Sunday Worship Service

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20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 11, 2026

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SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 11, 2026
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (vv. 1 & 3) ELW, #836

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF PEACE

CORPORATE PRAYER:
"Into Your hands we commit our lives. Into Your hands we commit Your church."

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS ELW, pp. 94–96

OPENING HYMN: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" (vv. 1 & 2) ELW, #523

GREETING

KYRIE

P For a renewed vision of Your mission,
C Lord, have mercy.
P For hearts committed to advancing the Gospel,
C Christ, have mercy.
P For the courage to rebuild, renew, and reach others in Christ's name,
C Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

PSALM Psalm 23 *Read responsively*

2ND READING: Philippians 4:1–9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1–14

CHILDREN'S SERMON Kathy Harrison

Children leave for Sunday School afterwards, and will return for Communion.
Feel free to "pick them up" in the Fellowship Hall if you want them sooner.

HYMN: "As We Gather at Your Table" (vv. 1 & 3) ELW, #522

SERMON "Forward in Faith: Invited into Something Greater" Pastor Barb Lemke

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 into hell.*
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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *see inside back page*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "Make Me a Servant"

Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.

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HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER, GREAT THANKSGIVING, 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 in heaven.
Give us today 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.

SONGS DURING COMMUNION:

"Create in Me a Clean Heart" WOV, #732

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

1. I need Thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
can peace afford.

2. I need Thee every hour,
stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r
when Thou art nigh.

3. I need Thee every hour,
in joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
or life is vain.

4. I need Thee every hour,
most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
thou blessed Son!

Refrain: *(repeat at end of each verse)*

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee!

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Music: Robert Lowry
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"O God of Love, O King of Peace" ELW, #749

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (x3) ELW, #752

POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Sending

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet" (R, v. 3, R) ELW, #523

CORPORATE PRAYER:

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GO IN PEACE

Welcome!

We welcome all who gather for worship on this day and pray God's blessing on our time together!

Guests are invited to record their visit by signing the Guest Book located at the entrance to the worship space.

All worshippers are invited to sign the red attendance folder in the pew and pass it on to their neighbor to sign.

Upcoming Events

Missions for October – We are collecting non-perishable food and monetary donations for Aurora Interfaith as October's Missions focus. Please mark your checks as Missions in the note field.

Bible Study – We have multiple options for Bible Study groups that meet:
Groups studying season 5 "The Chosen":
–Sundays after church
–Wednesdays at 6 p.m. via Zoom
Groups studying "Paul's Letter to the Romans":
–Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
–Thursdays at 1 p.m. at the church
We would love to have you join us.

RSVP for 75th Anniversary Weekend Celebrations Please remember today to submit your RSVP and payment for next weekend's celebrations, and if you haven't already, sign up for the talent show.

This Week at Bethel
October 11–18, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	11 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:00 p.m.	Tongans
Mon	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	6:30 p.m.	TOPS
	6:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
Tue	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Wed	3:30 p.m.	Prayer & Chair Yoga
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study *(Zoom)*
Thu	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Team
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study *(in-person)*
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans Group
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Group
	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. *(upstairs)*
	5–7 p.m.	75th Anniversary Celebration
Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	75th Anniversary Celebration Worship
	~11 a.m.	75th Anniversary Meal
	3 p.m.	Tongans

Cards for Women's Prison Please bring in your spare greeting cards to place in the box by the entry for sharing with New Beginnings ministry at the Denver Women's Correctional **by October 25**.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Thanksgiving for Families:

Larry & Andrea French Septrick Carolyn Sikula Eleanor Sims

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Gage *(Larry & Andrea's son, health)*
Ryan Blankenship *(Patty Garcia's friend, lymphoma)*
Patty Garcia *(fortitude at work)*
Natalie Seibold *(friend of Pr. Barb's nephew, brain tumor surgery recovery)*

For our homebound members and friends:

Wil Wertz – Jim Craig – Josh Carter

For those diagnosed with cancer:

Patti Schoenfeld
Rev. Mike Lemke
Linda Kirkegaard
Wendy *(Kim Evancho's friend)*
Derik McLin
Bob Bliss
Patrick Stephenson
Summer Stephens *(Doris Freund's niece)*
Karen Ryberg *(Sylvia Cowan's niece)*
Ruth *(Joni Dammen's friend & roommate)*
Cecelia Morrissey *(Debbie Diedrich's friend, breast)*
Paula Tveit *(multiple myeloma)*
John Beiler *(Debbie D.'s acquaintance, terminal bone)*
Susan Riley *(Lorraine Chamber's friend, breast)*
Kathy Suess *(Mary Sellinger's friend, breast)*
Robyn Smith-Serratore *(breast)*
Gary Lantis *(Andrea Newport's brother-in-law, chemo)*
Dennis Schmidt *(Kathy Harrison's brother, pancreatic)*

For those dealing with ongoing concerns:

John & Casey Howshar
Delores Rasmussen & Dan Rasmussen
Eyes: Marvin Bohrer & Bonnie Frank
Ray Johnson
Danny Cowan
Kaylee *(friend of Hamptons)*
Gerald Kelley *(Carol Smith's significant other, Alzheimer's)*
Frank Ruhs *(Ev Kelley's brother, heart health)*
Caroline Hailey-Kesler *(Linda Hailey's granddaughter rare kidney disease)*
Matthew Zenn *(Bob's grandson, heart health)*
Mary Sellinger *(health)* & Michael *(son, stroke recovery)*
Carol Einertson *(heart & kidney health)*
Ron McBroom *(Dana's husband, heart surgery)*
Gypsy *(health, housing)* and the Hendricks *(her friends)*
Andrea French *(migraines)*
Scott Crosby *(infection recovery)* & wife Dawn
Sylvia Cowan *(leg infection, heart health)*
Daughtry Family *(Pr. Barb's friends, husband ALS, hospice)*
Maya Ortega *(mental health, employment)*
Charlotte Larson *(pacemaker surgery recovery at home)*
Noah *(Ron Freund's relative, health issues)*
Leo *(Barb Steinert's father, 90, fall injuries)*
Robin Storm *(Deloris DeLapp's niece, Parkinson's)*
Eleanor Sims *(physical rehab)*
Diana *(Doris Freund's friend, deployment)*

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Worship Team for today:

Presider: Pastor Barb Lemke
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Laina Kelley Walker and Sheila Kelley
Reader: Jon Lohmer **Greeter:** **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Sean Gordon & **Screen/Sound:** Travis Kleven
Youth Communion Asst.: Amon Littlejohn-Conner
Video FaceBook: Ron Freund **YouTube:** Tom Lenahan

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