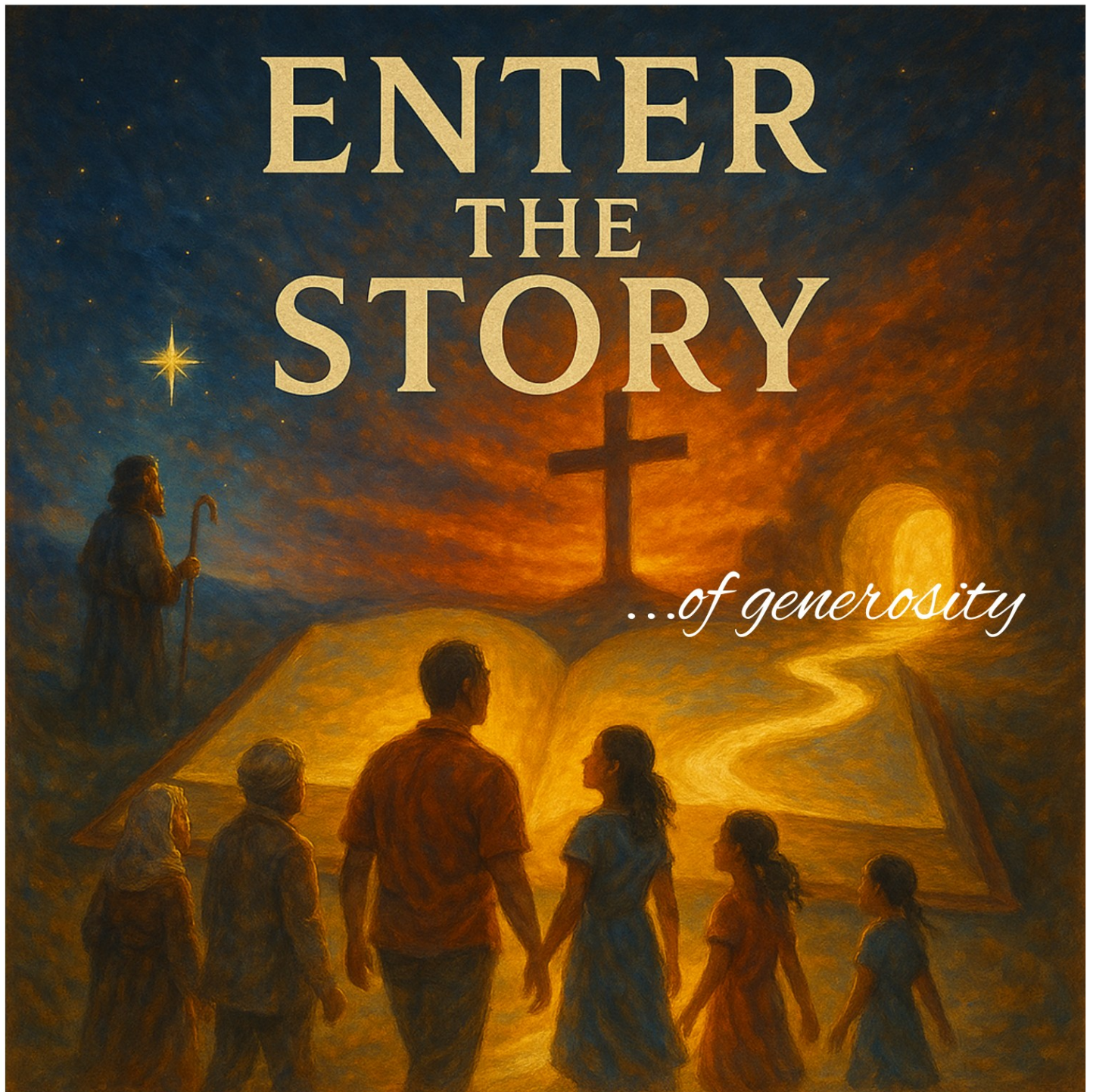


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10:00AM SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



WEDNESDAY NIGHT

at Bethany

5:15 – 6:15PM	Dinner	Fellowship Hall
<u>Faith Formation Programming Begins!</u>		
5:15 – 6:15PM	Deborah Circle: Women's Group	Library
6:00 – 6:25PM	Faith in Motion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Choir • ReBELLion Youth Bell Choir • High Energy games 	Choir -314 Bells -316 Great Hall
6:00 – 6:50PM	Adult Ed: Bible Study	Chapel
6:30 – 7:15PM	Parents Group	Room 400
6:30 – 7:15PM	Spark Nite: Preschool 3-4 year olds	Nursery
6:30 – 7:15PM	Spark Nite: Elementary Kindergarten – 5 th Grade	Room 403
7:15PM	Pick Up and Sign Out: PreSchool-5th Grade	Classrooms
6:30 – 7:30PM	Confirmation: 6th-8th Grade	Great Hall
6:30 – 7:30PM	Youth Group: High School	Soul Schopp
6:45 – 8:30PM	Carillons Adult Bell Choir	Room 315/316
7:00 – 9:00PM	Chancel Adult Choir	Room 312

+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS +

Gathering Music

Partita on “St. Denio”

Austin Lovelace

Welcome to Worship

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

Pastor Nate Preisinger



Song of Praise

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

A Time of Confession

Gracious God,

We admit that we have fallen short. In what we have said and done, and in what we have left undone, we have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. We have carried worries, guilt, and burdens that we struggle to release. We confess these to you now, trusting in your mercy. Forgive us, God. Lighten our load and guide us into a new way of living. Amen.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, hear this good news. God is merciful and full of love. Through Jesus, your sins are forgiven and your burdens are lifted. You are set free to walk in God's grace and to live in the joy of the resurrection. **Amen.**

Opening Song

Immortal, Invisible, God Only wise

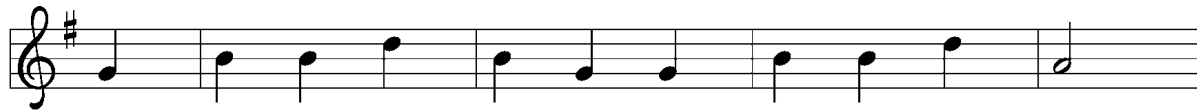
ELW 834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in night;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

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

O God,

rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Worship

We Prepare to Hear God's Word

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gretchen Hack

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Luke 16:19-31

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

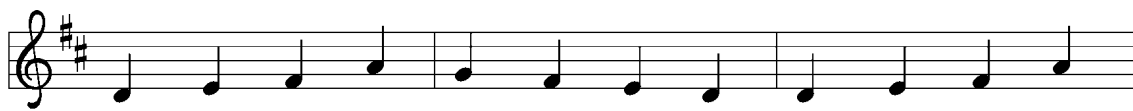
Jesus said: ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

Sermon

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Sermon Notes



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953
 Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard
 Text and music © 1977 Scripture In Song (c/o Integrity's Hosanna Music)/ASCAP,
 c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Coady Road, Mobile AL 36695.

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.

Abundantly Bethany

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

- **Bethany Discipleship Class:** sign up extended to Wednesday, Oct 1
- **Blessing of the Pets:** Sunday, Oct 5
- **Confirmation Projects**

+ 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 at the doors as you exit



Offering Music

Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns

Lead On, O King Eternal

Henry T. Smart, arr. Cathy Moglebust

Children Return to the Sanctuary

+ THE COMMUNITY MEAL +

Invitation to The Communion Table

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Celebration of Holy Communion

Jesus shared meals with friends and strangers, turning ordinary tables into signs of God's kingdom.

We remember his welcome, and we come to be fed.

The story of God's love is told in bread and wine, in friendship and forgiveness.

We are part of this story today.

We come as those before us came, hungry for hope and longing to be made whole.

This is God's story. This is our story.

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

Ancient Fanfare

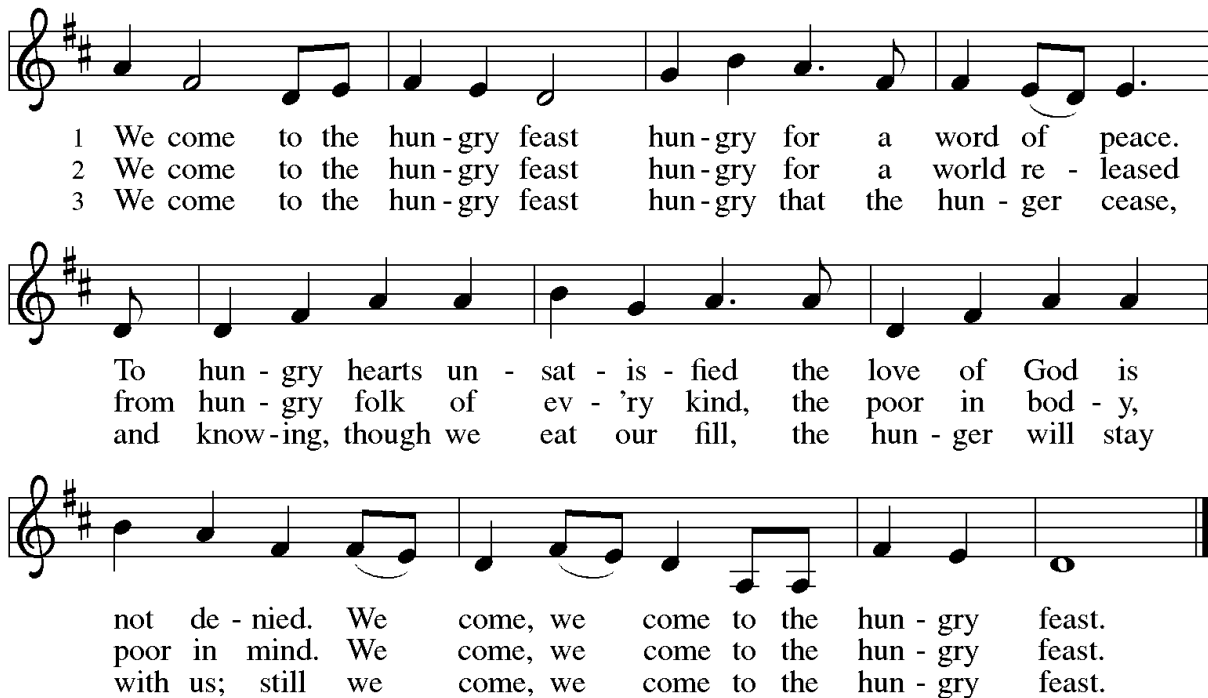
Kevin McChesney

Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns

Communion Song

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.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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Table Blessing

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

Sending Invitation and Blessing

Pastor Gary Sandberg

Song of Sending

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

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



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 on “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Paul Fey

Things To Know About - News & Events

- ♦ **Ministry Fair!** Get involved in something new at Bethany this fall! **TODAY** after both worship services, we will have information in the Fellowship Hall about all of Bethany's ministry offerings. Come talk with representatives from a new group or ministry and sign up to get connected right away.
- ♦ **Pet Blessing Sunday** is the perfect Sunday to invite a friend (and their pet) to worship! **Sunday, Oct 5** the 10:00am service will be our annual pet blessing worship service! Bring your furry family members for a special blessing from a member of the pastoral team. Submit your pet photos by Noon **TODAY** at the Bethany News webpage!
Please Note: All pets must be safely secured by leash or carrier.
- ♦ **Bethany Discipleship Class: Living Faith** For a group of 12-20 that can commit to the program year. Explore seven practices of discipleship. Each practice will take 3 weeks as we Learn/Experience/Share together. Sign up on the Bethany Connect app by **Wednesday, Oct 1**. For more details visit the 'News' page on the Bethany website.
- ♦ **For the Beauty of the Earth Mountain Outing: Saturday, Oct 4**, Staunton State Park. Meet at 7:45am at Bethany to carpool or at 8:45am at the park. Choose between 3 beautiful guided hikes at different levels. Register on the website at the link on the Bethany News article **by Oct 3**. You can find more information about the hikes there too. Once registered, Lizza Aalto will contact you via e-mail with additional details so you can sign up for the specific hike you prefer to take and to find out whether you wish to carpool from Bethany Lutheran Church or meet us at Staunton State Park.
- ♦ **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp's 18th Annual Grace Race on Saturday Oct 4!** This annual 5K run/walk was started as part of RTLCL's 50th anniversary in 2007, to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The event is held in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network. Over the last 18 years, RTLCL and the participants of Grace Race have contributed \$102,600 to battling world hunger. We are aiming for 200 participants for this year's race. This can be the second year that we top \$10,000 with the check that we send to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal!
- ♦ **Young Adult Lunch:** Are you between 19-35 years old and looking to connect with community at Bethany? Do you have ideas about what you would like to see in a young adult group at your church? Join Pastor Nate for a catered lunch on **Oct 5 at 11:20am** in Room 415/416 downstairs in the Youth Wing to help plan for the future of this group. Please RSVP on the Bethany Connect app **by Oct 3** so we know how much lunch to order.
- ♦ **Bethany Town Hall meeting: Sunday, Oct 12** at 11:20am in the Room 312 in the Music Wing. Topic: Fall 2025 highlights including staffing, finances, events and facility.
- ♦ **Project Angel Heart** is the Bethany ministry partner that provides medically tailored meals to persons with serious illnesses. The organization is holding its 24th annual Taste for Life **fundraiser on Oct 16** at the Infinity Park Events Center, 4400 E. Kentucky Avenue, Glendale from 6:00-9:00pm. For more information go to <https://www.projectangelheart.org/events/a-taste-for-life/>.
- ♦ **Quilt Blessing: Sunday, Oct 19.** This is an opportunity to for the congregation to see the quilts that have been made by Bethany Patchers in the past two years to benefit those served by Lutheran World Relief. There will also be vintage quilts and baby quilts for sale in Fellowship Hall after each service to help defray the cost of creating each quilt.
- ♦ **Understanding Your Grief Support Group:** Bethany will be offering a 7-week grief support group based on the book, "Understanding Your Grief" by Dr. Alan Wolfelt co-facilitated by Janet Mortinsen, Director of Pastoral Care, and Susan Junge, Stephen Minister and congregational member. The group will meet in the library on **Sundays Oct 19 – Nov 23 and Dec 7 from 11:15am – 12:45pm**. To register for this class or for more information, please contact Janet Mortinsen at janet@bethany-denver.org or call 303-300-3317.

- ♦ **Lord's Prayer Milestone:** 3rd - 5th graders, Sunday, Oct 19, from 11:20am-1:30pm, Great Hall. Children and their adult caregivers are invited to enjoy lunch together and to participate in engaging and creative cross-generational learning activities all focused on The Lord's Prayer. Sing up on the Bethany News webpage or the Bethany Connect app. This is the first of four Milestone activities Bethany will offer for children during this program year. Go to Bethany-Denver.org/Children for more information on Bethany's Milestone Ministry or contact Deacon Debra Alba at Debra@Bethany-Denver.org for more information.
- ♦ **Bethany's Global Mission Ministry Team:** Funds have been awarded to eight international partners and the team hopes to do even more this year as we share God's generosity. If you know an international church, program, or project to recommend, including efforts like the Youth in Global Mission initiative, we're accepting letters of introduction now. Please contact Deacon Debra at Debra@Bethany-Denver.org **by Oct 31**. Consider joining the team—you're needed!
- ♦ **Breakfast help needed:** Does your family or group like to cook? Does your family or group like to serve others? We are looking for interested people/families to help host a breakfast now and then for the Bethany Community. Please contact Gayle Newell at Gayle@Bethany-Denver.org or 303-758-2820.
- ♦ **Bethany has an App!** The new Bethany Connect App features sermons, music, devotionals, meditations, and much, much more with new features added all the time! Download the Bethany Connect App in the Google Play or Apple App store.
- ♦ **REMINDER:** If you haven't already, please transition your recurring gift from Realm to Subsplash. If you need any assistance, please reach out to Josh Ehlers (Accountant) or Diane McAllen (Gifts Processor). Thank you all so much for your help with this transition!
- ♦ **Nametags are in!:** Look for yours at the Mission Center desk today!

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/



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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 Nursery, please speak with an usher. The Nursery will not be staffed during our 10:00am service but you are welcome to use it with your child.

Today's flowers were given anonymously.