
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

November 2nd, 2025

9:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday



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.

WELCOME

LIFE TOGETHER - ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRAYER – Pastor leads a prayer for Chad & Dara

CHOIR ANTHEM: “Be Still”

WORDS OF GRACE

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

The presiding minister leads the words of grace.

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

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

We remember, O God, those of Bethesda Lutheran who have departed this life since last All Saints’ Day, leaving behind a legacy of faith, hope, and love.

We give thanks for their lives and entrust them to your eternal care.

A bell rings following the reading of each name.

We pause now to name aloud or in our hearts those who have gone before us whose memory remains a blessing to us.

The gathering is invited to speak the names of loved ones who have died and are in your thoughts today. A bell rings following the gathering has completed their response.

We celebrate, O God, those who have come to the waters of baptism, washed in your grace and claimed as your beloved children.

We rejoice in the new life they have received and the journey of faith they have begun.

Reading of the name of the baptized since last All Saints’ Day.

We welcome, O God, the new members of Bethesda, those who have joined us in the journey of faith, becoming part of this family of believers.

May they feel the warmth of your love and the strength of our fellowship as they walk with us.

Reading of the names of new members received since last All Saints’ Day.

We rejoice, O God, with those who have joined their lives in marriage, reflecting the love of Christ in their union and committing themselves to a life of faithfulness and joy together.

Bless them with love that grows stronger each day and hearts that are steadfast in grace.

Reading of the names of the newly married since last All Saints' Day.

Holy God, with all your saints, both living and departed we lift our hearts in gratitude. We stand as one body, connected through the ages by your love, And we pray for the day when we will all be united in your eternal kin-dom. Until that day, keep us faithful, compassionate, and courageous in our journey.

In the communion of saints, we give you thanks, O God, and join our voices with those who have gone before, those who walk beside us, and those yet to come. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

READING "For Those Who Walked with Us" by Jan L. Richardson

For those who walked with us, this is a prayer.

For those who have gone ahead, this is a blessing.

For those who touched and tended us, who lingered with us while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.

For those who journey still with us in the shadows of awareness,
in the crevices of memory, in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.

GATHERING SONG

"For All the Saints"

ELW #422

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

(Please stand on the last verse)

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

Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷"As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

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

PSALM: 149

¹Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

²Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.

³Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.

⁴For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory.

⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.

⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand,

⁷to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

⁸to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron,

⁹to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones.

Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

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

Glory to you, O Lord

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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

SERMON

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

SONG OF THE DAY "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

ELW #414



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
set of sun through the church the song goes on.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

✠ 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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Holy God,

you join our stories with those who have walked in faith before us and those who will come after. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and trust. Use them to carry forward the love, mercy, and justice that your saints have modeled through the ages. May all that we give and all that we are bear witness to your presence among us. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God is in this place. **And in our hearts.**

Open yourself to the presence and nudging of God.

We feel the breath of the Spirit moving among us.

We remember the Word made flesh

Jesus, who shows us the way of love.

Transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table,

To taste and see your goodness,

the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.

Time and again you've extended your grace,

Even when we have turned away, still you call us your own.

You will never leave us.

You are steadfast. You are faithful.

With grateful hearts, we come to this feast of remembrance and hope.

We give thanks for the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Whose presence gathers us and whose love connects us to one another.

With those who have gone before us, with the saints among us now

And with the saints yet to come, we are drawn together in your love.

We join in praise and thanksgiving. We worship you. We glorify you.

The presiding minister continues with the words of institution.

The gathering responds:

God of all generations, send your Spirit upon this bread and cup

And upon all who gather at your table.

Make us one with the saints, one with our siblings in faith around the world

One with the risen Christ who meets us here.

Be with us, O God, not only in this holy meal, but in every moment of our lives. Guide us by your Spirit, shape us in your grace, and send us forth to live as your saints, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

United together into the communion of saints, we pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day 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.

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.

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, **we give you thanks for this meal, for this sacred gathering with all your saints and for the hope that you have given us. As we go from this table, may we carry with us the courage of the saints who have gone before, the strength of Christ who lives in us, and the love of the Spirit who united us, now and always. Amen**

BLESSING

The presiding minister gives God's blessing, the gathering responds:

Amen.

SENDING SONG "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

ELW #424



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -



ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain:
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es:
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia!
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia!



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyr
 Al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, arch - an - gels, vir - tues, an - gel choirs:
 Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord:
 strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song:
 Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One:



"Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: J. Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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DISMISSAL

Led by the saints before us, go forth in faith and love,
 living each day as a gift of God's grace.

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 Jan Ahho, Teri Carlson, Marilyn Cerizan, LuAnn Gordon, Sandy Miller, Brenda Sjerven, Sherry Whipple.

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.

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 November! 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!

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due by November 9th for our annual meeting on Sunday, December 7th, following our regular worship service. Please email to: blcmalmo@gmail.com with your committee reports.

READING THE BIBLE Join Pastor Christina, Mary V. and others from Bethesda for a gentle, engaging journey through the New Testament. Want to learn more or join in? Email BLCBibleRead@gmail.com. There will be a meeting on Monday at 3:00pm

HOPE LODGE Please bring any donations for Hope Lodge to the church by Wednesday, November 5th. The donations that have been collected will be delivered to Hope Lodge on the 7th.

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.

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, October 26th, 2025: In Person: 72 Online: 15

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Monday, November 3rd

11:30 am Pinochle
3:00 pm New Testament Bible Reading
7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, November 4th

9:00 am Chair Yoga
9:00 am Quilters
4:00 pm Bell Practice
5:30 pm Choir Practice
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Wednesday, November 5th

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 6th

8:00 am ROMEOS (Retired Old Men Eating Out)
9:15 am Chair Yoga

Sunday, November 9th

9:00 am Worship in Person and live stream
Annual committee meeting reports due! email to blcmalmo@gmail.com

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October Altar Care: Elsa Carlson and Barb Forrester

Serving this week, November 2nd

Ushers: Sherry Whipple & Winnie Zahradka

Greeters: Lee & Barb Forrester

Lector: Merrily Jones

Hospitality:

Those serving on November 9th:

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Sherry Whipple & Winnie Zahradka

Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz

Hospitality: