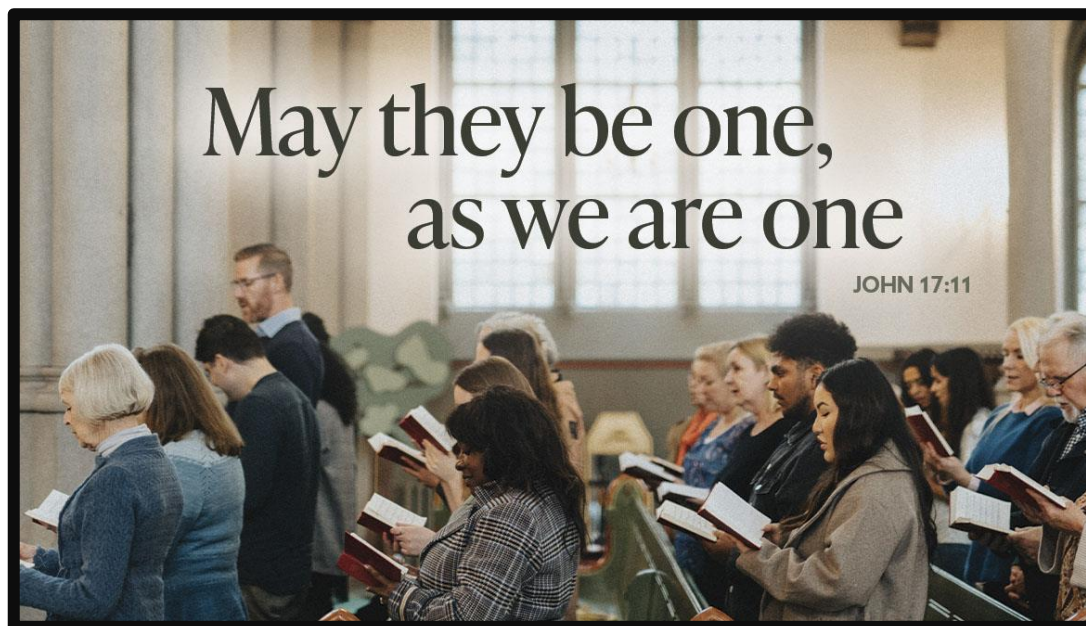

Bethesda Lutheran Church

21590 Hwy 47, Isle, Minnesota 56342

May 17th, 2026

9:00 am



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.

*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.
(to learn more about the ELCA visit www.elca.org).*

Those joining worship online, whether live or later in the week, are invited to prepare their worship space by creating a home altar. You might include meaningful linens, candles, a cross, enough bread or crackers and wine or juice for everyone at your table, and anything that helps you engage more fully in worship.

This altar becomes a gathering place for prayers, songs, communion, and a shared sense of God's presence in your home.

‡ **GATHERING** ‡

~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God. ~

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

WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to worship. In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God reigns. Christ is risen. And nothing can separate us from that love. **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the worship leader continues.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the water that surrounds us
Mille Lacs, Sugar, Clear, Round, Camp, Big Sandy, Rice, Nord, Gull, Bay,
Sandy River, Superior, Elm Island, Diamond, Smith, Farm Island,
For all standing still water sources, underground/spring-fed sources,
Ice / frozen water sources. miscellaneous transitional sources.
and all water sources that nourish us.

Blessed are you. **You are the spring of living water.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you. **You are the spring of living water.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

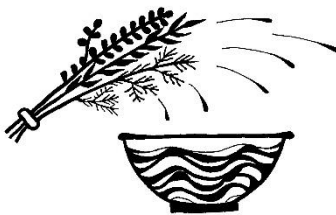
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you. **You are the spring of living water.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Alleluia, Amen.



God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Beloved of God, the immeasurable grace upon grace of Christ Jesus,
 the rich mercy and unconditional love of God,
 and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, **your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Falls Light Rain"

Words and Music by Stan Pethel ©Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL

‡ **WORD** ‡

~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. ~

FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM

Psalms 68:1-10.32-35

The Psalm for the day is read responsively by whole verse.

The assembly's response is in bold print.

¹Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it;**

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

The gospel is announced:

The holy gospel according to John

This is the story of grace flowing down. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

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

SERMON

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

SONG OF THE DAY

ACS 1037

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ, Our Peace'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are called to be the Church.

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our truth and our hope.

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our truth and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

INSTALLATION

Today we give thanks for God's gifts of service as Richard Battles is installed as custodian of Bethesda Lutheran Church. The rite includes a presentation, promises, and a congregational commitment of prayer and support.

People of God, will you pray for Richard, support him in his work, and honor his service, that together we may serve Christ in this place?

*The gathering responds: **We will, and we ask God to help us.***

Let us pray. **Gracious God, you call workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, and you have called Richard to this ministry. Grant him joy and steadfast trust, that his work may support the welcome of Bethesda and stir us all to faithful service; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion, reflecting the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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

*Response to the conclusion of the prayers of intercession: **Amen.***

PEACE

May the risen 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.*

✠ **MEAL** ✠

~ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. ~

OFFERING

We offer ourselves, our time, our talents, and our resources, for the care of our neighbors and the healing of the world. Because of you, we teach and learn, feed and visit, sing and serve, hope and heal. If you'd like to make a financial gift today, you'll find options in the bulletin and by the QR code. Thank you for being here, and for helping us live the resurrection story together. Your gifts support the ministry of Bethesda Lutheran Church and extend God's love into the world.

The offering is gathered and the table is set.

Ways to Give:

- Give electronically through Vanco Services.
- 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>

The gathering stands when the gifts are brought forward.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.

It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for you are good, and your love endures forever.

You create all things and make us in your image, claimed and beloved from the start.

Merciful God, you are faithful from age to age.

You came to us in Jesus Christ, your Son, who ate with strangers,
welcomed the forgotten and showed us what embodied love looks like.

**In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross,
we praise his resurrection**

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave thanks.

Broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this and remember me."

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks,

And gave it for all the drink, saying:

**"This cup is poured out for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this and remember me."**

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table,
and from death to life, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that we may be nourished by the risen Christ himself.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

**Send us forth as people of resurrection, alive to your presence,
awake to your call, and bold to carry Easter hope into the world.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is prayed in many languages throughout the world. Today, we pray a version written by Richard McCall, associate professor of liturgy & church music as a sign of God's expansive love.

Grounded in the hope of resurrection and the promise of God's enduring love,

We pray as Christ taught us;

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother

Holy is your name. May your love be enacted in the world.

May your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth,
and the fullness of love that will be are yours, now and 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. Even across time and space, God is present in these gifts, and we, the community, are present to one another.

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"To Whom Should We Go"

By Lacey Brown

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

SENDING

This extends the gathering's service of Holy Communion by sending caring ministers from the gathering, bearing the gifts of God's word and sacramental meal to those who are unable to be present in public worship. This ministry offers these people (such as those who are sick, homebound, or imprisoned) a means of participating in the worship of the whole gathering, and it helps those who have gathered publicly to recognize their oneness with those who are absent.

Gracious God, you nourish us with a mother's tender care. Just as you sent an angel to feed Elijah on the road, send us out now to share your gifts of Word and Sacrament. As our caring ministry team carries this bread and cup to those who are sick, homebound, or imprisoned, let your presence be felt in every visit. Through this holy meal, knit us all into one body strengthened by your grace and held in your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. ~

LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The full list of announcements is near the end of the bulletin.

BLESSING

May God our creator hold you in endless love,
may the risen Christ go before you and beside you, ✠
and may the Holy Spirit breathe resurrection life into all your days. **Amen.**

May the God of Hope Go with Us
Dios de la esperanza



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fi - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!**

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Sunday, May 17th | Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, May 18th

10:00 am Council Meeting

11:30 am Pinochle

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, May 19th

9:00 am Chair Yoga

3:00 pm Choir Practice

4:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 20th

Bethesda Lifeline Newsletter Deadline

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

10:00 am WELCA

Assembly of newborn kits

Thursday, May 21st

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

9:15 am Chair Yoga

2:00 pm Grief Share

Sunday May 24th | Pentecost

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Blessing for Mary Braun as she prepares to leave for Zambia

12:45 pm Memorial Service at Malmo Cemetery

1:45 pm Memorial Service at Lakeside Cemetery

LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life together announcements reflect the shared life of our congregation by highlighting upcoming events, service opportunities, and ways we continue to grow in faith together. We invite you to read through what's ahead and participate as you are able. Your presence matters.

PRAYER & CARE LIST Jim C., Sherry W., Judy S., Roger M.

As a community of faith, we are committed to holding one another in prayer & 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.

WELCOME Friends in Christ, we're glad you're here. Your presence is a gift to this community. If you would like us to be in touch or want to learn more about Bethesda, you're welcome to share your name in the friendship/welcome notebook.

CHILDREN WELCOME Children are a gift we celebrate and are welcome at Holy Communion. We trust that worship belongs to people of all ages. A quieter, unstaffed nursery is available through the double doors to the left when exiting the sanctuary. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available in the narthex.

WELCOME NOTEBOOK 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.

NAME TAGS Help your neighbors, and your pastor, remember your name! Name tags make it easier to connect and grow together in community. Sticker name tags are available near the guest book at the main entrance.

PASTORAL CARE Caring for one another is part of who we are. If you are hospitalized or going through a difficult time, please let Pastor Christina or one of our parish nurses know. We would be honored to support you.

COFFEE HOSPITALITY Coffee and conversation are part of how we care for one another. If you'd like to help serve coffee or share a treat, your presence makes a difference. Sign-up information is available, and contributions for the freezer are always welcome.

WORSHIP AT BETHESDA Join us for worship every Sunday at 9:00 am. Holy Communion is celebrated most Sundays.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Jesus invites us in Matthew 6 to "pray in this way" as a gift and a guide. This Easter season, we're praying the Lord's Prayer in a variety of faithful forms; today, we are using a version by Richard D. McCall, Associate Professor of Liturgy and Church Music at Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, as a sign of God's wide love. As we pray, listen for the rhythm of praise, daily bread, forgiveness, and trust.

CHRISTIAN LADIES AROUND THE LAKE Join us on May 21st at 12:30 pm at Tulibee Tavern for lunch and fellowship, plus a special message from speaker Arlene Gabrielson, "For Such a Time As This." Are you looking for encouragement and practical ways to live faithfully in unsettling, chaotic times? Cost is \$20. Please call Loise at 320-674-0136 to reserve your spot.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP Began Thursday, May 7th 2:00 pm Grief Share will meet for about 13 sessions, each lasting 1–2 hours. Together we'll learn about the stages of grief and share our experiences in a caring, confidential setting. This group is for anyone grieving the loss of someone special: a spouse, child, parent, friend, or other loved one. The loss may have been recent or many years ago. If you're hurting, please consider joining us. Friends and neighbors from the wider community are also warmly welcome.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "*True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*" Join us for VBS at Bethesda Lutheran Church of Malmo! June 15–18, 9:00–11:30 a.m. Open to children ages 4–12. Students in 6th grade and up are welcome to serve as helpers. This year's mission project will be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Register online or by email. We hope to see you there!

THANK YOU! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves and helped make an incredible 384 jars of jelly! What a wonderful effort by so many generous hands!

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Interested in serving as a communion assistant? Please let Pastor Christina know! There is a sign-up calendar for the next few months. We will have an informational training session in June for those who would like to help with this meaningful ministry.

BETHESDA GARDENS Whether it's planting, weeding, or watering, there's always something to do in our gardens, we'd love your help! If you're interested in lending a hand, please contact Dianne J.

WELCA NEWBORN KITS Newborn kits will be assembled at the WELCA meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m.

PLANTS AND MORE Support the Bethesda Memorial Gardens and Nature Trail Fund! Try your luck in our raffle for a beautiful hanging basket from Steel's Nursery. Proceeds will help purchase flowers and other items to beautify both the Bell Garden and the Memorial Garden. We are also seeking two umbrella tables to provide seating and shade at the Memorial Garden, if you have one to donate or would like to contribute toward purchasing them, we would be so grateful. The raffle runs through May, with the winner drawn on May 31st. Thank you for your generosity!

VILLAGE OF HOPE - ZAMBIA This June, our very own Mary B. will travel to Zambia, Africa to the Village of Hope, a mission trip in partnership with Zion Lutheran in Buffalo, MN. Next Sunday, May 24th Our Bethesda community will send forth and bless Mary as she goes to live and work alongside the children and adults at the village. Please join us for a special temple talk and consider supporting Mary's ministry through the blessing box offering. Thanks be to God!

CRAFTERS begins Monday, June 1st, at 9 am. We would love to have you join us, even if you don't consider yourself "crafty"! Projects are simple and fun: painting base coats on wood items, beading, cutting, and more. Every little bit helps! Watch the bulletin for updates. Crafter Dates: June 1 & 22 | July 6 & 27 | Aug. 17 | Sept. 21 & 28 | Oct. 19 Oct. 31 — Holiday Bazaar

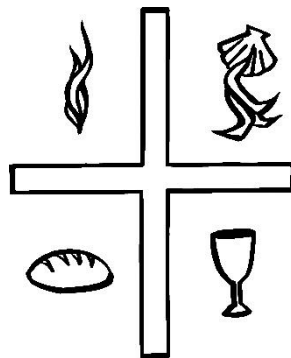
VINTAGE MARKET New this year! Our Holiday Bazaar will feature a Vintage Market, and we're collecting donated vintage items now. "Vintage" means prior to 1970, think jewelry, art glass, vinyl records, old books, Pyrex, ashtrays, embroidered linens, advertising pieces, costume brooches, cuff bracelets, toys, and more. Items can be dropped off by the craft room. Or contact Judie B.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE Led by Bethesda's Pastor Christina and the Isle VFW Honor Guard. Services will be held at 12:45 pm at Malmo Cemetery and 2:00 pm at Lakeside Cemetery. All are welcome to remember and honor our veterans.

DITCH CLEAN-UP It is Bethesda's tradition to clean up the ditches along our 2-mile stretch of Hwy 47 on the Wednesday following Memorial Day. Volunteers will meet at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 27th. Please wear long pants and sturdy boots or shoes, and bring bug spray. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Dianne J.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Sunday, May 10th, 2026 In Person: 78 Online: 21



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A member congregation of the NE MN Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

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Church Secretary: Mary Braun

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Ushers: David & Libby Brown

Greeters: Mary Braun & Jenny Schuett

Lector: Jeannine Brueseuwitz

Hospitality: Bob & Kat Carlson, Richard Battle

May Altar Care: Barb Forrester and Dianne Jones

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

Choir Director: Sheila Penoyer

Hand Bell Choir Director: Donna Myhre

Serving on May 24th, 2026 | Pentecost

Ushers: Larry & Carol Pantsari

Greeters: Jenny Schuett

Lector: Merrily Jones

Hospitality: Julie Swaggert, Joanne Stueven, Mary Braun

May Altar Care: Barb Forrester and Dianne Jones

June Altar Care: Patti Smith and Winnie Zahradka

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

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