



bethany
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday *after* Pentecost

JUNE 21, 2026

LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Philippians 4:6-7
Matthew 6:25-34

Bethany Lutheran Church
4500 Hampden Ave,
Cherry Hills Village, CO 80113

Summer Worship
Sundays • 9:00 AM

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

Two Pieces
I. Berceuse II. Leid

Louis Vierne

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Song of Praise

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV 783

1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its
righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be
add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for a song of praise. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the start of the first line. The lyrics are: '1 Seek ye . . . first the king - dom of God and its', 'righ - teous - ness, and all these things shall be', and 'add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final cadence.

Text: st. 1, Matt. 6:33, adapt. Karen Lafferty, b. 1948; st. 2, Matt. 7:7; st. 3, Matt. 4:4
Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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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

Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW 805

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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

Teach us, good Lord God,

to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Children's Sermon

Children's Worship

Kate Souther

2 Ask and it shall be giv-en un-to you; seek and
 you shall find; knock and the door shall be
 o-pened un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

Philippians 4:6-7

Dennis Graham

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Matthew 6:25-34

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

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

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

Sermon Notes

Song of the Day

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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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

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

- ◆ **Adult Bible Study: TODAY!**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School/Day Camp**
- ◆ **Food Drive for IFCS (Integrated Family Community Services)**

+ 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

Charlotte Souther, piano

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. John Purifoy

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 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

Charlotte Souther, piano

Prelude in E Minor
Largo in E Flat Major

Frederic Chopin

Communion Song

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

Table Blessing

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

Sending Invitation and Blessing

Deacon Debra Alba

Song of Sending

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

ELW 835

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



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182–1226; tr. composite
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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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

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

David A. Schack

Things To Know About News & Events

- ◆ **Adult Bible Study:** Pastor Nate will lead a Bible study after worship **TODAY** in the Chapel from 10:20-11:20am. This will be a meditative and prayerful form of Bible Study called Lectio Divina (a Latin phrase meaning 'holy reading'). No experience is needed, plan to attend for a time of deeply connecting with a passage of scripture and sharing in conversation and reflection with others.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Adult Education:** On **Sunday, Jun 28**, join Vicky Daub in the Bethany Library for an overview and Q&A about Veteran Servant Corps Project. This gathering will start around 10:15am.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver volunteers needed: Saturday, Jul 18**, 8:30am-3:30pm, painting at Production Shop; **Saturday, Aug 22**, 10:00am-2:00pm, Aurora ReStore; **Saturday, Sep 26**, 7:50am-3:30pm, Griffith Station Homes. Register to volunteer at <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>. Contact Kevin Dempsey for questions at kmdmpsy@aol.com.
- ◆ **Bethany Summer Outdoor Adventure: Thursday, Jul 9**, 9:00am-12:00pm. Come to a family friendly, paddle boarding, kayaking, and/or swimming at the Gravel Pond in Chatfield State Park. Bring your stand up paddle (SUP) board or kayak and don't forget your life jacket or there are vendors at the gravel pond where you can rent all the equipment you need. You are also welcome to come and just relax by the lake under a canopy or bring your lawn chair and umbrella. There is no lifeguard on duty so adult supervision is required. To register please go to <https://sites.google.com/view/bethany-outdoor-adventures>.
- ◆ **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: **Jul 12, Aug 2** and on Wednesday, **Sep 2**.
- ◆ **Bethany softball:** New players are needed! This is a coed, all ages team that plays Sundays at either 2:15pm or 3:45pm at Progress Park. All are welcome! Email Anja at Oss.cctm@gmail.com with any questions.
- ◆ **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:** 9:00am One worship service in the summer - Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend. Worship style may be Traditional - follows traditional Lutheran liturgy or 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.
- ◆ **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.