
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

October 12th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost A Service of Hope and Healing



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.

GATHERING SONG **"Ten Thousand Reasons – Bless the Lord, O My Soul"**

Song by Matt Redman - YouTube Video by Mary Munson

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 1]

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes [Chorus]

[Verse 2]

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find [Chorus]

[Verse 3]

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore,
Forevermore

[Chorus]

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

WORDS OF GRACE

We gather in the name of † the God who heals,
through every pain, every hope, and everything in between. **Amen.**

Beloved of God, **Every week, we gather to remember this profound truth:
No matter how weary we may feel, we are held securely in God's healing
embrace.**

The presiding minister continues with the words of grace, the gathering responds:
Thanks be to God. 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

Almighty and most merciful God, **your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

ELW # 335



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

✠ HEARING GOD'S WORD ✠

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

PSALM 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

REFLECTION MUSIC "This Is the Day"

Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

REFLECTION

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen
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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

Following each petition, the gathering responds,
In your great mercy, **hear us, O God.**

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

God of abundance, **receive these gifts and use them to extend your healing in the world, to feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, welcome the stranger, and proclaim the good news that all are beloved in your sight. Bless these offerings and bless us as we prepare to gather at your table. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Following the communion liturgy, the gathering responds, **Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

After receiving communion, you're welcome to receive a laying on of hands from our caring ministry team. They will be stationed throughout the space, ready to offer this blessing. Feel free to move to any open station.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, **in this meal you have touched us with healing grace. You have fed our hunger, quieted our fears, and reminded us we belong to you. In the name of Jesus, who makes us whole. Amen.**

BLESSING

*The presiding minister leads the blessing. The gathering responds, **Amen.***

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, healed, held, and deeply loved. **Thanks be to God!**

*We give thanks for worshiping together today.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith,
know that you are warmly welcomed and embraced here.
Return again to join us in service, prayer, and fellowship throughout the week.
Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, tea, treats,
and conversation. It's a joyful time to connect,
and we are grateful for all who help make it possible.*

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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 Teri Carlson, Noah Elias, LuAnn Gordon, Darlene Meinert, Brenda Sjerven, Judy Stahl, 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 October & 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!

CHRISTIAN LADIES AROUND the LAKE meeting on Thursday, October 16th, 12:30 pm, at Tulibee Tavern in Walkon. Lunch and speaker, \$15.75. Speaker will be a representative of the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department speaking on "Avoiding Scammers and Keeping Safe". Call Lois Johnson for reservations, 320 674-0136.

BUDGET REQUEST FORMS are in committee chairperson's "In Boxes" to be completed by November 2, 2025, and returned to the "Stewardship In Box" in the office. All chairpersons have been emailed also.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Join us for Bethesda's annual Holiday Bazaar, featuring baked goods, crafts, lefse, and our famous Cookie Walk!

Here's how you can help with the bazaar:

Cookie Walk: Each family is asked to donate 6 dozen holiday cookies. Thank you for helping fill our tables with sweetness!

Lefse Making: We'll be rolling and grilling lefse on Monday, Oct. 20 and Tuesday, Oct. 21 starting at 8:00 a.m.

Please sign up to help. Recipes and potato granules will be available in early October.

Bake Sale: We welcome donations of candies, breads, pies, and all your delicious holiday treats!

Caramel Wrapping: Will take place Tuesday, Oct. 21 following lefse making.

Crafts: Handmade items are always a highlight! Donations may be dropped off anytime so they can be priced before the sale.

Bazaar Set-Up: Thursday, Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m. Table setup and

Friday, Oct. 24 at 8:30 a.m. Set up Craft, Cookie Walk, Quilt, and Bake Sale areas. Come lend a hand, bake, craft, or simply join us for the fun on October 25!

BETHESDA BAZAAR BUCKS are a fun and meaningful way to support local charities through our upcoming Holiday Bazaar!

Here's how they work:

- Purchase Bazaar Bucks in \$5, \$10, or \$20 denominations.
- Spend them at the Holiday Bazaar, where all proceeds support local charitable causes.
- Buy them in the church office or during Sunday Fellowship.
- Give them as gifts or use them to invite friends and neighbors to join the fun and support the community!

It's an easy way to spread holiday cheer while giving back to those in need.

Bonus! Each Sunday before the Bazaar, we'll hold a \$20 Bazaar Buck Giveaway during Fellowship. Be sure to sign up for your chance to win!

AITKIN COUNTY CARE is offering a 6-week class starting October 13th called Powerful Tools for Caregivers for anyone who is a caregiver. It will give participants the confidence and support to better care for a loved one and themselves. A light lunch will be served at each session. See the brochure in the narthex for more information.

READING THE BIBLE Have you ever closed your Bible and wondered, "*What did I just read?*" You're not alone. Join Pastor Christina, Mary V. and others from Bethesda for a gentle, engaging journey through the New Testament. No pressure, no tests just curiosity, conversation, and grace as we explore the story of God's love together. Whether you've read the Bible cover to cover or are opening it for the first time in years, there's a place for you here. Want to learn more or join in? Email BLCBibleRead@gmail.com

PATHFINDERS Love the outdoors? Join the Bethesda Pathfinders, a faith-based hiking group that grows together in spirit and strength. We explore local trails, share friendship and faith, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. All are welcome, whether you're an experienced hiker or simply love a good walk in nature.

To join or learn more, scan the QR code on the narthex flyer or connect with Judie B. or Pastor for further details.

LUTEFISK DINNER at Trinity Lutheran Church in Milaca on Saturday, Oct. 25th from 3:00-6:00pm. See the poster in the Narthex for more information.

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 but powerful way to help us get to know one another and strengthen our sense of community. Please remember to wear your reusable name tag each Sunday, it's a small gesture that makes a big difference! Guests are warmly invited to fill out a name tag near the guest book by the main entrance. We're glad you're here!

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 5th: In Person: 68 Online: 15

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Monday, October 13th

9:00 am Woman's Devotions

11:30 am Pinochle

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, October 14th

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, October 15th

9:00-4:00 WIC

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, October 16th

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

9:15 am Chair Yoga

Sunday, October 19th

9:00 am Worship in Person and live stream

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October Altar Care: Elsa Carlson and Barb Forrester
Music: Bell Choir
Ushers: Lee & Barb Forrester
Greeters: Bob & Kat Carlson
Lector: Merrily Jones
Hospitality: Janice & Wayne Olson, Winnie Zahradka

Those serving on October 19th:

Music: Praise Team
Ushers: Dick Stebbins & Nathan Stebbins
Greeters: Mary Braun & Winnie Zahradka
Lector: Dennis Hennessy
Hospitality:

We seek to live and serve through faith, act with love and kindness,
and give hope and support to all.
