
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

July 6th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Fourth 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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Custodial and Maintenance: Gary Sjerven

Music Specialist & Sound Technician: Jim Christensen

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

LIFE TOGETHER - ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Jim Christensen

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!

QUILTERS UPDATE Thank you for your generous donations! At this time, our quilters have all the mattress pads they need. We're grateful for your continued support.

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!

LOAVES & FISHES TOMORROW Bethesda helps serve free to-go meals in Aitkin. Volunteers assist with prep, packaging, distribution, and cleanup as part of this vital ministry. We'll pack cookies today after worship. Thank you for sharing in this work of compassion and nourishment.

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!

CRAFTERS GATHERING Monday, July 7th & 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.

THIS WEEK AT Bethesda

July 7th, 2025 – July 13th, 2025

Monday	7/7	9:00 am	Crafters
		11:30 am	Cards
		2-5:30 pm	Loaves & Fishes
		7:00 pm	AA/Alanon
Tuesday	7/8	9:00 am	Chair Yoga
		4:00 pm	Bell Practice
Wednesday	7/9	9:00 am	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	7/10	8:00 am	ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out)
		9:15 am	Chair Yoga
Saturday	7/12	7:30-11 am	Veggie Stand is Open
Sunday	7/13	9:00 am	Sunday Worship in Person & live stream

OPENING HYMN:

“Come All You People”

#819 ELW

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



U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
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 Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo
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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

O God,

the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✝ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✝

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may

drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

PSALM 66:1-9

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

² **Sing the glory of God's name; sing the glory of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name."**

⁵ Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 6:1-16

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.

¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever

you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,
¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

SERMON

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

SERMON HYMN: “In Christ Called to Baptize”

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1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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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

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.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of (*Jan Hus and*) all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of (*local natural beauty and*) all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain (*especially*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens

of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. 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

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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: "Go to the World"

(on screen)



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Greeters: Mary Braun & Jenny Schuett

Lector: London Feland

Hospitality: Wally & Bev Swenson

Response to God's Word Last Week

Sunday, June 29, 2025: In Person: 9:00am 67 Online: 15

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