
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

June 29th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost



MISSION STATEMENT

*We will LIVE and SERVE through FAITH
We will ACT with LOVE and KINDNESS
We will GIVE hope and SUPPORT to all.*

*We are a community that is passionate about sharing the love of Jesus Christ,
and we provide as many opportunities as we can to help everyone grow
spiritually, and in loving service to the community and the world.*

Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church!

Whether you are joining us in-person or online, we're glad you're here.
We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and
celebrate the work we're able to do together as a denomination (to learn more about
the ELCA visit www.elca.org).

~ The assembly responds together with texts in bold print ~

✚ GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ✚

*The Friendship Notebook helps us remember that we don't worship alone.
Please sign it, pass it on, and take a moment to connect with someone around you.*

*We welcome the joyful presence of children in worship. If you need a quieter space, an unstaffed
nursery is available down the hallway through the double doors to the left as you exit the
sanctuary.*

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Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

LIFE TOGETHER - (Announcements)

PRAYER & CARE LIST:

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED Sharing coffee and treats after worship is one of the ways we care for one another and build community. You're invited to sign up to serve by writing your name on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall by the serving window. Not able to serve? Consider bringing treats to stock the freezer. Every contribution helps provide a warm and welcoming space for connection.

LECTORS NEEDED. Do you enjoy reading scripture? We're looking for lectors for July! Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the Narthex and include the weekly readings. Your voice helps bring the Word to life in worship, thank you for considering!

LET'S GO FISHING provides free fishing and boating trips for senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and veterans. Bethesda has added another Nature tour on July 30th.

1. July 17th at 12:30 on Bay Lake.
2. July 30th at 4:30 Nature tour on Rice Lake. *(Just Added!)*
3. Aug 27th at 4:30 Nature tour on Rice Lake.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex on your way into the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy a peaceful day on the water!

LOAVES & FISHES Bethesda will be helping at Loaves & Fishes in Aitkin on Monday, July 7, 2025. This ministry provides free to-go meals for anyone in need and it takes many hands to make it happen. Volunteers assist with meal prep under the guidance of the Site Coordinator, help package and distribute meals, and clean up during and after service. It's a full and active day, expect to be on your feet! We need to bring 400 cookies for that day! Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be packing them after worship on Sunday, July 6th. Thank you for being part of this ministry of compassion and nourishment.

VEGGIE STAND OPENS! – The 4th of July weekend is the annual opening of the Veggie Stand. Saturday July 5 we will be there 7:30-11:00 with sweet corn, jelly and baked goods. So, please we need bakers with donations to get us going on this project. All proceeds go to local benevolence. Also, having coffee in a lawn chair and greeting the customers from our community is a pleasant Saturday morning!! We have the chairs just come visit!!

4th OF JULY PARADE Bethesda is planning to participate in the annual Glen Parade. Are you interested in participating in this fun event? Bring your own vehicle or ride with us in a trailer. Please let Joanne Stueven (651-208-4273) or Julie Swaggert know so we can make room for anyone interested in a seat on a trailer. The line up starts at 10:00 on the Clear Lake Road. The parade begins at 10:30 around Clear Lake and ends at Glen Store. Come out and enjoy the traditional small town holiday fun!!

CRAFTER’S MEETING on Monday at 9:00am. Join us for a fun morning of crafting and friends! We will be working on a project for the annual Holiday Bazaar, on multiple Mondays throughout the summer from 9 - 11 am.

QUILTERS do not need anymore mattress pads at this time. Thanks for your donations.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

June 30th, 2025 – July 6th, 2025

Monday	6/30	9-11:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Cards
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/1	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday	7/2	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	7/3	8:00 am	ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out)
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Friday	7/4	Office Closed	
		10:30 am	Glen Fourth of July Parade
Saturday	7/5	7:30-11 am	Veggie Stand is Open
Sunday	7/6	9:00 am	Sunday Worship in Person & live stream

OPENING HYMN: “Awake Oh Sleeper, Rise from Death” #452 ELW
(Please rise in body or spirit on the last Verse)



1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con- quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829
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CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

GREETING

The immeasurable grace upon grace of Christ Jesus, the boundless mercy and unconditional love of God, and the abiding unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, **ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving**

behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BELL ANTHEM:

✠ HEARING GOD’S WORD ✠

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

¹⁹ So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I**

shall not be shaken.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

This is the story of God’s unconditional love flowing down.



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home-ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri-umphs o-ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas-ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

✠ SHARING AND RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD ✠

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 to the dead. 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 INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of (*your apostles Peter and Paul and*) Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (*especially*). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

PEACE

May Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, fill you with unconditional love, mend you with mercy, and grant you perfect peace. **And also with you.**

We are changed by Christ's peace and now we have the holy opportunity to extend that peace to others. Share a sign of Christ's peace with others.

The gathering is seated.

OFFERING

Giving is an act of worship our response to God's goodness and grace. Your gifts support the ministry of Bethesda Lutheran Church and extend God's love into the world. During this time the table is set. For the healing of this world, let us give our tithes and offerings. We invite you to give as you are able.

Ways to Give:

- Place your offering in the plate as it is passed by the ushers.
- Give electronically through Vanco Services. Forms available in the Narthex.
- Use the giving app by scanning the QR code.
- Recurring or one-time online options
<https://app.autobooks.co/pay/bethesda-lutheran-church-of-malmo>



Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

Please rise as the ushers bring the offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The presiding minister leads the Words of Institution.

The assembly responds together:

This is the mystery of our faith

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The presiding minister offers a prayer over the gifts, inviting the Holy Spirit to bless the bread, the wine, and those who gather.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Holy Communion is a gift of grace, where we receive the presence of Jesus in bread and wine, and are reminded that we are deeply loved.

All who hunger for mercy and hope are welcome at this feast.

Jesus is the host, and the invitation is wide.

We practice open communion - all are welcome at Christ's table.

We believe our Lord Jesus invites all people into his unseen yet real presence, offering himself freely in, with, and under the bread and wine.

- Gluten-free bread is available. Please let your server know.
- Alcohol-free option is located in the center of the tray (lighter in color).
- *If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest or let your server know.*

*The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Here I Am Lord" #574 ELW



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?	Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them.	Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them.	Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

*We're so glad you joined us for worship today
whether in person or online.*

THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Wally & Bev Swenson

Lector: Kat Carlson

Hospitality: Brenda & Gary Sjerven

***Thank you for
your service!***

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, June 22, 2025: In Person: 9:00am 84 Online: 12

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