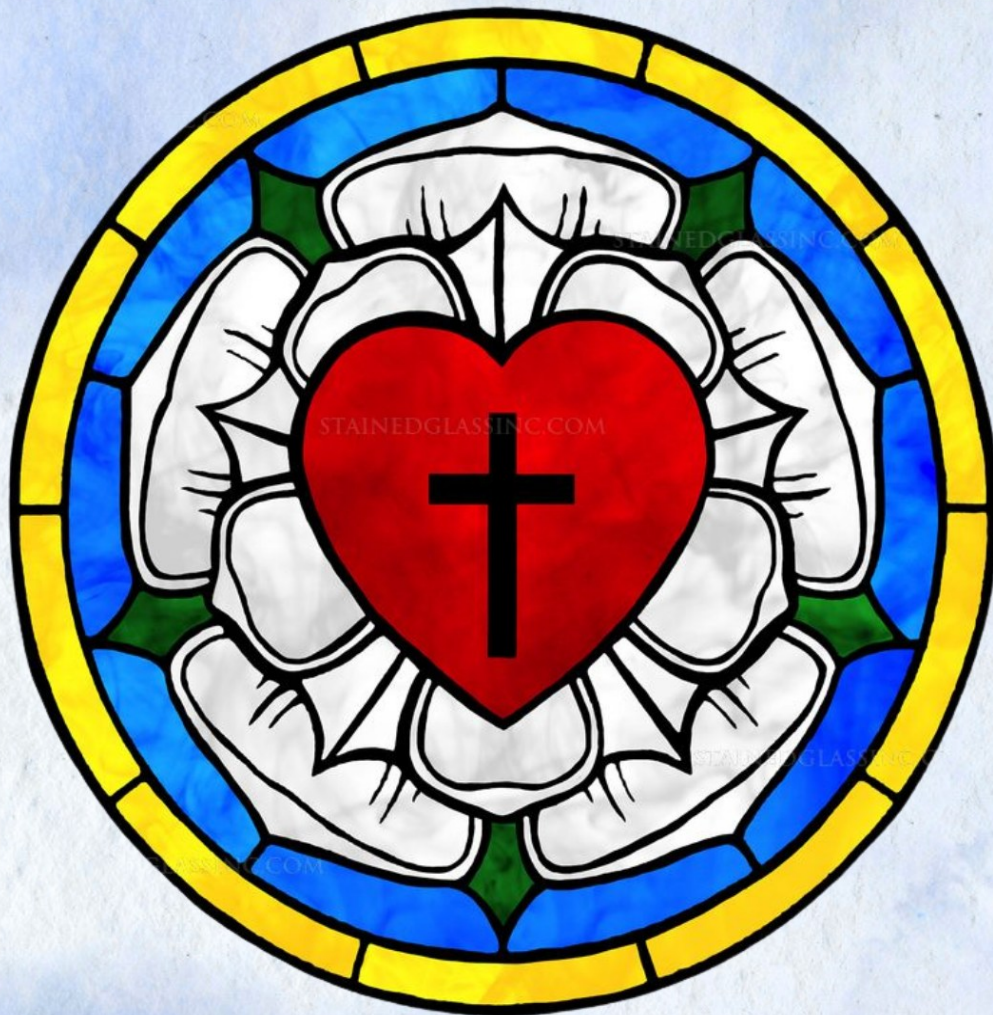


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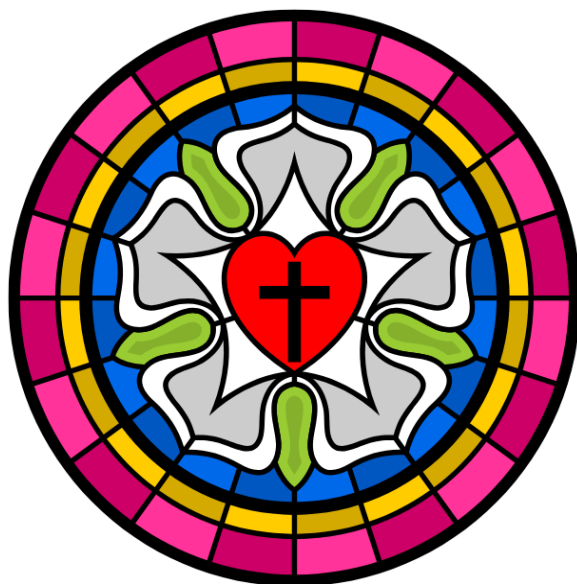
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+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS +

Prelude

Sonata in G Major

Ludwig van Beethoven


Welcome to Worship

Deacon Debra Alba

Song of Praise

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821



My Je-sus, my Sav-ior, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days

I want to praise the won-ders of your might - y love.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj-es-ty, praise to the King.

Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands; for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev -

- er I'll stand. Noth-ing com-pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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.

Forgiveness of Sins (from Luther's sermon in 1533)

Your sins are forgiven unto you! Wonder of wonders to every God-fearing person and something for which to thank God from the bottom of your hearts, because God has given such power unto people! It truly is a mighty power when one Christian can say to another, Dear friend, be unafraid, God is gracious to you; only believe what God promises, as I declare it to you in Jesus' name, for it is as valid as if God were saying it directly to you, Your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

You are invited to face the cross as it enters.



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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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

Gracious God,

through the sacraments you provide the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Instill within us sacramental lives, that we may live ever more deeply into this way of life. Through Jesus Christ, the giver of salvation, Amen.

Children's Sermon

Children's Worship



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;
let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.
Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev -
- er I'll stand. Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Annell Weissenbuehler

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Sermon Notes

Song of the Day

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

ELW 451

1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,

that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;

And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain

we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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.

- ♦ **Holy Hammers Hustle for Habitat Fun Walk:** Saturday, Aug 2
- ♦ **Ecuador Mission Trip Pop Up:** Sunday, Aug 3
- ♦ **Bethany 'Sanctuary Approved' Mugs**

+ WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS +

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You can give in the following ways; Thank you for your gifts!

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- Sunday mornings, drop your offering in the silver plate at the doors as you exit



Offering Music

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Dan Forrest

Brian Stinar, tenor

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine. For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious redeemer, my savior art thou, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
In mansions of glory, and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

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.

This Sacrament is the Gospel: in full measure and beyond all measure. For here in the bread and wine you are given the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation all at once.

(from Large Catechism, Sacrament of the Altar §32)

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

Brian Stinar, tenor

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Dan Forrest

*The king of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing brought me.
And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

Communion Song

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er—in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
Music: O JESU, ÄN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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Table Blessing

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

Blessing for Vicky Daub - Churchwide Assembly

Blessing

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Song of Sending

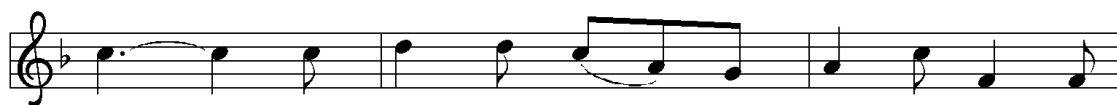
I Come with Joy

ELW 482

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



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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 in D

Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

Things To Know About News & Events

- ♦ **Food Collection:** In **July**, we'll collect peanut butter, jelly (all kinds), and crackers (all kinds) for the Integrated Family Community Services (IFCS) free food market. The 16 oz jars of peanut butter is preferable over larger containers, but any size is welcome. Bring your items to the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings all of July. Cash donations can be made using the Give button on Bethany's website.
- ♦ **Breakfast with the Bible:** This is a weekly Bible study Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00am in the church Library. For the summer, Vicky Daub and Clara O'Connell are facilitating this Bible study. All are welcome!
- ♦ **Holy Hammers Hustle for Habitat Fun Walk: Saturday, Aug 2**, anytime from 9:00 AM to Noon. Get some exercise with family and friends while raising money for Holy Hammers' sponsorship of the construction of a Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver home at Augustana Lutheran, by taking part in a 5K (3 miles) Fun Walk at Cottonwood Park West in Parker. Children under age 5 free, special pricing for children ages 5 to 12, ages 13 to 18, and a discount for families who register all together. To register for the Fun Walk and/or make a donation, please go to the following site: <https://runsignup.com/Race/CO/Parker/HolyHammersHustleforHumanity>. Contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com for information or questions.
- ♦ **Ecuador Mission Trip Pop Up: Sunday, Aug 3**, 10:20-11:30am in the Chapel. Join the Ecuador Mission Team as they share pictures and talk about all they learned working alongside Rescate Mission in Ecuador!
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver/Holy Hammers:** Go to the Holy Hammers Volunteer Hub to register - <https://vhub.at/HolyHammers>. No prior construction experience necessary. **Saturdays, Aug 9**, and **Sept 20** at Augustana Homes (5088 E Dakota Ave, Denver, CO, 80246) from 7:50am-3:30pm. Volunteers must be 16+. Please contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com with questions or for more information.
- ♦ **Whiz Kids Tutors needed:** At Whiz Kids we empower everyday people to influence the course of a child's life. Whiz Kids offers one-to-one tutoring, positive mentoring relationships and spiritual nurture to students below the literacy and poverty lines with the Spirit of Christ. We need 5 more tutors this year. Meets Monday nights from Oct-Apr for 1.5 hours each week at Bethany. We need you! Stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall on **Aug 10** to learn more.
- ♦ **Family Promise:** Bethany will participate again in Family Promise at Christ the Savior Lutheran Church in Aurora the week of **Aug 17-23**. Family Promise provides shelter, food and job-hunting assistance for homeless families in the Denver Metro Area. Please consider volunteering as a van driver, an overnight host, or helping with dinner the night of Aug 17. For more information, please call Jean Scott at 303-756-2106.
- ♦ **Vitalant Blood Drive:** Vitalant will be here for a blood drive on Wednesday, **Aug 20**, from 10:00am-2:00pm, in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment, please either call Vitalant at 303-363-2300 or visit www.vitalant.org and use site code 0377. If you have any questions, please email Janet Mortinsen at janet@bethany-denver.org. Thank you in advance!
- ♦ **Minding Your Balance class: Tuesdays, Sept 2 - 30**, 1:00pm-2:15pm, Room 412. Good balance is necessary for daily activities which is essential to maintaining independence. There are steps you can take to improve and maintain balance. Susan Chandler from Denver Ki-Aikido will be offering a 5 week "Minding Your Balance" series at Bethany. Cost for the series is \$75. Susan utilizes an approach that looks at the relationship of mind and emotion and their influence on balance. Space is limited so please sign up online at www.bethany-denver.org at the Bethany News Link by Aug 26. **Please plan to pay the instructor directly at the first class.** For questions, contact Janet Mortinsen at Janet@Bethany-Denver.org.
- ♦ **Bethany Foundation scholarships** available to students attending Lutheran colleges. Lutheran colleges offer a smaller class size, like minded students and staff who serve as mentors helping students grow in faith and education. Consider a Lutheran college for your higher education. Send questions to Office@Bethany-Denver.org.
- ♦ **Bethany Mugs:** Want a "Sanctuary-approved" coffee mug? You can purchase one for \$15 at the Mission Center desk!

For more information and to see other announcements, please sign up for the email blasts by contacting the office - 303.758.2820, or visit www.Bethany-Denver.org/Bethany-news/

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.
- ♦ **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. You are welcome to use it with your child.

