

# BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Easter 7



8:30am

May 12, 2024

## 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.
- ◆ **Pastor Gary** is on Sabbatical until July 14. Pray for his and Karen's rest and renewal.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ **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](http://www.signupschedule.com/Bethany) to sign up!
- ◆ **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.
  - ⇒ **Staffed Nursery:** For directions to our Nursery, staffed by Ms. Michele, a Licensed Elementary Teacher with a specialization in Early Childhood Education, please speak with an usher.
  - ⇒ **Infant Nursing Nook:** There is an infant nursing nook outside the Chapel.

The flowers in front of the pulpit were given by Matthew and Dean Kersten-Gray in celebration of their 5th anniversary and in honor of their mothers.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

*Chimes will sound to indicate the beginning of worship*

**PRELUDE**

How Firm a Foundation

Robert A. Hobby

**WELCOME**

*Pastor Nate Preisinger*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

God our parent, we thank you for these waters where you make us new,

**leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.**

We bless you, God of Love, that your Spirit comes to us in the life-filled waters of rebirth

**like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls.**

Empower your church to be a place where love overcomes all hate.

**Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.**

Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

**United us in your love and make us one, risen Christ.**

Fill our hearts with love for our neighbors.

**Forgive us, Renew us, and Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

## As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522

*You are invited to turn and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.*

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***Vicky Daub*

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.**

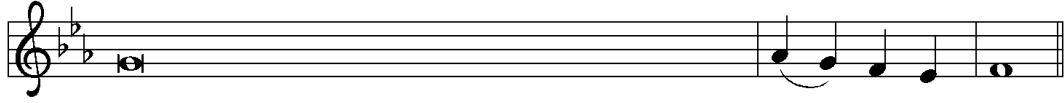
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



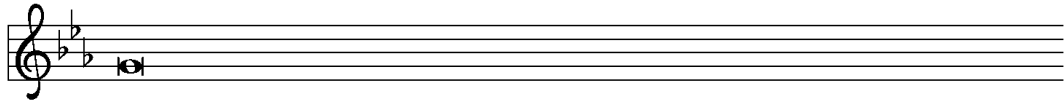
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



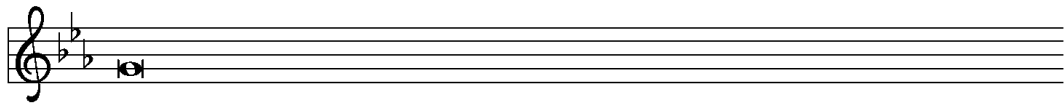
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on  
earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glo - ry. 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 seat - ed at the right hand of the  
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 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 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962  
Music © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# ✠ Word ✠

## LESSON

Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,  
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

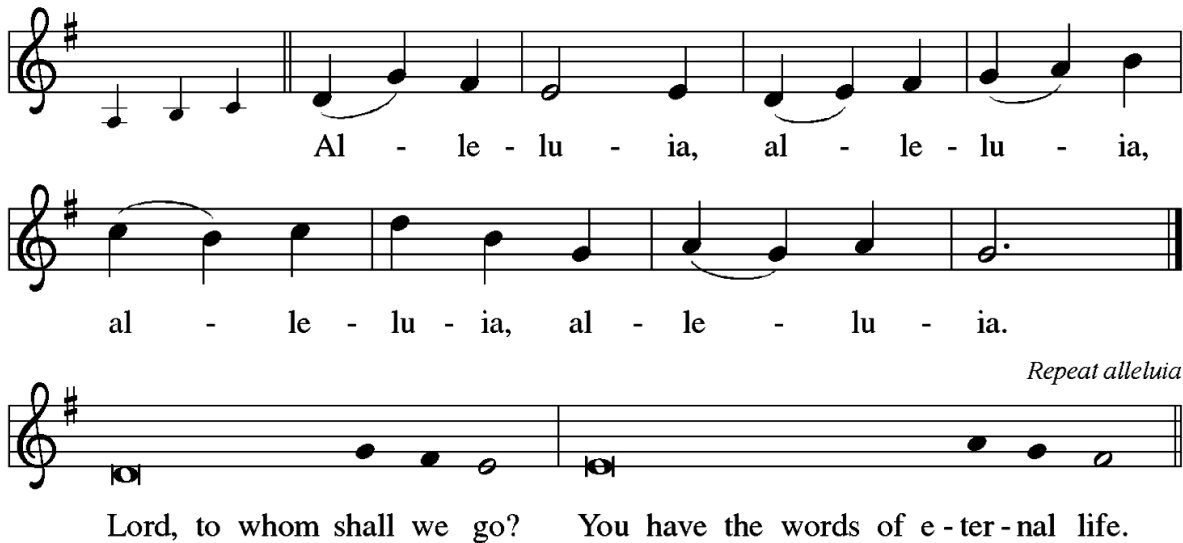
<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

# GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

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

Jesus prayed: <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

# SERMON

*Pastor Nate Preisinger*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

ELW #403



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Vicky Daub

**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

### 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


*Executive Council*

*To fill out your digital connection card, go to [www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect](http://www.tinyurl.com/BethanyConnect).*

- ◆ Welcome new worshippers!
- ◆ Lutheran Family Services baby baskets drive: TODAY & May 19
- ◆ Bethany Outside Clean Up Day: May 18
- ◆ Scout Sunday & pancake breakfast: May 19
- ◆ Summer worship: Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 9:00am

### OFFERING

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

- On our **website**, find the giving button in the header or under the Get Involved tab at **Bethany-Denver.org**
- Through the **Bethany Connect App/Realm**
- 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)
- If you attend in-person on Sunday, drop your offering in the silver plate at the doors as you exit

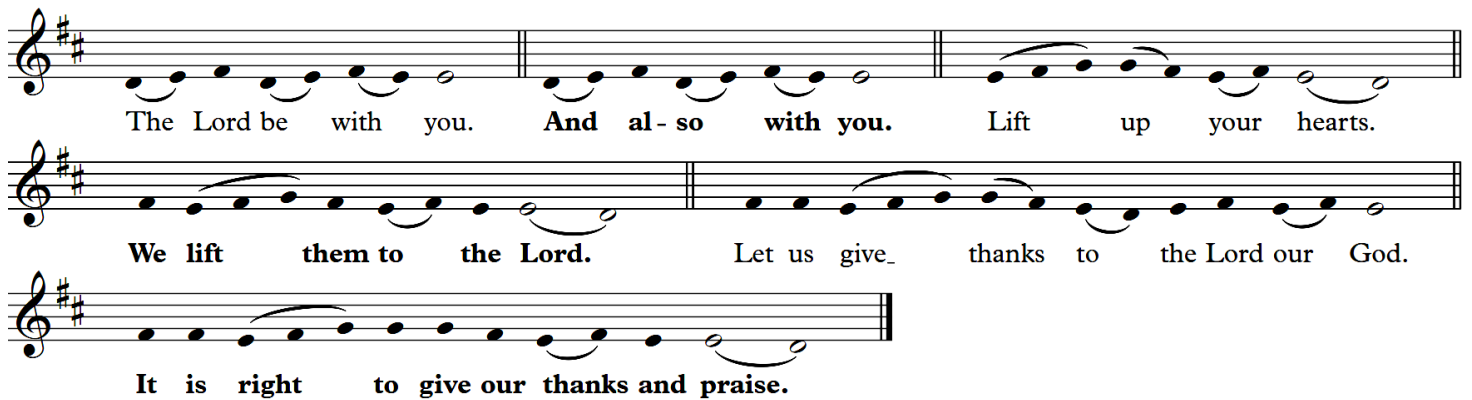
*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.  
When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

## ✠ Meal ✠

### WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Nate Preisinger

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

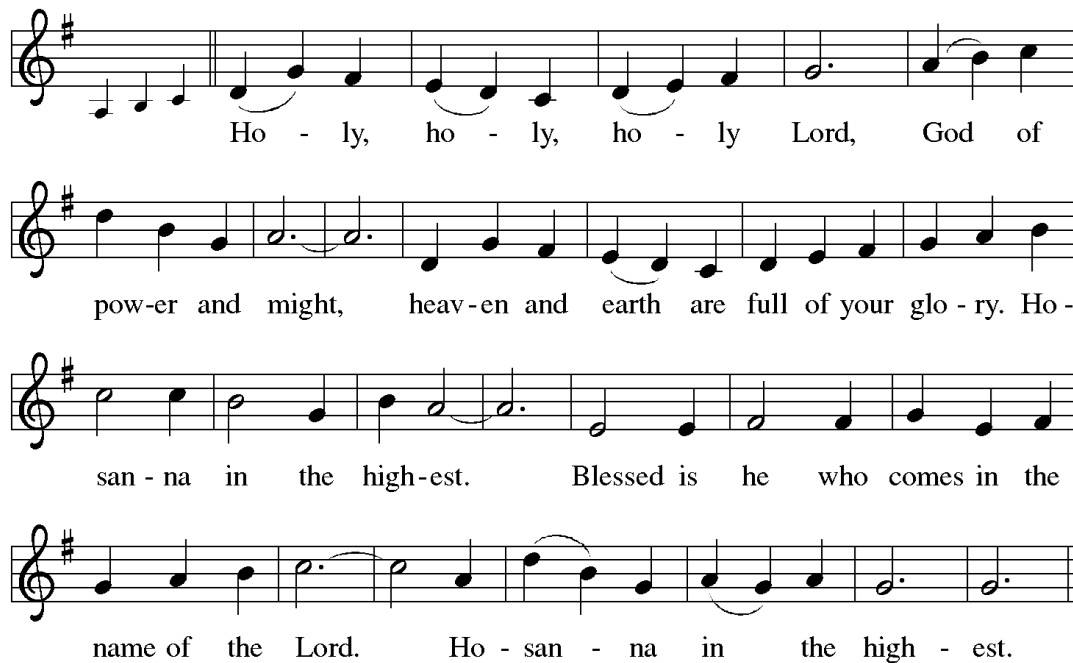


The Lord be with you. **And al- so with you.** Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### 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 in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

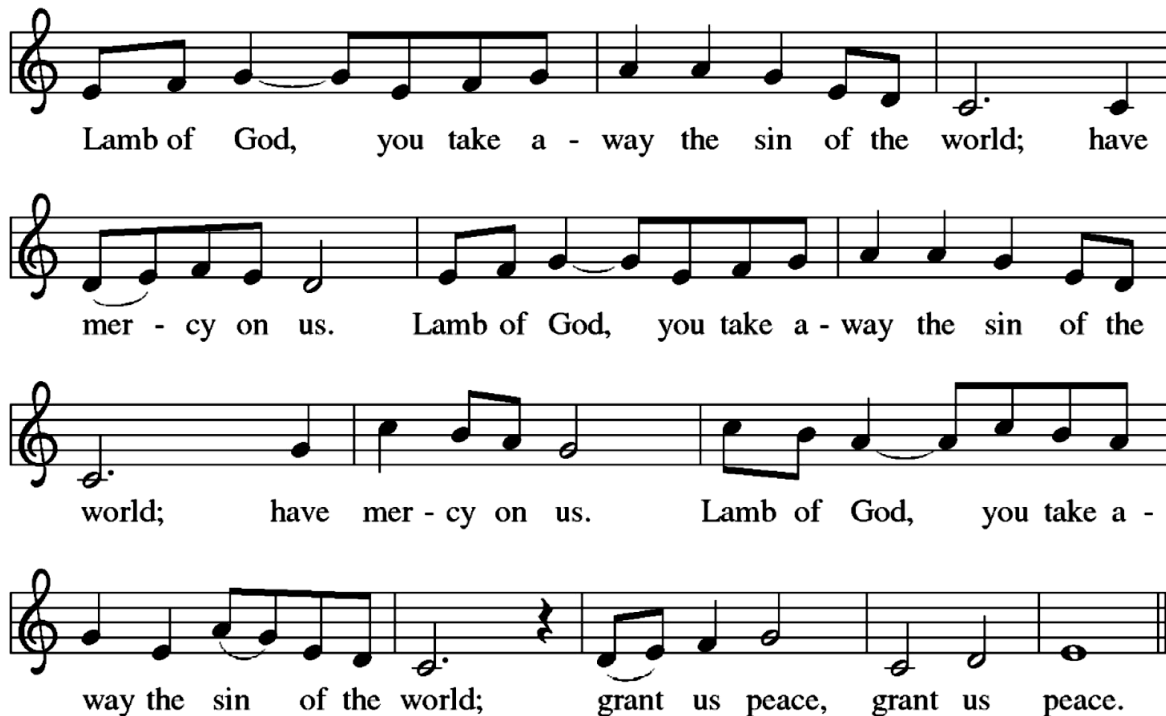
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

*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 via intinction, 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.*

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Alice Parker

*Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall. Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

### TABLE BLESSING

# ✠ Sending ✠

**BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Nate Preisinger*

**SENDING HYMN**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855

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



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4  
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

**DISMISSAL**

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**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Rick Seaton

## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NEWS & EVENTS

- ◆ **Lutheran Family Services Mother's Day Baby Baskets:** Join the Outreach Ministry Team and support refugee mothers and their newborns as you bring any or all of the following to Bethany TODAY or May 19! Sippy Cups, Diapers (bigger sizes), Crib Sheets, Baby Care Kits, Hygiene Items for Baby and Mom. Or use the Give tab on the Bethany website and drop-down box "Baby Baskets LFS" to make a direct donation.
- ◆ **Global Mission Ministry Team:** What are Lutherans in Estonia praying for? They want to keep rebuilding Christ's church after its near-decimation under Soviet occupation! And they want us to hear how we're helping. You are invited to join Bethany's Global Mission Ministry Team on May 14 at 7:30pm in Room 210 as Matthias Haamer, great-grandson of Pastor Harri Haamer, relates their mission at Tartu Academy of Theology and Home of Hope Bible School in Tartu, Estonia.
- ◆ **Bethany Spring Outdoor Clean Up:** Saturday, May 18, 9:00am - 12:00pm. We'll be raking, pulling weeds, trimming and cleaning up the outside church grounds. Bring gloves and any gardening tools you'd like to use. There will be coffee and breakfast burritos provided for the crew! Be sure to sign up at [signupschedule.com/Bethany](http://signupschedule.com/Bethany) so we know how many workers to expect. THANK YOU!
- ◆ **Holy Hammers/Habitat:** Volunteer opportunities: Saturday, May 18 at Mountain View Homes (2101 S Joliet St, Aurora, 80014) 8:50am-4:30pm. Sign up at <http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/>.
- ◆ **Scout Sunday pancake breakfast:** Sunday, May 19, 9:15am - 11:30am. Everyone is invited! Have breakfast and help Bethany's Boy Scout Troop 712 raise funds for Troop activities including Winter Camping, Rock Climbing, Rafting, Mountain Biking, Backpacking, Summer Camp and High Adventure trips. Freewill offering.
- ◆ **Women of Bethany (WOB) Fellowship:** Dinner on Sunday, May 19, 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Sazón Modern Mexican and Latin Restaurant (9447 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, 80124) [sazonexperience.com](http://sazonexperience.com). At Sazón they are seating us in their private dining room which seats up to 40. They will also do individual checks too! We hope some of you who have not yet been able to join us during week day brunches and lunches will be able to join since this time we are getting together on a Sunday. RSVP to Lizza Aalto at [taalto@aol.com](mailto:taalto@aol.com) by May 17. Questions? Call Lizza (303)514-0668 or Marilyn Narveson (303)358-0305.
- ◆ **Rejoicing Spirits:** Sunday, May 19 (Pentecost Sunday!), at Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church 21755 E Smoky Hill Rd. Aurora, 80015 from 4:00-6:00pm for dinner and worship! Rejoicing Spirits is an inclusive worship space for people with cognitive and intellectual disabilities, their caregivers, families and anyone who seeks an open, joyful and creative worship experience. RSVP to [pastor@lordofthehills.org](mailto:pastor@lordofthehills.org).
- ◆ **Senior Ministries:** We're wrapping up Spring programming on May 21. We'll continue meeting through the summer focusing on board games and puzzles as community builders 9:30am-1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Chapel will be held once a month, time & dates TBD. Summer dates: 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20. Bring a brown bag lunch this summer or organize a smorgasbord to bring & share with friends.
- ◆ **Summer Worship Schedule:** Beginning Sunday, May 26 we go to one worship service, with Children's Church, at 9:00am with Community Time afterwards.
- ◆ **High School Graduation Milestone:** Sunday, May 26, 10:00am. In worship graduates will receive a grad blanket from Bethany to wrap yourself in and remind you of God's love and call and Families will have a special time of blessing. After worship, congregation will celebrate graduates with cake in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by May 19 to [kevin@bethany-denver.org](mailto:kevin@bethany-denver.org).
- ◆ **Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp work weekend:** May 31- Jun 2. Work typically includes landscaping, cabin maintenance, and painting. Cabins are available for lodging (bring your own bedding) and meals are included. Join in for all or part of the weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for the entire family! Contact Susan Pfabe-Wiggans ([susanpw4@gmail.com](mailto:susanpw4@gmail.com)) for more information. Sign up at [signupschedule.com/Bethany](http://signupschedule.com/Bethany).

- ◆ **Annual Meeting:** The meeting of Bethany Lutheran Church & the Bethany Foundation is scheduled for 10:00am on Sunday, Jun 9 in the Sanctuary. The items for voting will include the adopting of a budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the election of new Council members, Foundation members, and other elected positions. Members of the Council are holding a **Town Hall** meeting on Sunday, Jun 2 at 10:00am in the Chapel so that more extensive conversation can be held around these issues before the meeting.
- ◆ **Rainbow Trail Day Camp/Vacation Bible School:** A fun-filled week of Bible Study, Arts & Crafts, Recreation, Music and lots & lots of FUN! Ages: Preschool – 5th grade. Meets Monday – Thursday, Jun 24 - 28, 9:00am – 2:30pm and Friday 9:00 am - 11:30am with closing program at 11:30am. Preschool is 9:00am – 11:30am daily. Be sure to register as soon as possible so you don't miss out. <https://tinyurl.com/blcdaycamp>. Deadline is Jun 16. Questions? Contact Gayle Newell at 303-758-2820 or [Gayle@Bethany-Denver.org](mailto:Gayle@Bethany-Denver.org).
- ◆ **New Beginnings Prison Ministry:** New Beginnings is an ELCA Rocky Mountain supported ministry that meets inside Denver Women's Correctional Facility. New Beginnings affords an all-inclusive love of Christ. Everyone is welcome no matter who they choose to be. They are requesting help to purchase Bibles, communion kits, devotionals, and more. Please faithfully consider donating to this ministry by using the drop-down menu "New Beginnings Prison Ministry" in the Realm app.

**For more information and to see other announcements, please sign up for the weekly email by contacting the office - 303.758.2820, or visit [www.Bethany-Denver.org/Bethany-news/](http://www.Bethany-Denver.org/Bethany-news/)**

# BETHANY CAMPS!

## Day Camp VBS June 24-28

Experience camp on-campus at Bethany! Rainbow Trail Lutheran Bible Camp Staff and Bethany Youth help lead Bible studies, songs, arts and crafts, and games for children! Register Here:



## Art Camp July 15-18

Children ages 4 and up learn Bible stories and complete craft projects connected to the stories! On-campus at Bethany 9:00am-12:00pm each day. Register here:



## Sky Ranch Camp July 28-August 2

Join in for an unforgettable week at our camp immersed in the Roosevelt National Forest! All ages of children and youth register here using our code: 24BLC



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