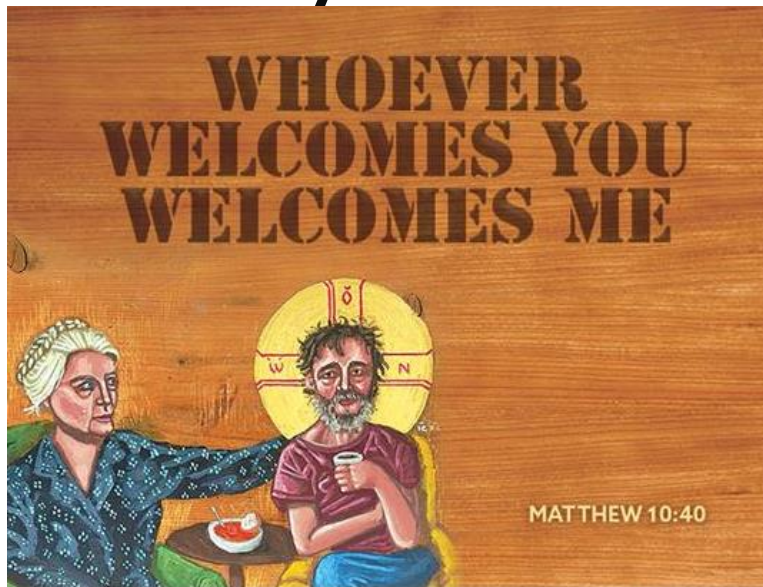

Bethesda Lutheran Church

21590 Hwy 47, Isle, Minnesota 56342

June 28th, 2026

9:00 am

Fifth 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** ~

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

WELCOME LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING SONG

All Are Welcome ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO GAKS, Marty Haugen
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, 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.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

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

O God, **you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

† **WORD** †

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**'I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of

your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

SECOND READING

Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:40-42

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

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

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

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

SERMON

Reverend Christina Kadelbach

HYMN OF THE DAY

Welcome Table

Performed by Tim McNabb – Lutheran Musician



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta-ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.***

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division (places experiencing division may be named). Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (We pray especially for) Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world. We give thanks for saints of all times and places (like Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons whom the church remembers today). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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

**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!

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

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

To Be Your Presence ELW 546



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Music by Tim McNabb - Lutheran Musician

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

Monday, June 29th

9:00-11:00am Crafters
11:30 am Pinochle
7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, June 30th

9:00 am Chair Yoga
10:00 am Strategic Planning Meeting
1:00 pm Let's Go Fishing
3:00 pm Choir Practice
4:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, July 1st

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, July 2nd

8:00 am ROMEOS (Men’s Bible Study)

9:15 am Chair Yoga

Saturday, July 4th

Noon Glen Fourth of July Parade

Sunday June 28th | Fifth 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.

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: July 6 & 27, Aug. 17, Sept. 21 & 28, Oct. 19th. Oct. 31 — Holiday Bazaar

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 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!

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD LAST WEEK

Sunday, June 21st, 2026 In Person: xx Online: xx

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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: David & Libby Brown

Greeters: Larry & Carol Pantsari

Lector: Darlene Christensen

Hospitality Hosts: Need Volunteers

Serving on July 5th, 2026

Communion Assistants:

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Greeters:

Lector:

Hospitality Hosts: Need Volunteers