
Bethesda Lutheran Church

21590 Hwy 47, Isle, Minnesota 56342

June 14th, 2026

9:00 am

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



We are a community of faith centered in Christ and rooted in God's grace. Through worship, learning, fellowship, and service, we encourage one another in faith and seek to share God's love with our neighbors, our 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*** ~

Good morning and welcome to worship. Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You. I want to see You.
To see You high and lifted up.
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy holy

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Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you. I want to see you.

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WELCOME

LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING SONG

We Are Called

We are called (we are called)
We are claimed (we are claimed)
We are loved (we are loved by the holy name).
We are healed (we are healed).
We are whole (we are whole).

**The Savior ransomed our souls and we're singing:
Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Gloria.
Oh, Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.
Glory Gloria!**

We are here (we are here).
To proclaim (to proclaim).
God is here (God is here; calls us each by name).
We are here (we are here).
To give praise (to give praise).

**The love of God will not change and we're singing:
Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Gloria.
Oh, Glory, Glory, Glory Hallelujah.
Glory Gloria! (repeat)**

By Dakota Road

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, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness. The gathering responds: **Amen.***

GREETING

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

God of compassion, **you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM

Trading Our Sorrows
Words and music by Darrell Evans CCLI 2574653

† **WORD** †

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-8a

At Sinai God assured Israel, "You shall be my treasured possession," and commissioned them to serve as mediating priests for the nations. The people commit themselves completely to God's will.

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴"You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.'" These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

PSALM

Psalm 100

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

The assembly's response is in bold print.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

We are no longer God's enemies but have peace with God because we were brought into a right relationship with God through Christ's death.

A reading from Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

The mission of Jesus' followers is to continue the mission of Jesus himself. Here, he instructs his first disciples as to how they might proclaim the gospel through their words and deeds.

The gospel is announced: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew;

James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

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

All of My Life

My heart is hopin' and my eyes are open.
There is a hunger inside of me.
I want to do right, walk in the holy light,
to live my days abundantly.

Chorus: All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful.
All of my life, I want to live forgiven and be grateful, All of my life.

Some say I've got to have all of the answers.
Some say I need all the money.
I hear the world is just mine for the taking,
Oh, how I long to be released. **Chorus**
Help out my neighbor, welcome a stranger.

Offer my shirt to an enemy.
Dance in the moonlight, cry by the firelight,
To live my days abundantly. **Chorus**

Oh, God, you know me, my every heartbeat is a word of grace from you
All of my life, I want to lose myself and be faithful.
All of my life, I want to live forgiven and be grateful,
All of my life, all of my life, all of my life.

Words and music by Dakota Road CCLI# 2329853

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

With the church across time and space,
let us confess our faith in Triune God who calls, equips, and sends us.

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 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:
God of grace. **hear our prayer.***

*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 PRAYER

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*The presiding minister continues with the words of institution.
The gathering responds: **Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER | Sung

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

**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. Even across time and space, God is present in these gifts, and we, the community, are present to one another.

Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

COMMUNION MUSIC

The Table
By Christ Tomlin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, **through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

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

BLESSING

*The presiding minister gives the blessing. The gathering responds: **Amen.***

SENDING SONG

Wade in the Water

Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water
Looks like the band that Moses led. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water *Refrain*

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

*We give thanks for worshiping together today. Wherever you are on your journey of
faith, know that you are warmly welcomed here.*

Return again to join us in service, prayer, and fellowship throughout the week.

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Sunday, June 14th | Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, June 15th

9:00-11:30am VBS

1:00 pm Council Meeting

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, June 16th

9:00-11:30am VBS

3:00 pm Choir Practice

4:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 17th

9:00-noon WIC

9:00-11:30am VBS

1:00 pm Let's Go Fishing

Thursday, June 18th

9:00-11:30am VBS

Saturday, June 20th

1:00pm Funeral for Marilyn Cierzan

Sunday June 21st | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

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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.,

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.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS Communion is the heart of our community, a place where all are welcomed and fed. As a communion assistant you help embody that welcome for everyone who comes to the table. If you feel a nudge toward this ministry, please reach out to Pastor Christina. An informational session is being planned to support you in this role, and we would love to have you join us.

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.

VILLAGE OF HOPE | ZAMBIA Please keep Mary B. in your prayers as she prepares to travel to Zambia, Africa, for mission ministry at Village of Hope in partnership with Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo. We pray for Mary, her fellow travelers, and all those they will meet and accompany during their time of ministry. May God grant them safe travels, meaningful connections, and abundant blessings throughout their journey.

GRIEF SHARE Due to several road construction projects the start of our Grief Share group has been postponed until August. We look forward to gathering then. Contact Dennis H. for more details.

CRAFTERS Projects are simple and fun: painting base coats on wood items, beading, cutting, and more. Every little bit helps! Watch the bulletin for updates. Future Crafter Dates: June 22, July 6 & 27, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 & 28, Oct. 19th. Oct. 31 — Holiday Bazaar

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!

LET'S GO FISHING Let's Go Fishing provides free fishing and nature excursions for older adults, veterans, and people of all abilities. These outings offer an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors, fellowship with others, and a relaxing time on the water. June Fishing Trips: June 17 at 1:00 p.m. | June 30 at 1:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Additional fishing and nature trip dates for July and August are also listed. Come enjoy a peaceful day on the water!

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.

BETHESDA GARDENS Thank you to everyone who has helped plant, weed, water, and care for our gardens. The beauty of these spaces is a reflection of many caring hands. As the growing season continues, there is always more tending to be done. If you would enjoy helping care for the gardens, please contact Dianne J. We'd love to have you join us!

CHRISTIAN LADIES AROUND THE LAKE Meeting is June 18, 2026 at the Tulibee Tavern in Wahkon at 12:30 PM. \$20 includes luncheon and talk. For reservations call Lois Johnson (320)674-0136. For more information see the bulletin board in the Narthex.



RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Sunday, June 7th, 2026 In Person: 62 Online: 8

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Praise Choir: Darlene & Jim C., Sherry W., Sheila P.

Choir Director: Sheila P.

Hand Bell Choir Director: Donna M.

May Altar Care: Barb F., Dianne J.

June Altar Care: Patti S., Winnie Z.

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Cheryl & Dean Malotky

Lector: London Feland

Hospitality: Del & Dianne Jones

Serving on June 21st, 2026

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Darrell Kelly & Dick Stebbins

Greeters: Jenny Schuett

Lector: London Feland

Hospitality Hosts: