

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Holy Bible p. 219 (NT)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 151

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30 Holy Bible p. 29 (NT)

SERMON "A Heavenly Investment and Strategy"
Consecration Estimate of Giving Cards

HYMN *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* # 674

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Lord, in your mercy...*Hear our prayer.*

PEACE p. 152

MEAL

OFFERING *Given Abundantly (8:00 a.m.)* **Mozart**

Potter's Hand (9:00 a.m.) **Zscheck**

I Am the Vine (10:30 a.m.) **McCormick**

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* #181

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

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LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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COMMUNION SONG

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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BLESSING

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* # 534

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

Fanfare and Processional

Keith Chapman

WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

An usher will direct you when to come forward for the distribution.

You will receive the wafer in your hand which you may then dip in the wine.

Communion stations with alcohol free wine and gluten free wafers are available at every communion service at the center aisle.

We are glad that you joined us for worship today!

Please let us know how we may serve you. Fill out a Welcome Card found in the pew rack.

If you would like information about the ministries of Bethany, visit the Hospitality Desk located in the narthex or our website at www.bethany-denver.org.

We invite you to stay after worship for refreshments served in the Fellowship Hall.

- ❖ The page number **p.** refers to the Order of Service in the front of the ELW.
- ❖ The # symbol refers to hymns and service music found after the Psalms.
- ❖ The * indicates liturgy that is omitted at the 8:00 a.m. service.
- ❖ Large print version available from the ushers.

Bethany's Mission, Vision & Goals Worship Meaningfully; Grow Spiritually;
Serve Purposefully; Share Fellowship; Witness Intentionally

Visit our website at www.bethany-denver.org for an overview of activities!

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 COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

 ACOLYTES

 USHERS

 SOUND TECHNICIANS
 NOVEMBER ALTAR GUILD
 NOVEMBER SACRISTANS
 NURSERY ATTENDANTS

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Ron Gluskamp
 Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
 Adam Butler
 Rick Seaton
 Colette Celecki (8:00 a.m.)
 Michelle Stone Kraus (9:00 a.m.)
 Elton Winters (10:30 a.m.)
 Brenda Greenwald (8:00a.m.)
 Andrea Grace (9:00 a.m.)
 Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30a.m.)
 Brenda Greenwald (8:00 a.m.)
 Andrea Grace (9:00 & 10:30 a.m.)
 Bev Van Kirk, Brenda Greenwald
 Jeanette Manos (8:00 a.m.)
 Diane Herrmann, Adam Butler
 Don Bensen, Brenda Greenwald (9:00 a.m.)
 Morris Hack, Gretchen Hack (10:30 a.m.)
 Mitchell Akrie, Alec Celecki (8:00 a.m.)
 Trent Hanson, Lillian Markusch (9:00 a.m.)
 Erik Peaslee, Kari Sletten (10:30 a.m.)
 Bill Taylor, Curt Boell, Sylvia Boedeker
 Bruce Miller, Brian Tennien
 Rene Crothers, Jim Thompson (8:00 a.m.)
 Art Weiss, Bill Schuster, Jim Artzberger
 Ron Kaminen, Ed Cleaver,
 Colleen Johnson, Marie Friedemann (9:00 a.m.)
 Doug Anderson, Ron Christensen, Olga Hellweg
 Danielle Ludwig, Angela Tanner, Charles Tanner (10:30 a.m.)
 Michael Bevers
 Peg Kirchner, Gladys Fischer, Edie Acsell
 Millie Hock, Carol Rankin, Gail Hipke
 Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus
 Beth Nixon, Dave Malucky
 Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

Bethany Lutheran Church
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Consecration Sunday
November 13, 2011



PRELUDE
GATHERING
Messe pour les Convents Francois Couperin
 II. Fugue sur la Trompette
 VI. Plein jeu
 X. Chromhorne sur la Taille
 XX. Dialogue sur les grands jeux

ANNOUNCEMENTS
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives our sin, heals every illness, saves us from death, enfolds us with tender care, and crowns us with steadfast love. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of abundant mercy, we confess that we are more ready to be forgiven than to forgive others. We hold too closely your gifts to us. We trample your vineyard, our good earth. Have mercy, O God; turn us again to you and toward others; and grant that we may live for you and die in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**

God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among the saints. Through the humble obedience of + Christ Jesus, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. The Spirit of God is at work in you, enabling you to live for one another. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG	<i>Open Now the Gates of Beauty</i>	# 533
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GREETING
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