

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

WORD

FIRST LESSON	Jonah 3:10-4:11 Holy Bible p. 960-961 (OT)	
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GOSPEL	Matthew 20:1-16 Holy Bible p. 22 (NT)	
SERMON	<i>"The Unfairness of Grace"</i>	
HYMN	<i>There's A Wideness in God's Mercy</i>	# 588

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

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MEAL

OFFERING	<i>Day by Day (8:00 a.m.)</i>	
	<i>He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (9:00 a.m.)</i>	Hogan
	<i>Salvation Is Created (10:30 a.m.)</i>	Tschesnokoff

***OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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 *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

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SENDING

BLESSING

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	# 656
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POSTLUDE

Chorale

Donald Busarow

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

Pick up the 2011 Calendar at the Hospitality Desk for an overview of activities!

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER PRESIDER	Adam Butler, Pastoral Intern Pastor Ron Glusenkamp Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry Rick Seaton
ORGANIST LECTORS	Sylvia Boedeker (8:00 a.m.) Doug Hock (9:00 a.m.) Paul Powers (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Stephanie Lewis, Bell Soloist (8:00 a.m.) Matt Weissenbuehler (9:00 a.m.) Chancel Choir, Director: Dan Grace (10:30 a.m.)
CANTOR	Stephanie Lewis (8:00 a.m.) Matt Weissenbuehler (9:00 a.m.) Brenda Greenwald (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Brian Tennien, Karen Tennien Jeanette Manos (8:00 a.m.) Peggy Furgason, Diane Herrmann Beth Walker, Sarah Hulslander (9:00 a.m.) Vickie Daub, Brenda Greenwald (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Christopher Puga, Alena Strauss (8:00 a.m.) Amber Ackerman, Jessica Benson (9:00 a.m.) Anja Oss, Emily McDonald (10:30 a.m.)
USHERS	Arlis Adolf, Jeff Finnin Mark Mertz, Don Vogel (8:00 a.m.) Aubrey Annas, Carole Cameron, Jack Hagood Noel Hasselgren, David Malucky Norma Renner (9:00 a.m.) Keith Brammer, David Clausen, Kenneth Hansen, Gail Luttinen, Andrew Rogge, Steve Rogge Michael Bevers & Jake Newell
SOUND TECHNICIAN SEPTEMBER ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Good, Carol Rankin, Mona Palmquist Shirley Conrad, Peg Kirchner, Betty Ziemann Jean Hossfeld, Gail Hipke
SEPTEMBER SACRISTANS	Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus Dave Malucky
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

Bethany Lutheran Church *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *September 18, 2011*



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Arise, My Soul, Arise!
Let All Creation Dance

Michael Burkhhardt

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>All Are Welcome (vs. 1, 3, 5 at 8:00 a.m.)</i>	# 641
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GREETING

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