
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

July 13th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Fifth 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).

‡ GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE ‡

~ The assembly responds together with texts in bold print ~

*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Open the Eyes of My Heart"

CCLI#2298355

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up. Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy holy

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Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you
I want to see you

LIFE TOGETHER - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find the full list of Life Together announcements near the end of the bulletin.

GATHERING SONG: "Love the Lord"

Love the Lord your God,
With all your heart and all your
Soul and all your mind
And love all humankind as
You would love yourself and...

Love the Lord your God,
With all your heart and all your
Soul and mind
And love all humankind...

We've got Christian lives to live,
We've got Jesus' love to give,
We've got nothing to hide
Because in Him we all have love... (Repeat)

(Please rise in body or spirit on the last Verse)

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.**

The presiding minister leads the words of forgiveness.

*The gathering responds: **Amen.***

GREETING

The immeasurable grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the rich mercy and love of God,
and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, **your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.
Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our
neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Our God" by Chris Tomlin

CCLI#5677416

† HEARING GOD'S WORD †

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's hearts.

⁹The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for

you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

PSALM 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the

knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

This is the story of God's unconditional love flowing down. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the story of grace upon grace that covers us. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

SONG OF THE DAY: "Shout to the Lord"

CCLI# 1406918

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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✠ 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

Following each petition the gathering responds:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

May Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, fill you with love,

mend you with mercy, and grant you 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.



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.

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 communion liturgy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER – Lead by the Praise Team

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven Holy be your name.
Your kingdom come your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us the wrong we have done
As we forgive those who wrong us.**

**And do not put us to the test
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
Are yours now and forever, forever.**

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.

Communion Notes:

- Gluten-free wafers are available, please let your server know.
- Alcohol-free juice is located in the center of each tray (lighter in color).
- If you prefer to receive communion at your seat, please inform an usher.
- If you choose not to commune, you are warmly invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

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 presiding minister leads the blessing the gathering responds: **Amen.***

SENDING SONG: "You Are My All in All"

CCLI# 825356

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all,
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give it up I'd be a fool,
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name,
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up, When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name,
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

MEN: You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek,
You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all

WOMEN: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
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Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name, Worthy is Your name

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God!**

We're grateful to have worshiped with you today wherever you are, you are part of this community. Come again, and join us in service, prayer, and fellowship throughout the week.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for coffee, tea, treats, and conversation.

It's a wonderful time to connect and we're always grateful for those who help host!

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LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life Together highlights the rhythms of our shared life at Bethesda- upcoming events, ways to connect, serve, and grow in faith together. Take a look at what's happening and join in where you feel called.

There's a place for you here!

PRAYER & CARE LIST Jim Christensen, Joy Vossen, Dean Malotky, Keith Munding.

As a community of faith, we are committed to holding one another in prayer and care. We invite you to pray for those listed here and offer support as you are able. To request prayers for yourself or someone else (with their permission) please contact the church office.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Serve or bring treats to help create a warm, welcoming space after worship. Sign-up is by the serving window in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

LECTORS NEEDED Help bring scripture to life! Sign up in the Narthex to read during worship. Thanks for sharing your voice!

CHRISTIAN LADIES AROUND THE LAKE Thursday, July 17th, 12:30pm at Tulibee Tavern in Walkon, Lunch & Speaker \$15.75. Call Lois Johnson for reservations: 320 674-0136. See the poster on the bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

THE VEGGIE STAND IS OPEN! Saturdays 7:30–11:00 AM Stop by for sweet corn, baked goods, and homemade jelly. Proceeds support local needs. Bakers, we welcome your donations! Pull up a chair, grab a coffee, and enjoy good company. We've got the chairs and coffee- just come!

LET'S GO FISHING provides free fishing and boating trips for senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and veterans.

July 17th at 12:30 on Bay Lake.

July 22nd at 12:30 on Bay Lake. (just added)

July 30th at 4:30 Nature tour on Rice Lake.

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!

CRAFTERS GATHERING Monday, 21st at 9:00 a.m. Come enjoy a fun and creative morning with fellow crafters! We'll be working on a special project for the Holiday Bazaar and will continue meeting on a variety of Mondays throughout the summer from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. No experience needed!

PARKING NOTICE To those using our lot as a carpool meet-up spot: please park along the outer edge near the pollinator sanctuary. This helps keep the lot clear in case emergency access is needed for a medical helicopter landing.

NEW MEMBERS Thinking about making Bethesda Lutheran Church your church home? We'd love to welcome you into our community! If you're interested in becoming a member or simply learning more, please contact Pastor Christina or the church office.

NAME TAGS HELP US CONNECT Wearing a name tag is a simple and meaningful way to help us learn each other's names and grow in community. Please remember to wear your reusable name tag each Sunday. Guest name tags are available near the guest book by the main entrance doors.

PASTORAL CARE We care about you! If you are hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or in need of support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Contact Pastor Christina or one of our parish nurses, Darlene or Kathy- we're here for you.

WELCOME GIFTS As a small gesture of hospitality, we offer a Bethesda mug to guests who join us for worship. If you're visiting today, we're glad you're here please take one as our gift to you!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Sunday, July 6th, 2025, In Person: Online:

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Monday, July 14th

9:00 am Women's Devotion

11:30 am Pinochle

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, July 15th

9:00 am Chair Yoga

1:00 pm Mission & Evangelism Meeting

4:00 pm Bell Practice

5:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 16th

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

9-4pm WIC

Thursday, July 17th

8:00 am ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out)

9:15 am Chair Yoga

12:30 pm Let's Go Fishing (Bay Lake)

Friday, July 18th

Saturday, July 19th

7:30-11 am Veggie Stand

Sunday, July 20th

9:00 am Worship in Person & live stream

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Greeters: Del & Dianne Jones

Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester

Lector: Dennis Hennessy

Hospitality: Dar Ryan and Anne Hennessey

Those serving on July 20th:

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell **Greeters:** Mary Braun & Jenny Schuett

Lector: Karen Elias **Hospitality:**