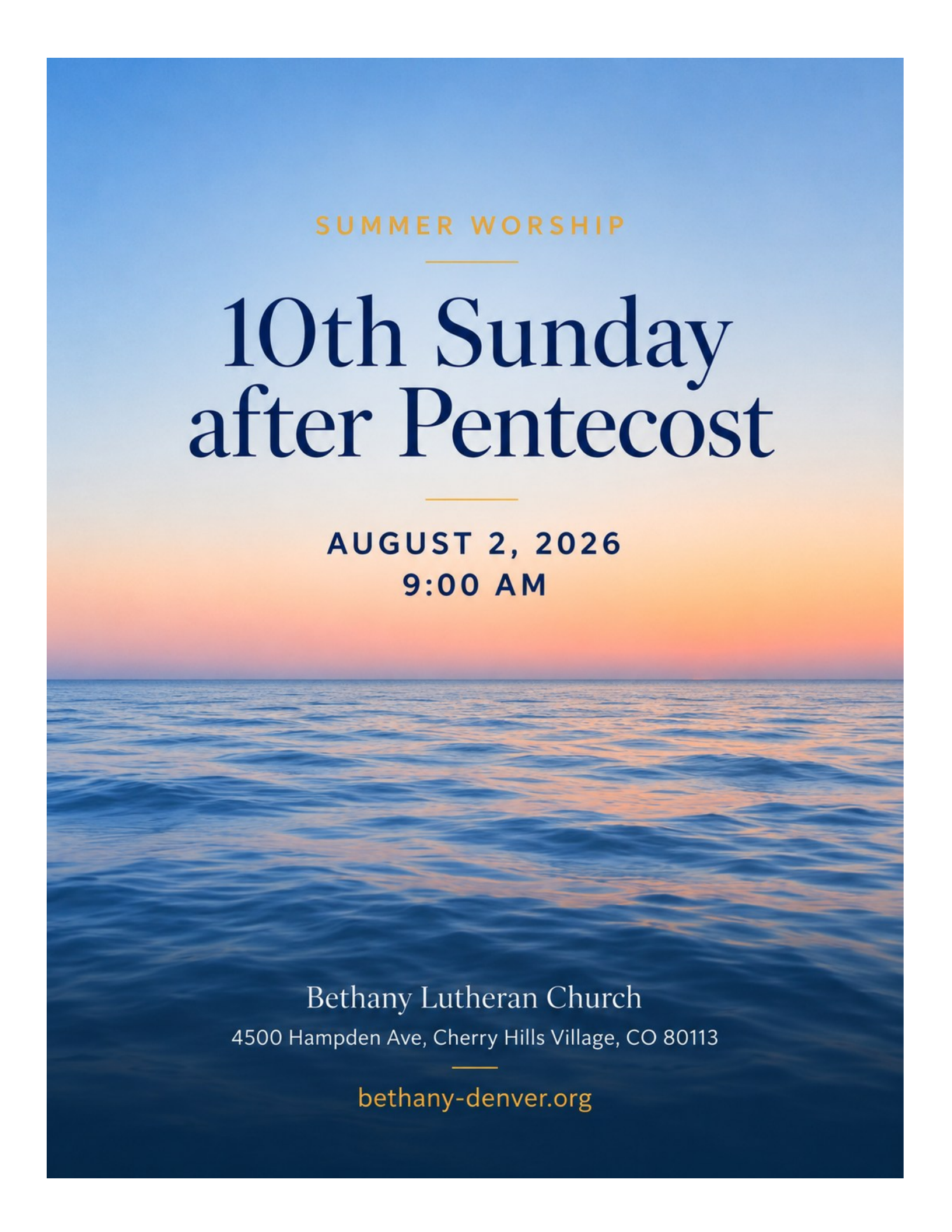




SUMMER WORSHIP

10th Sunday after Pentecost

AUGUST 2, 2026
9:00 AM

Bethany Lutheran Church

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+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS +

Prelude

Dr. Dave Ellison, guest organist

Postlude

Norberto Guinaldo

Welcome to Worship

Deacon Debra Alba

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 musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, including a long note for 'ness' and a measure rest for 'and'. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, including a measure rest for 'you' and a final cadence for 'ia'.

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 not always lived with love.

We have said things that caused harm.

We have stayed silent when our voices were needed.

We have acted out of fear, pride, anger, and selfishness.

We have ignored the needs of our neighbors and taken your goodness for granted.

Forgive us.

Open our hearts again and turn us toward mercy, courage, and compassion.

Lead us in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

Dear friends, God does not meet us with shame. God does not hold our failures over us.

God meets us with mercy. And so that means that your sin is not the final word. God's grace is.

So receive this gift: you are forgiven, loved, and made new in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Song

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.



Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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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

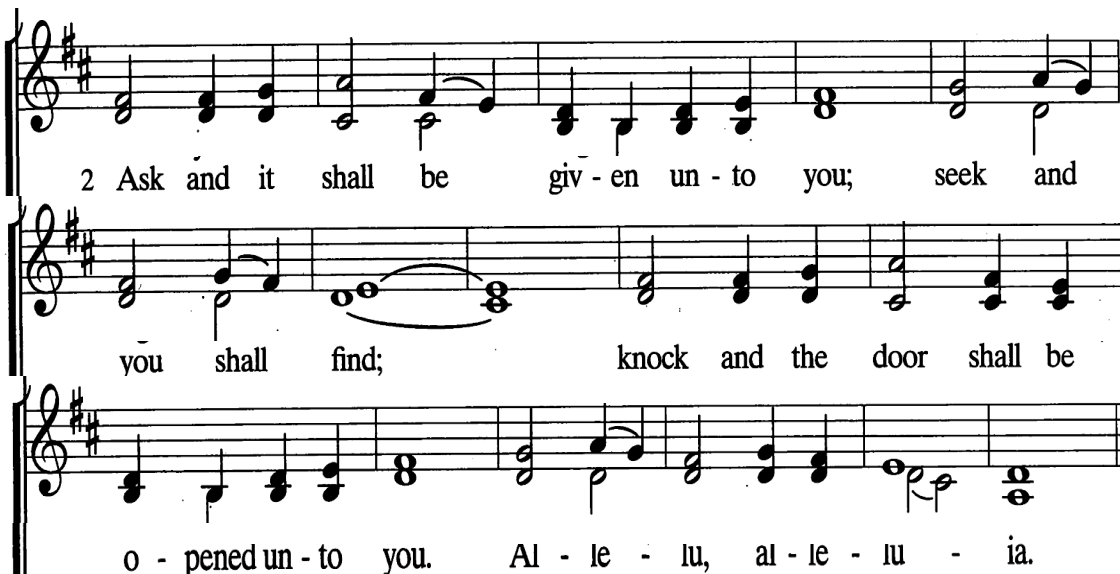
Glorious God,

**your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.
Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill
all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

WOV 782



+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

Isaiah 55:1-5

Werner Boos

- ¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread
and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

Matthew 14:13-21

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

¹³ Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷ They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸ And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Sermon Notes



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

A Statement of Our Faith (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 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.

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Offering Music

Chorale (from "Finlandia")

Dr. Dave & Cindi Ellison, organ & piano

Jean Sibelius arr. by Martha Powell Setchell

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

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

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

On Eagle's Wings

Michael Joncas

Dr. Dave & Cindi Ellison

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"
And He will raise you up on eagles' wings. Bear you on the breath of dawn.
Make you to shine like the sun. And hold you in the palm of His hand.
The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield
You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day.
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come
For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways.
Upon their hands they will bear you up lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of His hand

Communion Song

What Feast of Love

ELW 487



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Table Blessing

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

Sending Invitation and Blessing

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Song of Sending

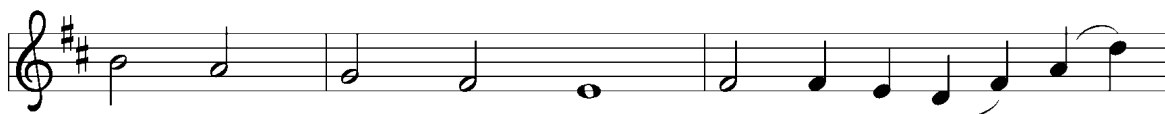
Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

ELW 848

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



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Dismissal

Pastor Gary Sandberg

As we go forth into the week ahead we remember our calling as the people of Bethany.

Together we will:

Worship and encounter a God who loves us;

Embrace healthy dialogue that promotes unity over division;

Respond to the needs of the world through generosity and action.

With this as our mission, go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

Dr. Dave Ellison, guest organist

Things To Know About News & Events

- ◆ **Congregation Picnic:** Please come to an early BBQ lunch right after the 9:00am service **TODAY!** We'll enjoy fried chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs and extras in celebration of Colorado's 150th and the US' 250th!
- ◆ **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 (10:15am - 11:00am) the service **TODAY** and **Wednesday, Sep 2** (4:30pm-6:30pm). Can't make it? Send individual head shot photos to Directory@Bethany-Denver.org.
- ◆ **Nametags are in!:** If you ordered a nametag in the recent past, come to the Mission Center desk and see if yours is here!
- ◆ Last Sunday we took time to thank Sarah Hulslander for her ministry with the people of Bethany as she moves into retirement. **TODAY** we still have a card available in the Fellowship Hall for you to sign, and a basket if you would like to bring a card for Sarah. These will be presented to her on her last day in the office, **Aug 4**.
- ◆ **Summer Food Drive:** During the last month of our summer food drive (**Aug 2 - Sep 6**), we're collecting canned tuna and chicken, along with any other food items you'd like to donate. They can always use 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.
- ◆ **Whiz Kids Tutoring:** Interested in tutoring and mentoring elementary students? Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, Aug 16** and talk with a representative from Whiz Kids! Help local students build confidence, improve their reading skills, and experience the encouragement of a caring adult. As a tutor, you'll not only help a student grow in learning but also demonstrate Christ's love through your time, encouragement, and friendship.
- ◆ **Vitalant Blood Drive:** Bethany will host a blood drive for Vitalant on **Wednesday, Aug 19**, in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00am-1:00pm. 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 at Janet@Bethany-Denver.org.
- ◆ **Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver volunteers needed:** **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.
- ◆ **Walk To End Alzheimer's:** Please join the Bethany Walkers Group at this year's Walk on **Sep 19** to raise research funds to wipe out this horrible disease. Either meet at 8:30am at Denver City Park behind the Museum of Natural History on the lawn across from the Check-in booth or in the Bethany Church East parking lot to carpool at 8:00am. Please register and donate to our Bethany Walkers team page at <http://tinyurl.com/AlzheimersWalk26>



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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 Nursery, please speak with an Usher. It will not be staffed today but you are welcome to use it with your child.