

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT BETHANY'S 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.
- As we gather this morning, we acknowledge the **Cheyenne, Ute, and Očhéthi Šakówin** (oh-cheytee shah-koh-ween) tribes on whose lands we live and learn. We give gratitude to the indigenous peoples who nourished these lands, and who remain among us even today in the midst of the broken agreements that are mourned.
- 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 <u>always</u> welcome Worship Servants go to 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: 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.

+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS +

Prelude

Menuet gothique Conquering the Grave Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns Léon Boëllmann arr. by Craig Laumann

Welcome to Worship

Deacon Debra Alba

Opening

Holy Spirit, Come to Us



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ALL - sing refrain twice

Holy Creator, in the beginning your Spirit hovered over the waters.

In the wilderness, your Spirit appeared as a pillar of flame, leading the Israelites to the promised land.

Throughout the history of your chosen people, your Spirit guided many of the judges, prophets, and kings. And then, on that day of new beginnings in Jerusalem, your Spirit fell upon the disciples in wind and flame and moved them to acts of bold proclamation about all that Jesus Christ had done. Mighty God, we ask for you to send your Spirit to this gathering of disciples. Bless us, inspire us, transform us to be the church you desire.

Amen

ALL - sing refrain twice

Soloist - sings verse 1

ALL - sing refrain twice

Gathered then, by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us affirm our faith, the faith of the church, the faith that the Spirit inspires within us each and every day.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

ALL - sing refrain twice

Soloist - sings verse 2

ALL - sing refrain twice

Soloist - sings verse 3

ALL - sing refrain twice

Greeting Garth Englund III

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

Mighty God,

you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem Pentecost Fire Jayne Southwick Cool Jubilation Choir, dir. Laura Tribby

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were together.

They were gathered in an upper room, when there came a change in weather.

The rush of a mighty wind! They heard the rush of a mighty wind,

And the Spirit came down as tongues of fire.

When the day of Pentecost had come, with the giving of the Spirit, all the people were amazed at this, saying, "Neighbor, can't you hear it!"

To people around from every town, a miracle was shown.

They understood the words they heard in language of their own.

This miracle left the multitude bewildered and surprised. Three thousand souls were saved that day, forgiven and baptized. Now the day of Pentecost has come, and we join in celebration.

As the Holy Spirit fills us up, we rejoice in our salvation.

Like the rush of a mighty wind, we shout the works of our mighty God. As the Spirit comes down, our praise goes higher, we are set aflame by the Pentecost fire.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Julia Mary Yusas

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.

Julia, do you wish 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.

Julia, do you promise to: Live among God's faithful people, come to the Lord's table, learn the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, read the holy scriptures to nurture your faith and prayer life, so you will know and trust God? *R: I do.*

Sponsors, people of God, do you promise to support and pray for Julia's new life in Christ? R: **We do.**

Baptism: Julia Mary, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer: Sustain Julia 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: Julia Mary, 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 sibling 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 Church Gayle Newell

+ WE ENCOUNTER GOD'S WORD +

Today's Sermon is based on readings from:

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

Jesus said, ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Pastor Nate Preisinger

Sermon Notes

Sermon

Anthem

Wind Song

Swee-Hong Lim, arr. Helen Kemp

Celebration Choir, dir. Laura Tribby

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world,

As the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God.

Making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts,

bringing love to the world,

As the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

Prayers of the People (music will play underneath the prayers)

Garth Englund III

Gathered into one, by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us lift our hearts in prayer... ... We continue to speak with God about all that is on our hearts...

(A time for silent prayer)

Into your hands O God, we offer these prayers, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We Share God's Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **And also with you.** (Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)

Abundantly Bethany

- Welcome new worshippers!
- ♦ ELCA Youth Gathering: Thank you!
- Lutheran Family Services baby baskets drive: TODAY
- Summer worship: Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 9:00am
- Town Hall: Jun 2, 10:20am in the Chapel Annual Meeting: Jun 9, 10:00am in the Sanctuary
- Scout Sunday & pancake breakfast: TODAY

+ WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS +

The Offering

All the ways you can give are appearing now on the Illustrator. Please take a moment to offer a gift now to Bethany or to another God pleasing ministry. As you take this time to worship God through our offerings, we enjoy the gift of music. Paper offerings can be left in the silver trays by the doors as you exit the worship space.

Musical Offering

Veni Sancte Spiritus, K. 47

W. A. Mozart

Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Veni Sancte Spiritus,
Reple tuorum corda fidelium.
Et tui amoris in eis ignem accende.
Qui per diversitatem linguarum cunctarum.

Gentes in unitate fidei congregasti Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit,
Fill the hearts of your faithful,
And kindle your love in them.
You have gathered the

nations together in the unity of faith. Alleluia.

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 our 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.

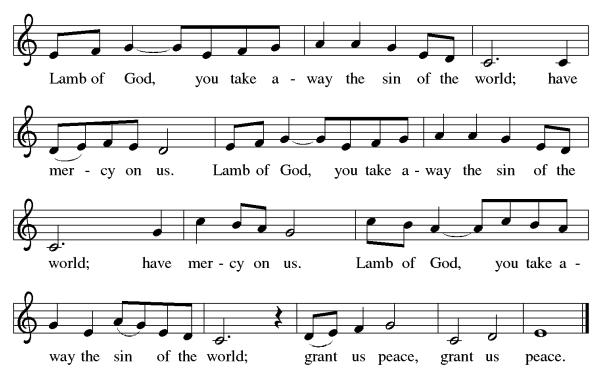
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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 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



Communion Distribution

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns

Take My Life

arr. by Sondra K. Tucker

+ GOD SENDS US TO SERVE +

SONG OF BLESSING

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

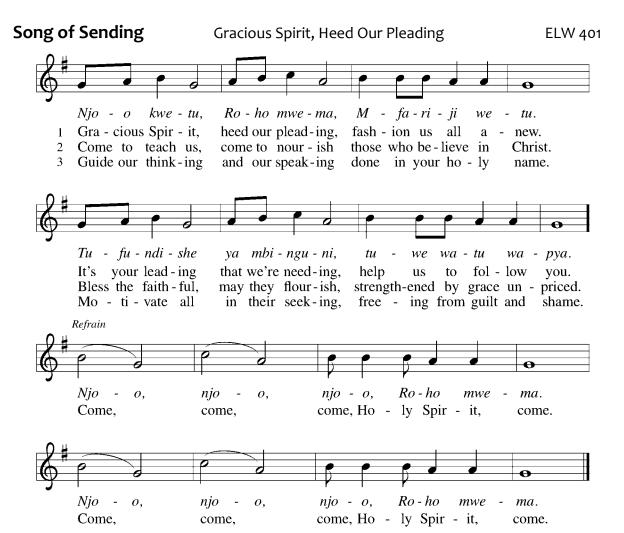
Chancel Choir, dir. Kirk Schjodt

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my help is coming from you.

Your peace, you give me in time of the storm.

You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life,

I lift my hands in total praise to you. Amen.



Dismissal

Postlude

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.

Allegro con Spirito

Frank Bridge

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! 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.
- ♦ **High School Graduation Milestone:** Next Sunday, May 26. 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 **TODAY** to Kevin@Bethany-Denver.org.
- Scout Sunday pancake breakfast: TODAY, 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 TODAY, 5:30pm 7:30pm at Sazón Modern Mexican and Latin Restaurant (9447 Park Meadows Drive, Lone Tree, 80124) 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 taal-to@aol.com by May 17. Questions? Call Lizza (303)514-0668 or Marilyn Narveson (303) 358-0305.
- **Rejoicing Spirits:** TODAY 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.
- ♦ Senior Ministries: We're wrapping up Spring programming on May 21 in the Fellowship Hall 9:30am-1:00pm. A White Elephant Bingo Extravaganza begins about 10:15am! Come early for coffee & fellowship. Lunch at Noon. Summer dates: 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/16, 8/6, 8/20, 9:30am-1:00pm. Bring a brown bag lunch this summer or organize a smorgasbord to bring & share with friends. Enjoy games, puzzles, and conversation. Bring your favorite games to share! Chapel with Communion will be held the first Tuesday each month.
- Summer Worship Schedule: Beginning next Sunday, May 26 we go to one worship service, with Children's Church, at 9:00am with Community Time afterwards.

- **Pre-Baptism Info Session:** May 26, 11:20am in Room 208. If you're thinking of having your child baptized anytime soon we ask you attend one of our Pre-Baptism Info Sessions. It's a session to learn a little more about baptism and answer any questions you might have. Sign up at signupschedule.com/Bethany.
- 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) for more information. Sign up at 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: Monday Thursday, Jun 24 28, 9:00am 2:30pm and Friday 9:00 am 11:30am with closing program at 11:30am. A fun-filled week of Bible Study, Arts & Crafts, Recreation, Music and lots & lots of FUN! Ages: Preschool 5th grade. 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.
- **ELCA Youth Gathering:** THANK YOU Bethany! Our Youth Gathering crew heading to New Orleans Jul 14-21 to join 20,000 in worship, service, play and community is so grateful to you! Our adventure is fully funded thanks to your generosity of \$10,000 in financial gifts. Thank you!
- ♦ 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 dropdown menu "New Beginnings Prison Ministry" in the Realm app.
- Holy Hammers/Habitat: Volunteer opportunities: Saturday, Jun 15 & 22 at Mountain View Homes (2101 S Joliet St, Aurora, 80014) 7:50am-3:30pm. Sign up at http://holyhammers.denver.volunteerhub.com/.

♦ Holy Hammers 25th Anniversary Celebration and Augustana Lutheran Project: Thank you to those who either attended and/or made a donation as part of the Holy Hammers 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 4 at Augustana Lutheran Church! Over \$22K was raised during the event and the funds will be used to support Holy Hammers' full sponsorship and construction of a Habitat Metro Denver home on Augustana's property in 2024. We've now raised about 50% of the \$150K home sponsorship goal. If you would still like to make a donation use Realm and look for the Habitat Metro Denver Augustana House in the drop down menu. For more information on the project and how you can get involved, please contact Kevin Dempsey at kmdmpsy@aol.com.

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/

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