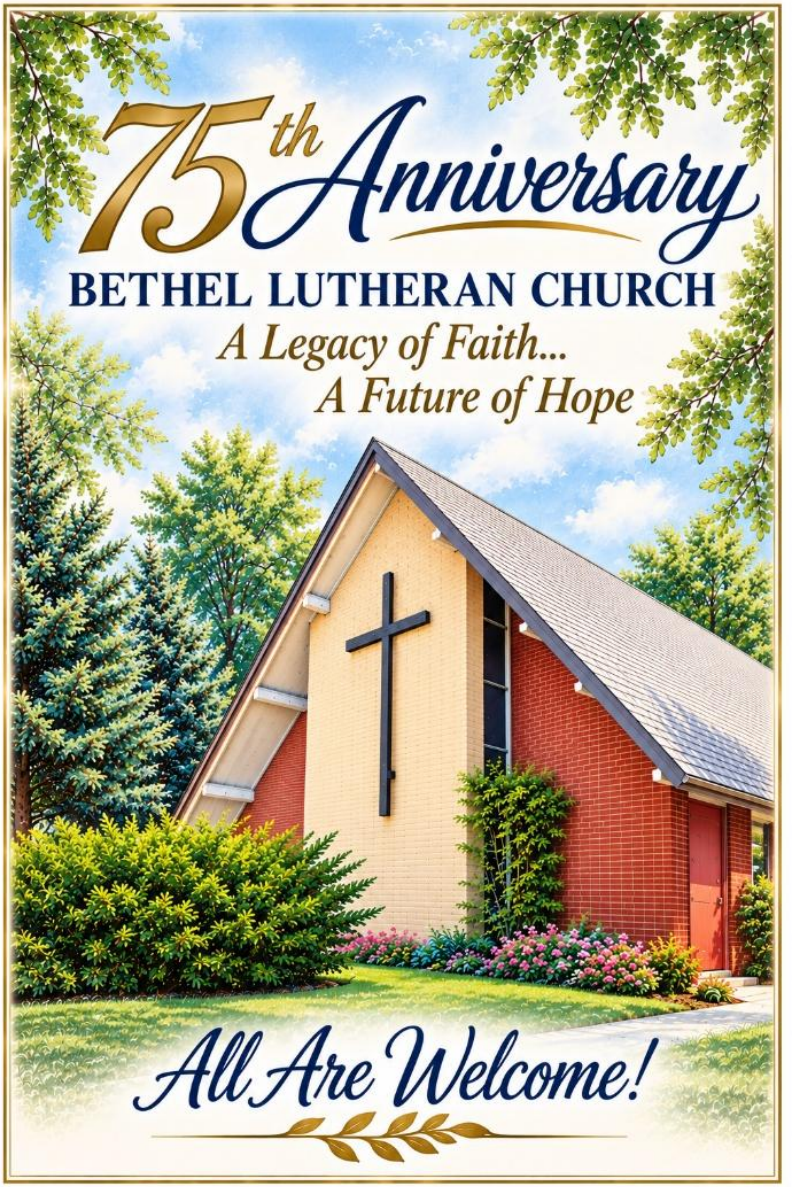

21st Sunday After Pentecost

75th Anniversary Celebration Worship

October 18, 2026

SUNDAY WORSHIP
October 18, 2026
9:30 A.M.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Cindy Josephson

GATHERING: "He Has Made Me Glad"

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made!"
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

Refrain/Chorus:
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.
He has made me glad,
He has made me glad,
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"
Chorus only – 1st time with piano, 2nd time acapella

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" ELW, #858

GREETING

KYRIE ELW, p. 184, vv. 1–2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: "We All Are One" Choir

WORD

1ST READING: Isaiah 45:1–7

2ND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 188

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15–22

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.

SERMON Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

HYMN: "We Are Called" ELW, #720

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
SPECIAL MUSIC "What a Wonderful World" Choir

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:

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" (Chorus only, 2X)

Chorus:
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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"Now We Join the Celebration" ELW, #462
"You Are Mine" ELW, #581

"Holy Ground" (Chorus only, 2X)

We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now.
We are standing in His presence
on holy ground.

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Sending

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "How Great Thou Art" ELW, #856

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

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.

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**.

CROP Hunger Walk is today. Please turn in your rice bag donations to the office by October 25, with any checks made out to "CWS/CROP Hunger Walk." Thank you for your support.

This Week at Bethel
October 18–25, 2026

Sun	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:30 a.m.	75th Anniversary Celebration Worship
	~11 a.m.	75th Anniversary Meal
	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	11:30 a.m.	Senior Luncheon at Mama Alvino's
	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)*
	6–9 p.m.	Seligmann Rehearsal
Fri	6:00 p.m.	Tongans Group
	6–9 p.m.	Seligmann Rehearsal
Sat	10:00 a.m.	Gamblers Anon. *(upstairs)*
	4–6 p.m.	Seligmann Recital

Reformation Sunday *(remember to wear red!)*

8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
9:30 a.m.	Worship
11 a.m.	SLT Meeting
11 a.m.	Bible Study
3 p.m.	Tongans
6–8 p.m.	Seligmann Recital

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Thanksgiving for Families:

Bill & Kendra Slater Carol Smith
Robyn Smith-Serratore, Bryanna, Alexa

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Gypsy *(hospitalization)*
Alberta Steinert *(Dave's aunt, 96, health)*
Rev. Wayne Josephson *(Graves' disease)*
Gage *(Larry & Andrea's son, health)*

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)*
Ryan Blankenship *(Patty Garcia's friend, lymphoma)*

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
Preaching: Rev. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod
Pianist: Cindy Josephson **Hymnists:** Grace Flows Down
Reader: Bob DeLapp, Reyna Garcia
Greeter: Rusty and Bob Bliss **Usher:** Marv & Ev Kelley
Communion Asst.: Rich Walker & Laina Kelley Walker
Screen/Sound: Travis Kleven **Video FaceBook & YouTube:** Jamie Villante

Altar Flowers were given by Alan and Brenda Sterns
in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

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