

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Summer Worship

June 28, 2026

LESSONS FOR THE DAY

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Matthew 10:40-42

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Bethany Lutheran Church

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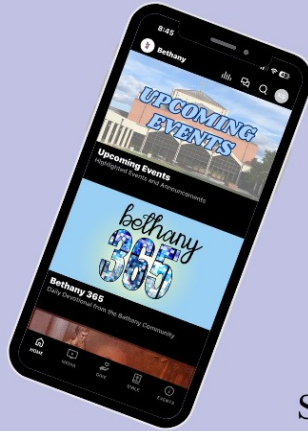
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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

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Deacon Debra Alba



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 minister 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

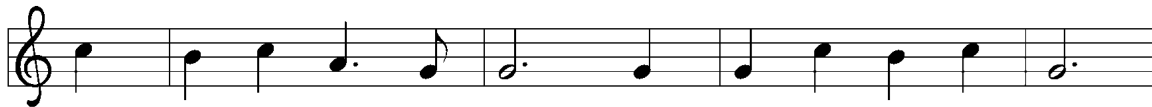
When Morning Gilds the Skies

ELW #853

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

GREETING

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Leader:



In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

Assembly:



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

Leader:



For the reign of God, and for peace through-out the world, for the



u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord:

Assembly:



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mercy, mer - cy on us all.

Leader:



For your peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the



strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord:

Assembly:



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

Leader:



Help, save, and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men.

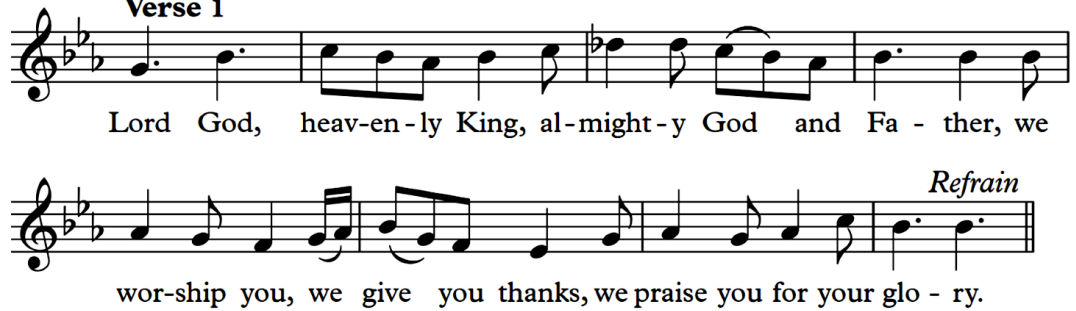
HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



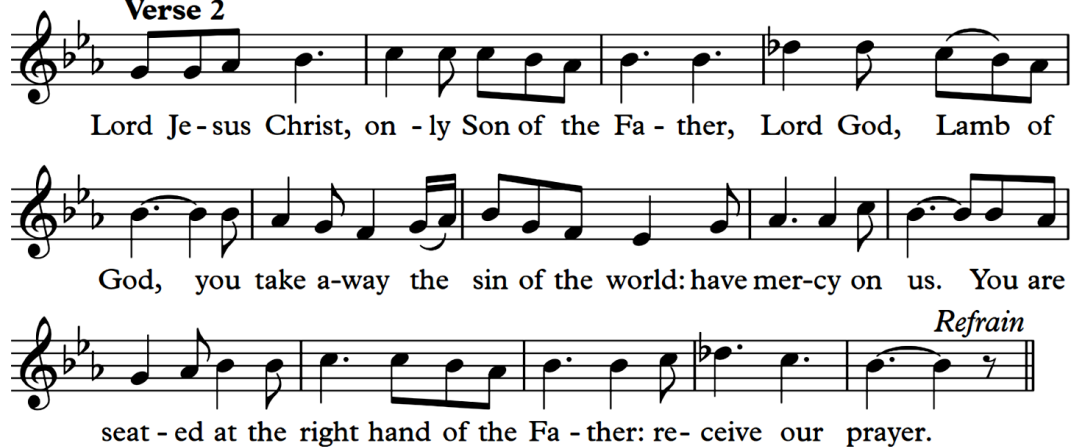
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple,
Peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Verse 1



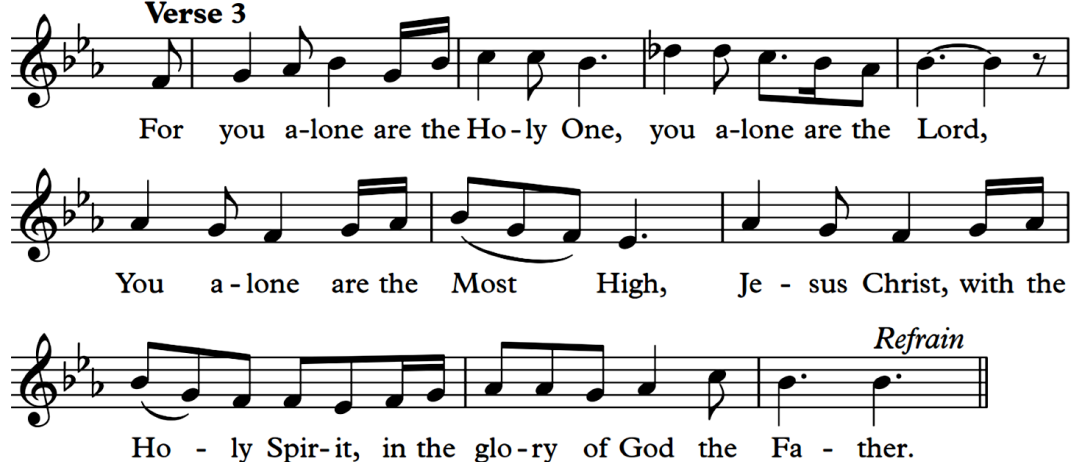
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we
Refrain
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Verse 2



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
Refrain
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

Verse 3



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
Refrain
Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Nate Preisinger

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Charlie Gray Carpenter - Born: October 14, 2023

Oliver Thor Carpenter - Born: October 7, 2025

Parents: Jack and Leesa Carpenter

We gather at these living waters. Throughout history, God's saving action toward God's people has taken place through water. Let us pray:

Most Holy God, you created the seas, rivers, and lakes; you saved Noah and his family from the floods; you led the Israelites through the Red Sea and quenched their thirst with water flowing from a rock. Through the waters of the Jordan River, you proclaimed Jesus your own beloved son and so through these waters of baptism, you proclaim that we, too, are your own beloved children, now and forever. Amen.

Parents, do you wish Charlie and Oliver to be baptized into the promises of God?

R: I do.

We make promises and assume responsibilities at baptism. God promises us unconditional love and life forever, and we know that our journey of faith encompasses certain promises so that our lives reflect this love.

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

R: I do.

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

R: We do.

Baptism: Charlie Gray / Oliver Thor, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer: God of new life, sustain Charlie / Oliver with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing: Charlie Gray / Oliver Thor, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven.

Let us welcome our new siblings in Christ!

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a member of the body of Christ, child of God's kingdom on earth and in heaven.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Deacon Debra Alba, Kate Souther

✠ 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

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we
go? For you have the words, you have the words, the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

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

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW #714



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.
 Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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 ✠

ABUNDANTLY BETHANY

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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- ◆ **Veteran Servant Corps Project: TODAY**
- ◆ **Bethany Outdoor Adventure: July 9**

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)
- Unlock your phone, hold near **NFC card** (on pew back), and wait for the notification to appear
- **On Sundays**, drop your offering in the silver plates as they are passed.



OFFERING MUSIC

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

Koren Holden, Scott Nixon

Some bright morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.

To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh, Glory, I'll fly away, in the morning.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by. I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.

Like a bird from these prison walls, I'll fly. I'll fly away.

Oh, how glad and happy when we meet, I'll fly away.

No more cold iron shackles on my feet. I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away.

To a land where joys will never end. I'll fly away.

CHILDREN RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY

✠ MEAL ✠

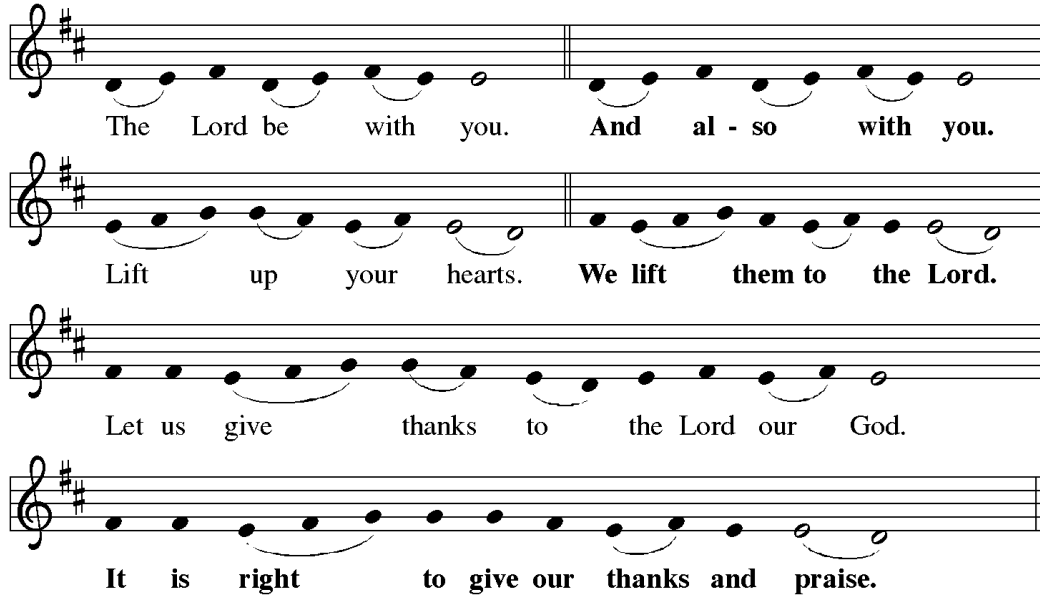
PRAYERS

Deacon Debra Alba

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Nate Preisinger

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, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

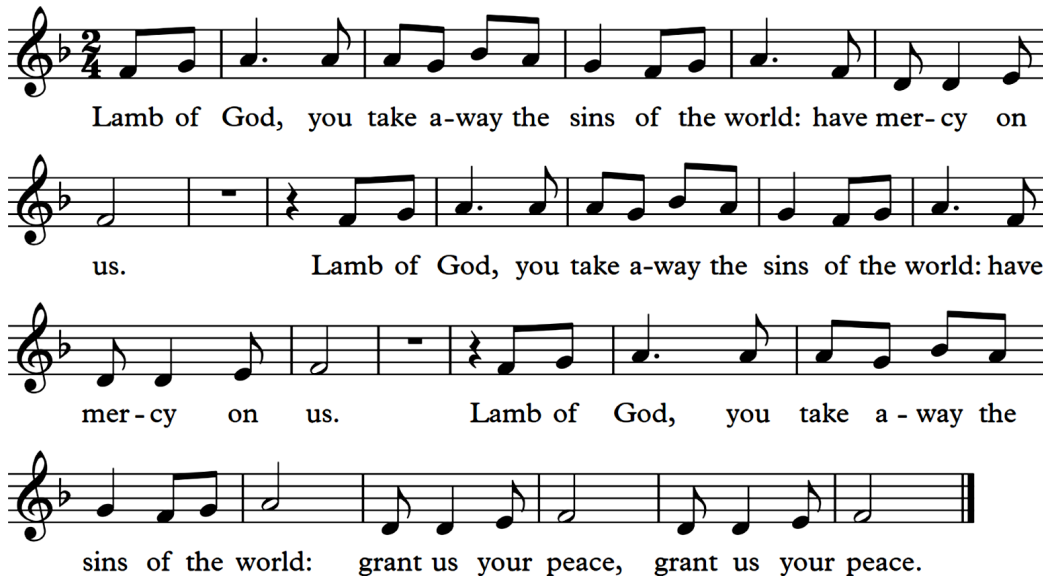
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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 sins of the world: have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Koren Holden, Scott Nixon

Give Me Jesus

arr. The Grascals

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.*

COMMUNION HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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TABLE BLESSING

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

Pastor Nate Preisinger

SENDING HYMN

Bind Us Together

WOV #748

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

Refrain
F Dm Gm

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C⁷ F F

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Dm Gm C F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam - ly of God. You are the prom - ise di - vine.

F C⁷ F F C⁷ F *Refrain* B^b/C

There . . is on - ly one Bod - y; that . . is why we can sing;
You are God's cho - sen de - sire, you are the glo - rious new wine.

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

Trumpet Tune

Charles Callahan

Things To Know About News & Events

- ◆ **Summer Food Drive:** Every Sunday through Sep 6 we'll collect food to support the IFCS no-cost food market. **TODAY** please bring macaroni & cheese. For **Jul 5 - 26** bring cereal. 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.
- ◆ **Adult Education:** **TODAY** 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**.
- ◆ **Adult Bible Study:** Pastor Gary will lead a Bible study after worship **Sunday, Jul 12**, 10:20am in Room 210 - Hidden Growth, How Jesus used Seeds in Parables.
- ◆ **Women of Bethany (WOB) Fellowship:** **Saturday, Jul 18**, 4:30pm. Sharon Boell has graciously offered her beautiful back yard. Please bring either a salad or appetizer. Dessert and drinks are covered. If you have not yet had a chance to join, please know that everyone is welcome and sign-ups are online!
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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.