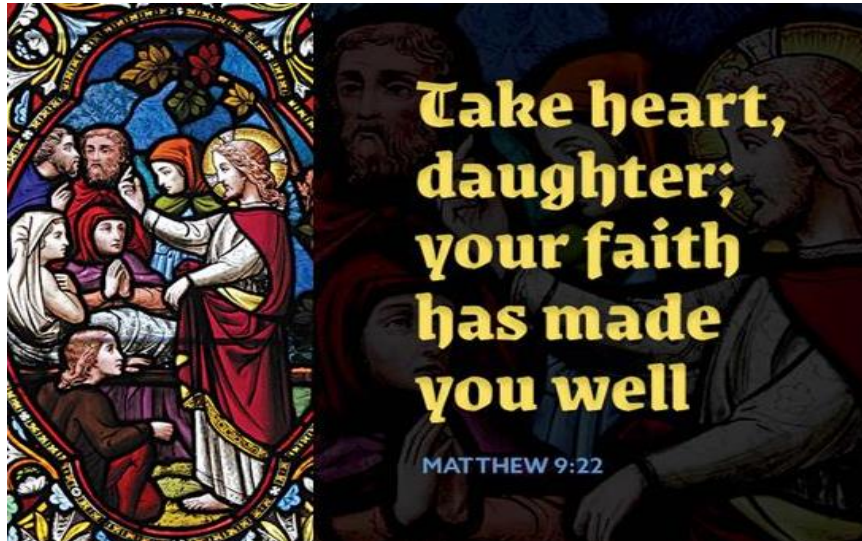

Bethesda Lutheran Church

21590 Hwy 47, Isle, Minnesota 56342

June 7th, 2026

9:00 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost



Guest Minister: Rev. Deb Hanson-Carlson

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. The weeks of summer coincide with the beginning of the Pentecost season. Summer brings sunny warmth, growing crops, and the promise of harvest: images of the Holy Spirit's presence and activity in our lives, the church, and the world. Hosea speaks of God's presence as the dawn, as a gentle shower, as light. In our life together as a community of faith, what needs light, warmth, and watering to grow and flourish? How might we be attentive to others' needs to receive this nourishment through God's words of life and holy supper?

LIFE TOGETHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING SONG: Morning Has Broken"

ELW 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

Text © Miss E. Farjeon Will Trust, admin. David Higham Associates

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

O God,

you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Lord of Mercy, God of Grace"

† **WORD** †

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

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

¹⁵I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1}"Come, let us return to the LORD, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ²After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

PSLAM 50:7-15

⁷"Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³ The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³ Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

The gospel is announced:

The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were

sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

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

SERMON

Reverend Deb Hanson-Carlson

SONG OF THE DAY: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW 588



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863, alt.
 Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

A brief silence.

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, all you have made is yours (*local landmarks and bodies of water may be named*). Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness (*like Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, whom the church remembers today*). May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. 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 the risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, fill you with unconditional love, mend you with mercy and grant you perfect peace. **And also with you.**

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

‡ **MEAL** ‡

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

OFFERING

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

The offering is gathered and the table is set.

Ways to Give:

- Give electronically through Vanco Services.
- Use the giving app by scanning the QR code.
- Recurring or one-time online options <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/bethesda-lutheran-church-of-malmo>

The gathering stands when the gifts are brought forward.

Thank you for your faithful and generous support.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

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

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.

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: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

ELW 860



1	I'm	so	glad		I'm	so	glad			
2	Sa -	tan	had me	bound,	Je -	sus	lift - ed me.			
3	When I	was	in	trou -	ble,	When I	was	in	trou -	ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Sa-tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me,
When I was in trou-ble, sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus lift-ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA

Sunday, June 7th | Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, June 8th

9:00 am Women's Devotion

10:00 am Property Meeting

11:30 am Pinochle

7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, June 9th

9:00 am Chair Yoga

9:00 am Quilting

3:00 pm Choir Practice

4:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

Wednesday, June 10th

9:00 am Women's Bible Study

Thursday, June 11th

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

9:15 am Chair Yoga

Sunday June 14th | Third Sunday after Pentecost

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 Teri C., 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.

GRIEF SHARE GROUP has been postponed until August due to road construction.

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! See the bulletin board in the Narthex for items needed for VBS.

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

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

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.

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 LAST WEEK

Sunday, May 31st, 2026 In Person: 68 Online: 20

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

Hand Bell Choir Director: Donna Myhre

Serving Today

Guest Minister: Rev. Deb Hanson-Carlson

Ushers: Mark & Mary Vukelich

Greeters: Dennis Hennessy & Julie Swaggert

Lector: Jeannine Bruesewitz

Hospitality: Carlsons & Forresters

June Altar Care: Patti Smith & Winnie Zahradka

Choir Director: Sheila Penoyer

Serving on June 14th, 2026 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ushers: Barry & Donna Ansell

Greeters: Cheryl & Dean Malotky

Lector: *Need Volunteers!*

Hospitality: Del & Dianne Jones

June Altar Care: Patti Smith and Winnie Zahradka

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