

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PENTECOST 9

August 11, 2019, 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

✠ Gathering ✠

PRELUDE

Prelude on Psalm 122

Allen Orton Gibbs

Please use the prelude as a quiet time to prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME

You are invited to stand.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us ✠ all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

Please face the processional cross.

GATHERING HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Hymn submitted by Carol Rankin

Hymn #756

GREETING

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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

✠ Word ✠

LESSON

Psalm 33:12-22

*We will read the Psalm responsively. Please read aloud the odd verses in **bold font***

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God’s heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

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

You are invited to stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Holy Bible p. 76 (NT)

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

You are invited to stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning
Hymn submitted by Terry Jeddelloh

Hymn #723

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.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

After sharing the Peace, please be seated.

✠ Offering ✠

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Howard Helvey

You are invited to stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



Refrain

1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with- in our midst, may we share the pres - ence of your love.
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

PRAYERS

✠ Meal ✠

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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 are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are
filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
one who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Bethany welcomes all to receive the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. An usher will direct you forward for communion. There are several communion stations across the front of all seating areas. Groups are welcome to visit a communion station together. You will receive a piece of bread in your hand, please dip the bread into the cup of wine. Those who are not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing. Note that the communion station at the center has gluten-free bread and alcohol-free wine.

LAMB OF GOD

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hear My Cry, O God

Cèsar Frank

COMMUNION HYMN

Borning Cry
Hymn submitted by Stefanie Unertl

Hymn #732

BLESSING

✠ Sending ✠

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing
Hymn submitted by Marilyn Narveson & Lindsey Romig

Hymn #543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Paul Spicer

WORSHIP LEADERS

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor Gary Sandberg, Intern Rachel Patterson

ORGANIST

Rick Seaton

MUSICIANS

Wendi Sue Grover, *soprano*

LECTORS

Bryan Jaster, Mel Stolzenburg (8:30 a.m.)
Michelle Stone Kraus (10:00 a.m.)

USHERS

Garth Englund Jr., Steve Esterline, Gary Miller, Dick Narveson, Scott Scholbe,
David Scott, Bud Setzer, Rick Will (8:30 a.m.)
Judy Sturm (10:00 a.m.)

SACRISTAN

David Malucky (8:30 a.m.)
Laura Weber-Meyers (10:00 a.m.)

COMMUNION SERVERS

Mel Stolzenburg (8:30 a.m.)
Larry Daub, Vicky Daub, Gretchen Hack, Morris Hack (10:00 a.m.)

SOUND TECHNICIANS

Sawyer Benson, Sarah Lusk

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Good, Karol Setzer (8:30 a.m.)
Gail Hipke (10:00 a.m.)

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Michele Sum



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES | *August 11, 2019*

Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 10:00 a.m.
Watch live streaming and archived services at
www.BethanyLive.org.

We welcome our new worshippers today! Please fill out the welcome sheet in your bulletin, and place it in the offering plate. To learn more about Bethany's Bible ministries, pick up a "Life Together at Bethany" booklet at the Welcome Center or visit www.bethany-denver.org. Schedule a home visit with a pastor to discuss how Bethany's ministries might connect with your faith journey. Contact Nancy at nancy@bethany-denver.org for more information about membership.

TODAY AT BETHANY

Sanctuary Flowers: Flowers today were given by Mark & Anne Dana in honor of their wedding anniversary, and by Bob & Judi Newman in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary. Visit the Welcome Center to donate flowers. Arrangements cost \$50.

THIS WEEK

Women of Bethany: Enjoy an evening by the pool at the home of Arlene Mohler Johnson at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 15! All are welcome for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Please RSVP for the address and details by noon on Monday, August 12; email or call Pat at denverpatw@aol.com or 303-755-0858.

LFS Annual Tee Off for Hope: Are you passionate about helping those in need in our community? Do you love to play golf? Join Lutheran Family Services for their Annual Tee Off for Hope on August 15 at the Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen, CO! Please go to www.lfsrm.org/events for more information.

Centus Counseling will be offering Youth Mental Health First Aid training, an 8 hour certification course, on Saturday, August 17 in the Great Hall from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This free course is for any parent or adult who has interactions with youth. Email Susan at sgeissler@centus.org to register; include your name, phone number, and email address. For questions, please contact Janet at janet@bethany-denver.org.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Luke 12:49-56

LOOKING AHEAD:

Faith Formation "Welcome Back" Lunch & Training: Safe Haven training is for all who work with Bethany's children and youth. Training will be held on Sunday, August 25 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Great Hall, starting with a light lunch. A makeup session will be held on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in room 210. Contact Gayle at gayle@bethany-denver.org with questions or to RSVP.

Pastor Gary's Tool Belt Club: Join Pastor Gary on a Saturday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to help with light repairs or construction around Bethany. Bring your

favorite tools and a readiness to work with others to complete some needed tasks for our ministry together. Feel free to email Pastor Gary a week or so before each work day for more specifics on the tasks to be accomplished, and the tools needed for the jobs. Tool Belt Days are scheduled for August 31, September 21, and October 26.

Worship Times: Worship will be at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday Mornings through September 1. Beginning September 8, worship times will shift back to 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Abundantly Bethany: On Sunday, September 8 we will enter into this year of ministry together under the theme: Abundantly Bethany. We are expanding "Rally Day" to include the "abundance" that is the ministry we share. Come, get involved as we explore what it means to be Bethany – Together for Good!

Bethany Information Gatherings: If you are new to Bethany, this is a great way to get connected into the Lutheran Church. If you have been here a while, but are needing a refresher, or looking to learn more this is also for you. Please RSVP to nancy@bethany-denver.org for one or more classes, each of which takes place at 9:30 a.m. in room 210 on the following dates:

- September 15: Christianity and Lutheranism 101
- September 22: Living your Faith
- September 29: Getting Connected

Blessing of the Backpacks: Students (or anyone who carries a backpack), bring your backpack to be blessed at either service on Sunday, September 15.

Confirmation Ministry will launch with an information session and brunch at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 15 in the Great Hall. All students in grades 6-9 and parents are encouraged to participate; interested caring adults are welcome as well. Contact bryan@bethany-denver.org for more information.

Sunday School for all students in Preschool - 5th Grade will begin Sunday, September 15, with music opening in the Great Hall at 9:30 a.m. All are invited on Sunday mornings to experience the Sunday School opening each week. Children will proceed to their

classrooms after opening, and should be picked up at 10:15 a.m. from there. Students should meet their teachers and see their classrooms on September 8 following the first worship service before going to the Abundantly Bethany Carnival.

GET INVOLVED:

Adopt-a-Garden: We are looking for families and individuals to adopt a corner of Bethany’s grounds and help bring it back to life. It can be as simple as keeping a bed of bushes trimmed through the growing season, or planting annual flowers to put some color back into the system. This is for everyone, young and old, as well as a great family activity. Contact Laura Romig at 303-758-2820 or laura@bethany-denver.org for details.

Sound Techs Needed: Bethany is looking for a Sunday morning sound tech, and a tech with a flexible schedule to help with funerals, weddings, and FOFA concert events. (The latter must be available evenings and weekends.) This is a paid position with training. Contact Laura at 303-758-2820 or at laura@bethany-denver.org.

THANK YOU, BETHANY!

Hi and thank you from Bryan Jaster (new Director of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry) for the genuine welcome. My whole family (Amy, Katelyn, Jason and I) are amazed by the number of beloved Bethany people who have shown us love and hospitality during our whirlwind transition time from Virginia to Denver these past few weeks. Thanks to the 30 people who showed up at our house to help unload a moving truck on Sunday. We are truly “Together for Good!”

GIVING UPDATE

Bethany Fund Results - Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2019

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Receipts	\$1,858,000	\$1,955,000
Expenses	\$1,870,000	\$1,955,000
Net Loss for Year	\$12,000	\$0
July, 2019 receipts	\$118,361	\$116,189

ACCESSIBILITY AT BETHANY

Hearing Assistance: Please see the Sound Tech in the sound booth if you need a hearing assistant device.



Please see the ushers for a large print bulletin.



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