

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

**CHILDREN'S SERMON** *Oh, Sing to the Lord* #822

*Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
Oh sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song. Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.*

### WORD

**FIRST LESSON** 1 Kings 3:5-12 **Holy Bible p. 340 (OT)**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** p. 102

**GOSPEL** Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 **Holy Bible p. 15 (NT)**

**SERMON** "The Kingdom of Heaven...Look with Holy Imagination"

**HYMN** *God of the Sparrow* # 740

**APOSTLES' CREED** p. 105

**MISSION TRIP SENDING (9:00 a.m.)**

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (10:30 a.m.)**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** p. 105

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

**PEACE** p. 106

### MEAL

**OFFERING** *Jesus, You Are My Life (8:00 a.m.)* Fry

*My Song of Songs (9:00 a.m.)* Hallett

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee (10:30 a.m.)* Bass

**\*OFFERTORY** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* #184

*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.*

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING** p. 107

**\*SANCTUS** p. 108

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE** p. 112

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**LAMB OF GOD** p. 112

*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** p. 112

**COMMUNION SONG** *How Beautiful* arr. Larson

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* #461

### SENDING

**BLESSING** p. 114

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG** *Soon and Very Soon* #439

**DISMISSAL** p. 115

**POSTLUDE** *Rondeau* Jean Joseph Mouret

#### 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 Center located in the narthex

or our website at [www.bethany-denver.org](http://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!**

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
PRESIDER	Pastor Ron Gluskamp Intern, Jessica Daum Rick Seaton
ORGANIST	Laura Weber-Meyers (8:00 a.m.)
LECTORS	Michelle Stone Kraus (9:00 a.m.) Abby Mortinsen (10:30 a.m.)
MUSICIANS	Melissa Wills & Paula Wills (8:00 a.m.) Evie Waddell (9:00 a.m.) John & Barb Wollan (10:30 a.m.)
CANTORS	Brenda Greenwald (8:00 a.m.) Evie Waddell (9:00 a.m.) John Wollan (10:30 a.m.)
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Laura Weber-Meyers, Amy Meissner Brenda Greenwald (8:00 a.m.) Arlis Adolf, Anada Gusé Judi Burchfield, Diane Herrmann (9:00 a.m.) Sarah Hulslander, Brenda Greenwald (10:30 a.m.)
ACOLYTES	Lillian Markusch, Claire Honl (8:00 a.m.) Biz Rowe, Grace Wilkins (9:00 a.m.) Parker Revers, Connor Thue (10:30 a.m.) Sylvia Boedeker, Don Lujan, Patty Lujan
USHERS	Bruce Miller, Terrie Miller, Brian Tennien, James Thompson (8:00 a.m.) Ed Cleaver, Marie Friedemann, Colleen Johnson Ronald Kaminen, William Moeller, Bill Schuster, Art Weiss (9:00 a.m.) Douglas Andersen, Ronald Christensen, Olga Hellweg Danielle Ludwig, Angela Tanner (10:30 a.m.)
SOUND TECHNICIAN	Michael Bevers
JULY ALTAR GUILD	Laurie Marvin, Carol Rankin, Mona Palmquist Shirley Conrad, Delphine Crothers, Millie Hock Fran Soli, Betty Ziemann, Jean Hossfeld
JULY SACRISTANS	Laura Weber-Meyers, Michelle Stone Kraus Beth Nixon, Penny Lambert, Dave Malucky
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kathy Shearer, Lori Braden, Hilda Mohseni

*New Members: Valdis & Patricia Birznieks; John, Sharlene, Jack & Amanda Funk; Robert & LeAnn Knickuhm; Ryan Marzec; Don & Myrtle Schwartz; Katie Weimer; Sean, Jessica, Payton & Abigail Zweifel*

## *Bethany Lutheran Church* *The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost* *July 24, 2011*



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### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

#### 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, the sower, the seed, the fruit; our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**God of heaven and earth, we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.**

Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as parent to child, so gentle is God to us. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin, renewing our lives in + Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	# 879
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#### GREETING

#### KYRIE

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#### GLORY TO GOD

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