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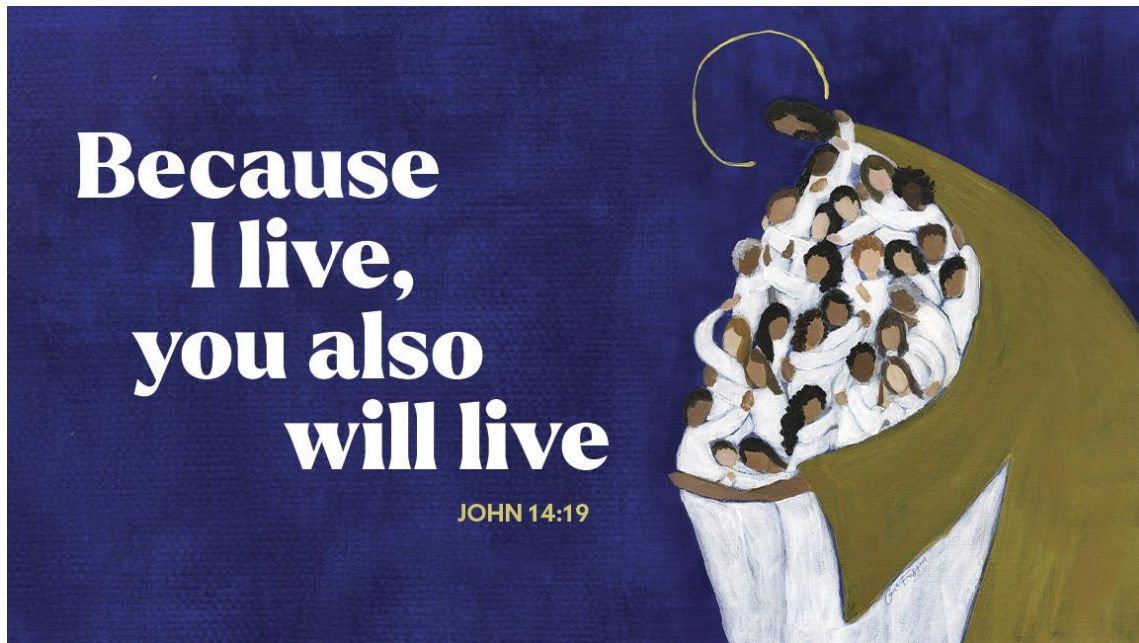
# Bethesda Lutheran Church

21590 Hwy 47, Isle, Minnesota 56342

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

9:00 am

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*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](http://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. Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

## **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.

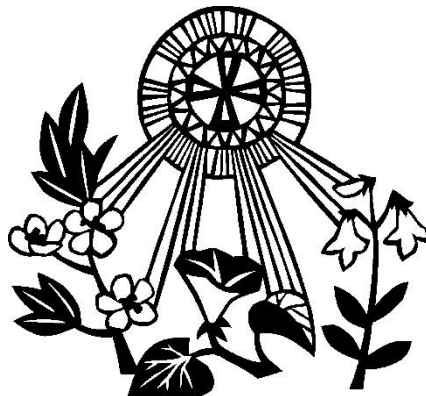
Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

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.**



Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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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 and ever-living God, **you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC "Praise You in the Storm"**

**by Casting Crowns**  
 Jim Christensen & Sheila Penoyer

✠ **WORD** ✠

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

## FIRST READING

Acts 17: 22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

<sup>29</sup> "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

## PSALM

Psalms 66:8-20

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

*The assembly's response is in bold print.*

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

A reading from 1 Peter

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

*The gospel is announced:*

The holy gospel according to John

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*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

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# Loving Spirit



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul-der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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 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**

As we prepare the table, we also offer ourselves, our time, our talents, and our resources for the care of our neighbors and the healing of the world. Because of your generosity, we teach and learn, feed and visit, sing and serve, hope and heal and do our best to pour out love into this community and the world. If you'd like to make a financial gift today, you'll find options in the bulletin On our website. Thank you for being here, and for helping us live the resurrection story together.

*The offering is gathered and the table is set.*

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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 womanist translation 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;

**Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us, we call upon your names.**

**Your wisdom come. Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell.**

**Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.**

**Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.**

**Separate us from the temptation of empire, and deliver us into community.**

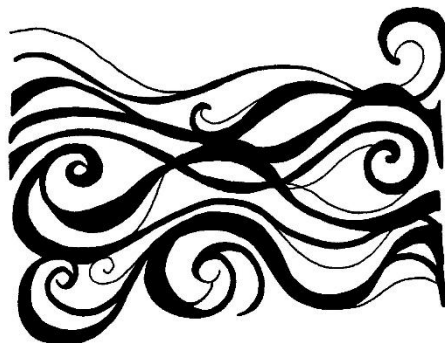
**For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us,**

**And the celebration among us, 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.



## Children of the Heavenly Father

*Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune  
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### BLESSING & 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 ✠

~ 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.**

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!**

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## **THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA**

### **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> | Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 am Worship – Holy Communion

### **Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Women's Devotion

10:00 am Crafters

10:00 am Property Team Meeting

11:30 am Pinochle

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

### **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Chair Yoga

9:00 am Quilters

3:00 pm Choir Practice

4:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

### **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:15 am Chair Yoga

2:00 pm Grief Share

### **Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> | Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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 Christensen, Sherry Whipple

*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.

**LECTORS** Thank you to those who share their voices in the reading of Scripture. Newly updated readings for the upcoming weeks are available on the table in the narthex.

**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 use a womanist translation by Yolanda Norton 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SYTTENDE MAI BUFFET LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE** - Friday, May 15, 2026, from 11am - 1pm. Trinity Lutheran Church, Milaca, MN. See poster in the narthex for more details.

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK**

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 In Person: 63 Online: 20

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**Ushers:** Barry and Donna Ansell

**Greeters:** Sylvia Tapelt & Merrily Jones

**Lector:** London Feland

**Hospitality:** Lynne & Denny Meidlinger, Kathy Mjelde

**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 the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Ushers:** David & Libby Brown

**Greeters:** Mary Braun & Jenny Schuett

**Lector:** Jeannine Brueseuwitz

**Hospitality:** Bob & Kat Carlson, Richard Battles

**May Altar Care:** Barb Forrester and Dianne Jones

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

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