

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DAY OF PENTECOST

8:30AM MAY 19, 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 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.

✠ GATHERING ✠

Chimes will sound to indicate the beginning of worship

PRELUDE

Menuet gothique

Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

Deacon Debra Alba

OPENING

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us. Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

Text: Pentecost sequence; Taizé Community

Music: TAIZÉ VENI SANCTE, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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.

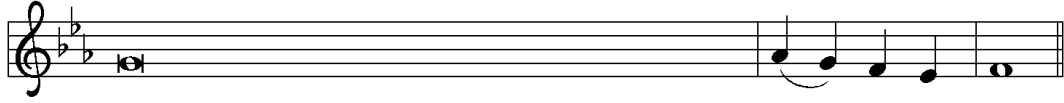
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



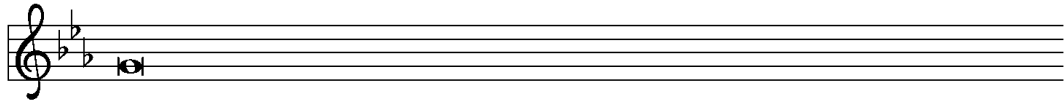
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



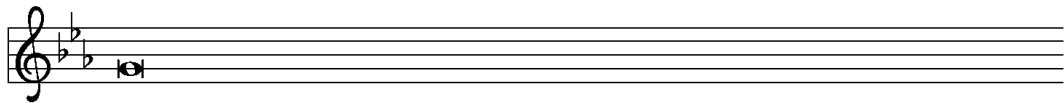
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

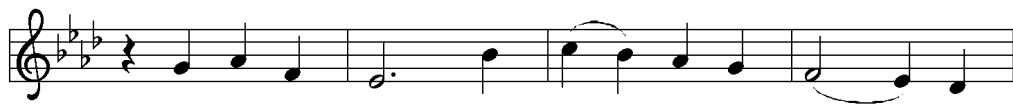
Refrain




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



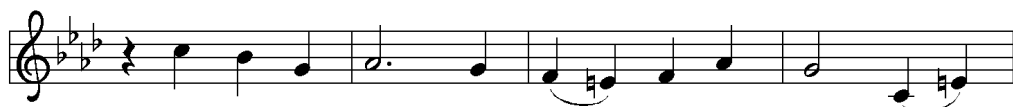
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and




blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Garth Englund III

Let us pray,
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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

✠ Word ✠

LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Originally Pentecost was a Jewish thanksgiving-type festival celebrated seven weeks after Passover. On this particular Pentecost, however, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of believers just as Jesus had promised and the scriptures had prophesied. Empowered by the Spirit, the entire community bears witness to God's activity in multiple languages.

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:

¹⁷In 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.

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

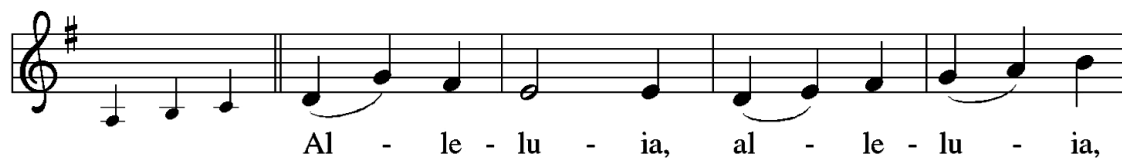
¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

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

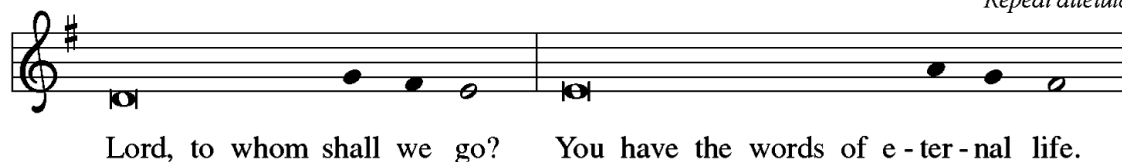
²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

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

While speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and describes the difference the Spirit will make in their lives and in the world.

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Nate Preisinger

ANTHEM

Conquering the Grave

arr. by Craig Laumann

Carillons, dir. Nolan Oltjenbruns

PRAYERS

Garth Englund III

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


Pastor Nate Preisinger

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

- ◆ 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

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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.*

✠ Meal ✠

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor Nate Preisinger

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

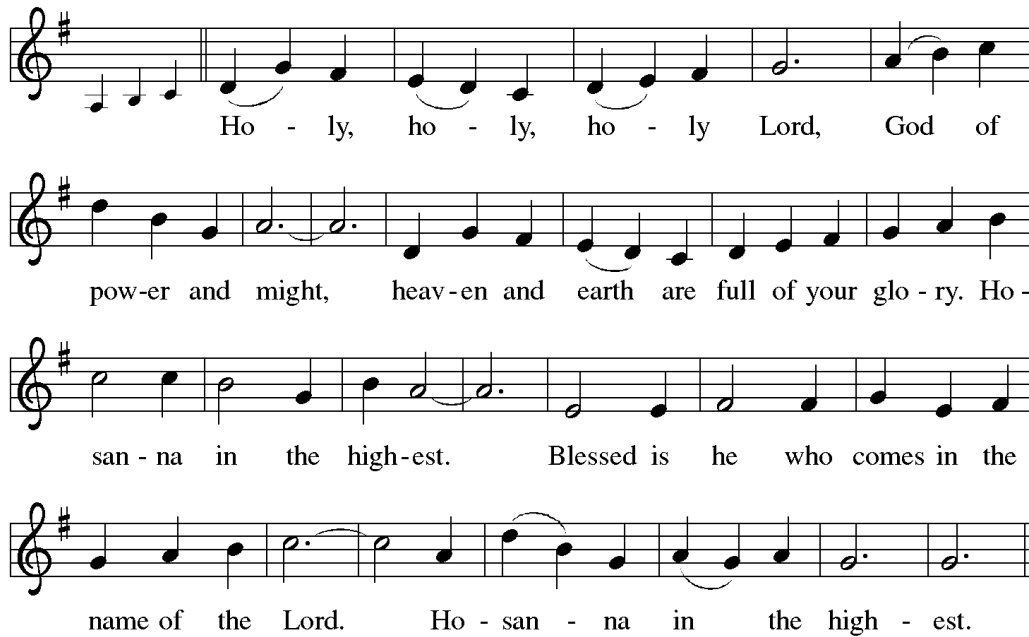


The Lord be with you. And al- so with you. Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

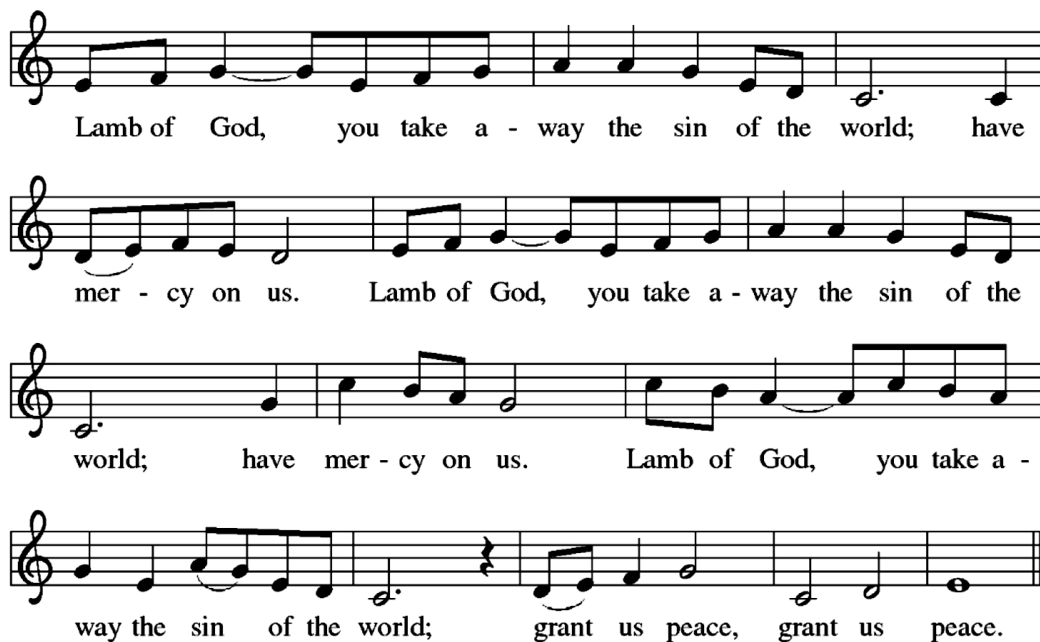
THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

TABLE BLESSING

✠ Sending ✠

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.*

SENDING HYMN

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

ELW #401

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



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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

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 taalto@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 drop-down 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/

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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