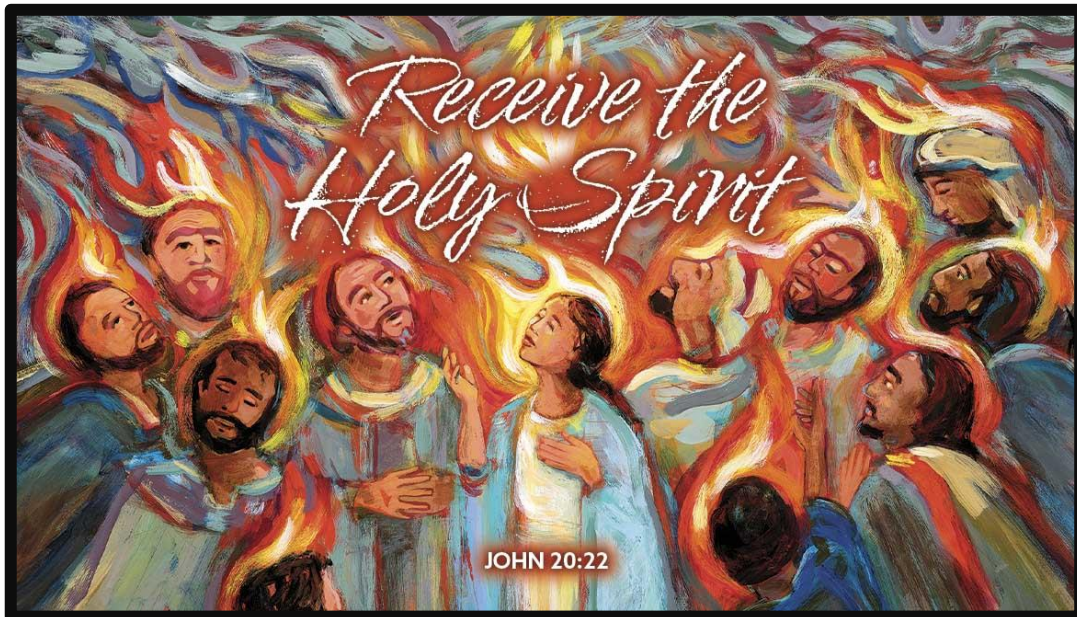

Bethesda Lutheran Church

21590 Hwy 47, Isle, Minnesota 56342

May 24th, 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. Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TEMPLE TALK

This morning, we're invited to witness the work of the Spirit beyond our own walls. We'll hear from Village of Hope in Zambia, a community marking 20 years of faithful, life-giving ministry. In their story, we catch a glimpse of what it looks like when love takes root, grows deep, and bears fruit for the sake of others. This is also part of our story. Mary will soon travel to be with them once again, her third journey, walking alongside the people there, learning, serving, and sharing in the life they are building together. She goes with the support of this community and as a reflection of who we are becoming together.

In Ephesians, we hear of a love that reaches beyond what we can measure a love that connects us across every boundary and draws us into something larger than ourselves. That kind of love is alive here. And it is alive in Zambia. As we watch this video, we do so as partners in this work, participants in what God is already doing in the world.

BLESSING BOX

This morning's Blessing Box supports Mary's upcoming journey to Village of Hope in Zambia. Your gifts help provide supplies and travel, strengthening a shared ministry rooted in relationship, learning, and care. Thank you for being part of this work. As the blessing box is passed, we sing our gathering song, "This Little Light of Mine."

GATHERING SONG

ELW 677

This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual

PRAYER

Spirit of the living God, we give you thanks for the gifts gathered here and for the ministry they will support at Village of Hope in Zambia. Bless Mary and those traveling with her from Zion Lutheran. Guide their journey, deepen their relationships, and shape their time together in shared learning and care.

Use these gifts, and all of us, to participate in the life you are bringing forth binding us together as one body in your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

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

Every week, we gather to remember what is always true, that God's love holds us, that Christ meets us, and that the Spirit is still breathing life into us.

The Spirit of God is alive in us.

On the day of Pentecost, fear gave way to courage, silence gave way to voice, and difference became a song of belonging. That same Spirit is here among us meeting us exactly as we are and holding us in mercy and love.

Come, Holy Spirit. Breathe life into us.

You are God's beloved. You are created in love, held in mercy, and woven together with purpose.

In Jesus Christ, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new, and nothing can separate you from the love of God.

We are forgiven. We are made new. Thanks be to God.

And now, filled with the breath of the Holy Spirit, we are one body in Christ Held in God's love and gathered in grace. **Amen.**

GREETING

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

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Who Am I" Sung by Jim Christensen
Words and Music by Casting Crowns

✠ **WORD** ✠

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

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection.

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

PSALM

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

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

The assembly's response is in bold print.

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴ May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

^{3b} No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The gospel is announced:

The holy gospel according to John

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

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

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

- 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
- 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: NROOKWETU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila
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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Each petition of the prayers ends with these words:
Send your Spirit upon us. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

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

PEACE

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

*We are changed by Christ's peace
and now we have the holy opportunity to extend that peace to others.*

✠ **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 SONG

ELW 549

Send Me, Jesus
Thuma mina, Nkosi yam



1 *Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam.*
2 *Ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, Nko - si yam.*
1 *Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Lord.*
2 *I am will-ing; I am will-ing; I am will-ing, will - ing, Lord.*

Text: South African
Music: THUMA MINA, NKOSI YAM, South African

(start the offering song as soon as the Ushers start passing the plates)

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 spoke creation into being, breathing life into dust and calling it very good.

We praise you, O God.

When your people wandered, your Spirit did not leave them,
you moved in fire and cloud, in prophets and dreams,
always drawing your people toward freedom. **We bless you, O God.**

In the fullness of time, you breathed your Spirit into Jesus, your Son,
who embodied your love, eating with strangers, healing the broken,
and proclaiming good news to the poor. Through his death and resurrection,
you opened the way from fear into life. And on this day of Pentecost,
you poured out your Spirit upon all flesh making us one body, alive in Christ.

We thank you, O God.

The presiding minister continues with the words of institution.

The gathering responds:

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The presiding minister continues, the gathering responds: **Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus taught us, saying: **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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER VIDEO

https://youtu.be/aDcwX_3DIJw?si=5Qqq1GIgB8uae06e

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 where every language is heard, every story is honored,
and every life is gathered into Christ.

Come, for the Spirit has been poured out for you.

Come, for this is the feast of life.

COMMUNION MUSIC – Village of Hope Acapella Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, **in this meal you have breathed your life into us again. You have gathered us as one body and filled us with your Spirit. Send us now into the world to speak your peace, to embody your justice, and to live as signs of your renewing love. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

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

BLESSING AND SENDING

We remember today that the Spirit sends people across borders, across languages, across cultures, to bear witness to God's love.

Mary, you are being sent not alone, but carried by this community and by the Spirit of God. People of God, will you support Mary with your prayers and encouragement?

We will.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh upon Mary. Give her courage, compassion, and deep joy. Make her a bearer of your peace and a witness to your grace. And bring her home with stories that widen our hearts.

Go in the Spirit, with our love and with God's peace. Amen.

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 life into you and make you bold to live in that love, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ACS 942

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing
in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the
spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933
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DISMISSAL

Go in the power of the Spirit, to love, to serve, and to speak life in every place.

Thanks be to God.

We give thanks for worshiping together today.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith,

you are welcomed here, held in grace, and part of this community.

We look forward to gathering again in worship, prayer, and shared life in the days ahead.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship

for coffee, tea, treats, and conversation. This is a joyful time to connect,

and we are grateful for all who make it possible.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

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

Monday, May 25th

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, May 26th

9:00 am Chair Yoga

9:00 am Quilters

3:00 pm Choir Practice

4:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, May 27th

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, May 28th

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

9:15 am Chair Yoga

1:45 pm Pastor Leading Communion Service at Aicota in Aitkin

2:00 pm Grief Share

2:30 pm Pastor Leading Communion Service at Golden Horizons

Sunday, May 31st | The Holy Trinity

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

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., Judy S.

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.

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!

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 Jones.

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. Today, our Bethesda community will bless and send Mary on her journey. We hold her in prayer and trust the Spirit already at work. 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 1:40 pm at Lakeside Cemetery. All are welcome to remember and honor our veterans.

DITCH CLEAN-UP Each year, Bethesda cares for our shared community by cleaning the ditches along our two-mile stretch of Hwy 47. This year's clean-up will take place on Wednesday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged to wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots, and to bring bug spray. All are welcome. Thank you for helping to care for this place we call home. Questions? Please contact Dianne J.

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP Flowers help to bring beauty and life into our shared worship space. If you would like to provide fresh flowers in celebration, in memory, or in honor of someone or something, please let the office know in advance or simply let us know the day of worship so we can share your dedication.

PARKING NOTICE To those using our lot as a carpool meet-up spot: please park along the outer edge near the shed/garage. This helps keep the lot clear in case emergency access is needed for a medical helicopter landing.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

Sunday, May 17th, 2026 In Person: 69 Online: 16





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Choir Director: Sheila P.

Hand Bell Choir Director: Donna M.

May Altar Care: Barb F. and Dianne J.

June Altar Care: Patti Smith and Winnie Z.

Ushers: Larry & Carol P.

Greeters: Jenny S. & Mary B.

Lector: Merrily J.

Hospitality: Dennise H. Julie S., Joanne S.

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Ushers: Lee & Barb F.

Greeters: LuAnn & Ron G.

Lector: Dennis H.

Hospitality: