
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MALMO

21590 State Highway 47, Isle, MN 56342

November 9th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church!

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.

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).

Please take a moment to sign the friendship notebook in the black folder at the end of your pew. Passing it along is a simple act of hospitality that helps us learn one another's names and extend the warmth of Christ's welcome to all.

We celebrate the presence of children in worship and at Holy Communion.

We believe worship is for all of God's people, no matter the age.

For those who may need a quieter space, an unstaffed nursery is available through the double doors to the left as you exit the sanctuary. Caregivers are invited to assist children in extending their hands if they wish to receive the bread and wine. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the sanctuary entrance.

✝ **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE** ✝

~ *The assembly responds together with texts in bold print* ~

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come Now is the Time to Worship*

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God.
One day every knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now. *Chorus.*

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WELCOME

LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

You'll find the full list of Life Together announcements near the end of the bulletin.

GATHERING SONG *Glorious Day*

1. One day when heaven, was filled with His praises.
One day when sin was as black as could be.
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed

Chorus: Living He loved me, Dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away; Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, oh glorious day, oh glorious day

2. One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree,
And took the nails for me. *Chorus.*

3. One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord ever more
Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him from rising again. *Chorus.*

4. One day the trumpet will sound for His coming (for your coming)
One day the skies with His glories will shine (glories will shine)
Wonderful day my beloved one
Bringing my Savior, Jesus is mine. *Chorus.*

Please rise in body or spirit on the last Verse

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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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts, and bring us to new 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

Ever-Living God, **splendid and wondrous are your acts! You give life and
breath to your whole creation and watch over those you love. Keep us in
your care, that all our days may be spent in blessing and praise to you. You
are great, and greatly to be praised! Amen.**

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM *Confidence*

by Sanctus Real CCLI# 7102614

† HEARING GOD'S WORD †

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth; ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

PSALM 17:1-9

¹Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

**²Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**

³Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down;
you will find no impurity in me.

**⁴I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.

**⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**

⁷Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge
at your right hand from those who rise against them.

**⁸Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**

⁹from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

The holy Gospel according to Luke.

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

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

SERMON

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

SONG OF THE DAY *Blessed Be Your Name*

1. Blessed be Your name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Chorus: Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord... Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.

2. Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. *Chorus.*

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name.

Chorus

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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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world,
and all who are in need.

*Silence is held as we prepare for prayer.
Each petition ends with, "Hear us, O God."
The gathering responds, "Your mercy is great."*

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace
and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

*Christ's peace is a gift that renews and connects us. Having received that peace,
we now share it with one another as a sign of God's love among us.*

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 healing and hope,

**you bless those who are hungry,
promising to fill them with good things.**

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

**Nourish us with the abundance of your feast
and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The presiding minister leads the communion liturgy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

Our Praise Team will lead us in a sung version of the Lord's Prayer (John Denver arrangement). Please join us as we sing this prayer together.

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. 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 wish 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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.
Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God!**

We're so glad you joined us for worship today.

Wherever life finds you, know that this community welcomes you with open hearts.

Come again and share in our life of service, prayer, and fellowship.

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

*It's a wonderful time to connect, and we're grateful for all
who help make this time of fellowship possible.*

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, Myra Honl, Darlene Meinhart, 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 Thank you to everyone who signed up last week! If you're unable to serve, consider bringing treats to help stock the freezer. Every contribution helps create a warm and welcoming space for conversation and connection.

LECTORS NEEDED Each week, lectors help bring Scripture to life as we gather for worship. If you'd like to read in worship this November, please sign up on the table in the Narthex where the weekly readings are listed. Thank you for lending your voice to this ministry of the Word.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER November invites us to give thanks for all we have and to share with others. Please consider a gift to ELCA World Hunger. You can use your designated envelope or pick up a change bank or giving envelope in the Narthex.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS are due TODAY, 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.

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 at the main entrance.

PASTORAL CARE We care about you! If you are hospitalized, going through a difficult time, or in need of support, please reach out. Contact Pastor Christina or one of our parish nurses, we're here for you.

WELCOME If you're visiting today, we're so glad you're here! Your presence is a gift to this community. Pastor Christina would love the chance to get to know you, please say hello after worship or reach out during the week. You can also leave your name and contact information in the friendship/welcome notebook so we can connect.

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE Tuesday, November 25th 7:00 pm Isle Baptist Church. Join Pastor Christina and the area ecumenical ministerial group for an evening of thanksgiving and praise. Worship will be followed by a time of fellowship and pie.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Sunday, November 2nd, 2025: In Person: 69 Online: 10

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Monday, November 10th

9:00 am Women's Devotion

9:00 am Bazaar Wrap-up

10:00 am Stewardship Meeting

11:30 am Pinochle

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, November 11th

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 12th

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, November 13th

8:00 am ROMEOS (Men's fellowship & study)

9:15 am Chair Yoga

Sunday, November 16th

9:00 am Worship in Person and live stream

With Gratitude for Those Who Serve

Today we give thanks for those from our Bethesda community who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces. We honor their commitment and pray for peace in our nation and throughout the world.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Ron Aho	Navy	58 - 64	
Ron Anderson	Army	49 - 53	Korea
John Ansell	Army	2003- 12	Iraq twice
Maynard Berland	Army		
Jim Birk	Army	71 - 72	Germany
Chuck Carlson	USMCR	55 - 63	
Richard Carron	Army	68 - 70	Vietnam
Wayne Danielson	Army	62 - 64	Germany
Marty Dressely	Navy	8 years	
Jack Foyo	Navy	60 - 66	Bearing Sea
Tom Forester	Army	64 - 66	Ethiopia
Lee Forrester	Air Force	65 - 69	Bermuda
Ron Haglund	National Guard	53 - 61	
Rollie Halvorson	Army	48 - 51	Korea
Dennis Hennessy	Army	69 - 71	States
Delano Jones	Army	66 - 68	Vietnam
Ron Keil	Navy	75 - 79	Vietnam
Keith Kellen	Navy	65 - 69	Vietnam
Darrell Kelly	National Guard	60 - 64	
Melody Lackner	Army	74 - 76	Germany
Larry Liljenquist	USMC	89 - 93	Gulf War
Michael Lofgren	Marines	66 - 70	
Jim Magedanz	National Guard	66 - 72	
Jim Metteer	Army	69 - 71	Vietnam
Troy Nyberg	USMC	4 years	
Dick Norlander	Army	66 - 69	Korea
Wayne Olson	National Guard	57 - 63	
Larry Pantsari	Army	70-71	Vietnam

Cliff Roberts	Marines	55 - 62	
Sam Samuelson	Air Force	68 - 72	Taiwan
Jerry Schewe	Army	63 - 65	Germany
Butch Stephenson	Navy	64 - 67	Vietnam
Dave Stueven	Army	69 - 72	
Wally Swenson	Army	53 - 56	
Dick Stebbins	Air Force	64 - 78	
Sally Stay	Army	4 years	Iraq
Bob Walrod	Marines	67 - 68	Vietnam

Deceased Veterans from Bethesda

**Spanish American
World War I**

Martin Gudim	George Gudim
Arthur Andren	Ed Johnson
Walt Pedersen	Joe Samson

World War II

Bob Beavers	Glen A. Johnson	Ivan Peterson
Les Bolke	Lloyd Jarson	Sam Reinhard
Dennis Brooks	Norm Jorgenson	Swan Roseberg
Ernest Burman	Fred Knudsen	Daniel Samson
Leonard Goldman	Lloyd Lilienthal	Peg Schaefer
Wilbur Gorham	Gottfred Long	Dale Siems
Dick Grip	Richard Moe	Dale Williams
Walt Groehler	Shirley Olson	
Lawrence Hjort	Harland Pedersen	
Donald Johnson	Clarence Peterson	

Korean War & Other

Maynard Bakken	Owen Heins	Lloyd Schaefer
Jerry Becker	John Iverson	Ken Skogquist
Roy Berg	Ted Jaszczak	George Smith
LeRoy Bondeson	Rev. Winfield Johnson	Delmer Swanson
Harlow Dickinson	Bill Johnson	Norman Swedberg
Marlyn Eklund	Earl Julien	Al Wedig
Gordon Elling	Gary Miller	Darrel Westerlund
Roy Gosselin	Tom Mjelde	Howard Westerlund
Melvin Hamman	Jerry Morris	Fredrick White
Douglas Hansen	Donald Olson	Randy Zahradka
Richard Henrickson	Don Rimer	
Richard Holmquist	Joann Roeker	
Merrill Honnold	Alfie Sandell	
Owen Heins	Bill Schaefer	



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Hand Bell Choir Director: Donna Myhre

Praise Choir: Darlene & Jim Christensen, Sheila Penoyer, Sherry Whipple

November Altar Care: Dianne Jones and Carol Pantsari

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Sherry Whipple & Winnie Zahradka

Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz

Hospitality: Char Berg, Jeannine Bruesewitz, Karen Elias

Serving on November 16th

Ushers: Gary & Brenda Sjerven

Greeters: Bob & Kat Carlson

Lector:

Hospitality: Rose Puckett, Sue Stebbins