Greeting

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,

you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

Children's Sermon

Deacon Debra Alba

Children's Worship

Deacon Debra Alba

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME
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+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

Psalm 50:7-15

Antonio Alba

⁷ "Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

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

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Sermon

Vicky Daub

Sermon Notes



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.

Text: Georg Neumark, 1621–1681; tr. composite
 Music: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT, Georg Neumark
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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.

Abundantly Bethany

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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

- ◆ **Annual Meeting: TODAY!**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School/Day Camp:** Snacks & Supplies & register
- ◆ **Photo Directory:** Begins Jun 14

+ WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS +

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 **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



Offering Music

Cry No More

Dan Forrest

Lorena Perry, soprano

*In the shadow where we linger, in this darkness we call home,
Where the sighs are deep and doubtful and our aspirations groan,
All is not in vain, beloved, our travail is not unknown.
Christ within us, Christ among us, Christ the first and Christ the last;
Love incarnate, hold your children till the storm of life is past.
Though we have not faith to seek him, Christ himself will draw us near,
Deep, abiding rays of mercy cast their light on lonely fear.
Cry no more, ye poor and weary, our redeeming Lord is here.
Sure defender, never failing, radiant Savior, holy friend,
Gift of glory, hope of heaven, call us now to faith again!
Alleluia! Blest compassion, grace is shining without end!*

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 God 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

Bethany welcomes all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. An usher will direct you forward where you can receive communion by dipping the bread into the wine, or pick up a pre-packaged communion set or a gluten-free communion set from the tray in front of your seating area. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to cross their arms across their chests to receive a blessing.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

Consecration

John Ness Beck

Lorena Perry, soprano

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love,
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King,
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I behold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.*

Communion Song

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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Table Blessing

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

Blessing of Mission Trip Participants

Sending Invitation and Blessing

Deacon Debra Alba

Song of Sending

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW 763

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



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Dismissal

Deacon Debra Alba

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.

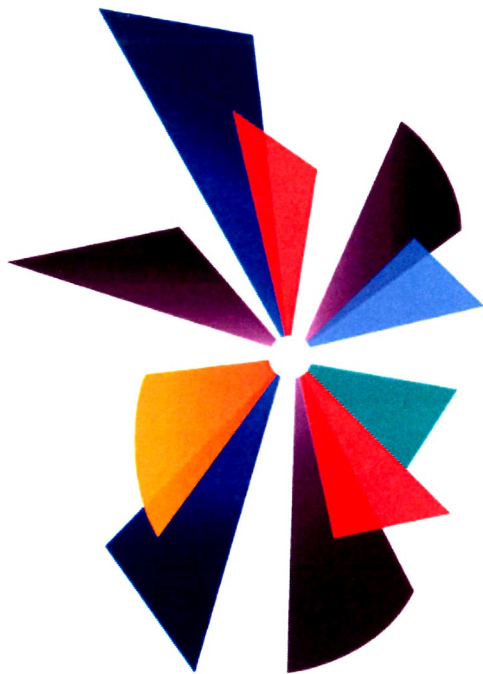
Postlude

March in F Major

Alexandre Guilmant

Things To Know About News & Events

- ◆ **Annual Meeting:** The meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church & the Bethany Foundation is **TODAY** at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. The items for voting will include the adopting of a budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 and the election of new Council members, Foundation members, and other elected positions.
- ◆ **San Diego Mission Trip:** Faith Shares will be sold in the Fellowship Hall following worship every Sunday leading up to their mission trip on June 13–20. Faith Shares are a meaningful way to support the students and leaders serving in San Diego this summer. By purchasing a Faith Share, you are helping make this mission trip possible through your prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Stop by after worship to learn more about the trip, meet members of the team, and find out how you can make the mission trip possible.
- ◆ **Summer Food Drive:** Every Sunday through Sep 6 we'll collect food to support the IFCS no-cost food market. For **Now - Jun 28** please bring **macaroni & cheese**. They can always use other items too such as peanut butter and jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, snack bars, etc. If you'd prefer to make a cash donation, please use the Give button on Bethany's website and select IFCS in the drop-down menu.
- ◆ **Volunteers needed:** Christ the Savior Lutheran Church will host Family Promise the week of **Jun 7-14**. Family Promise is an organization that keeps families together in times of homelessness or unemployment. Several people of Bethany participate in providing food, meeting transportation needs, or as overnight hosts. Please contact Jean Scott at 303 756-2106 if you are interested in participating.
- ◆ **Vitalant Blood Drive: Wednesday, Jun 10**, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00am–1:30pm. To schedule an appointment, visit www.donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive code 0377 or call 877-258-4825. Please contact Janet Mortinsen if you have questions.
- ◆ **Holy Hammers Hustle for Habitat Fun Walk: Saturday, Jun 13**, 9:00am-12:00pm, Cottonwood Park West in Parker. This 3 mile walk will raise money for their sponsorship to build a new single family Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver home in 2026. All ages are welcome! Register or donate at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Parker/HolyHammersHustleforHumanity>.
- ◆ **Photo Directory:** All Bethany members are encouraged to participate in an online church directory to be compiled and published in the Fall. Individual and family photos will be taken in the chapel before (8:00am - 8:45am) and after (10:15 am - 11:00am) the service on the following Sundays: **Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 2** and on Wednesday, **Aug 26**.
- ◆ **Bethany's Summer Day Camp:** Snacks and Supplies are needed! Camp is Jun 22-26. If you'd like to help please Sign Up on Bethany's website with the Sign-Up Schedule button. Please drop off all donations at the Mission Desk or office **by Jun 15**. Thank you!
- ◆ **Holy Hammers volunteers needed:** Hand out promotional soccer jerseys at the Rockies Game **Saturday, Jun 20**, 4:15pm. Volunteers will receive \$1.00 parking, a ticket to the game, a soccer jersey, and a Rockies T-shirt. Volunteers must be 16+. Contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com to volunteer.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver volunteers needed: 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.
- ◆ **Bethany's Campus Operations & Facilities Team ("COFT"):** This summer this group will be planning facilities improvements to occur over the next few years. If you have related professional experience and might be willing to serve as a resource from time to time, we'd love to hear from you! Areas include: facilities management & development, construction, engineering, architectural and commercial interior design, landscaping & design, technology, and legal expertise - especially construction or contract. Contact Julie Bock: bock.julie@comcast.net
- ◆ **Volunteers needed:** Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is looking for adult volunteers to assist the head cook and assistant cook in the kitchen for one week this summer. If you are interested in serving please contact Dave at daveg@rainbowtrail.org. No previous cook experience necessary! Just a servant heart and hands to help.



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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, 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.