

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
setting 5

March 8, 2026

10:00 am

**Please stand as you are able.*

**Please stand as you are willing and able.*

ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

ACS refers to All Creation Sings

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME & CENTERING SILENCE

You are invited to use this time of silence to center your hearts and pray as we prepare for worship together.

PRELUDE

Praeludium und Fuge in D Dietrich Buxtehude

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,
and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.
God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777 VI-4

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin.
Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of
your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

My Hope Is In the Lord

Marianne Forman

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

The assembly responds: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 95

Refrain:



Tone:



- ¹ Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**
- ³ For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹bove all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker. R**
- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep ¹ of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would ¹ hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **"Harden ¹ not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah ¹ in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors ¹ tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had ¹ seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- ¹ ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not ¹ know my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore ¹ in my anger,
'They shall never come ¹ to my rest.' " R

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

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. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will

we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



*GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Praise to you, O Christ.

*REFLECTION

The Rev. Angela Freeman

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 332

*APOSTLE’S CREED

Pg. 105

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

A: O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought (*especially*), and bring relief to places damaged by floods (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet one another as you are comfortable sharing God's peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTARY

O Blessed Spring Aaron D. Miller/John Bernthal

OFFERING

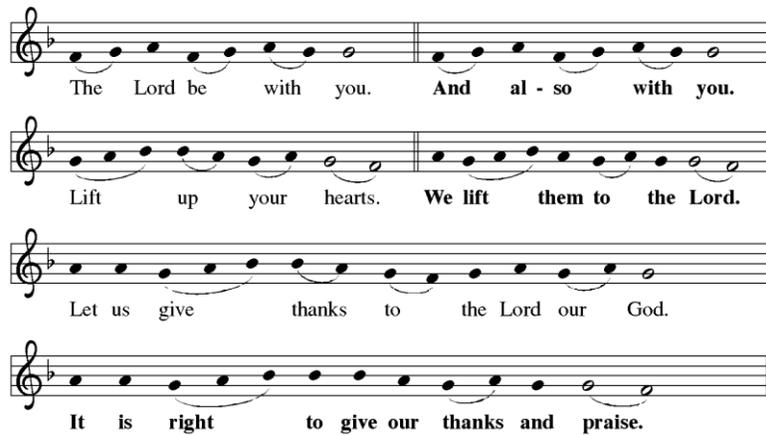
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

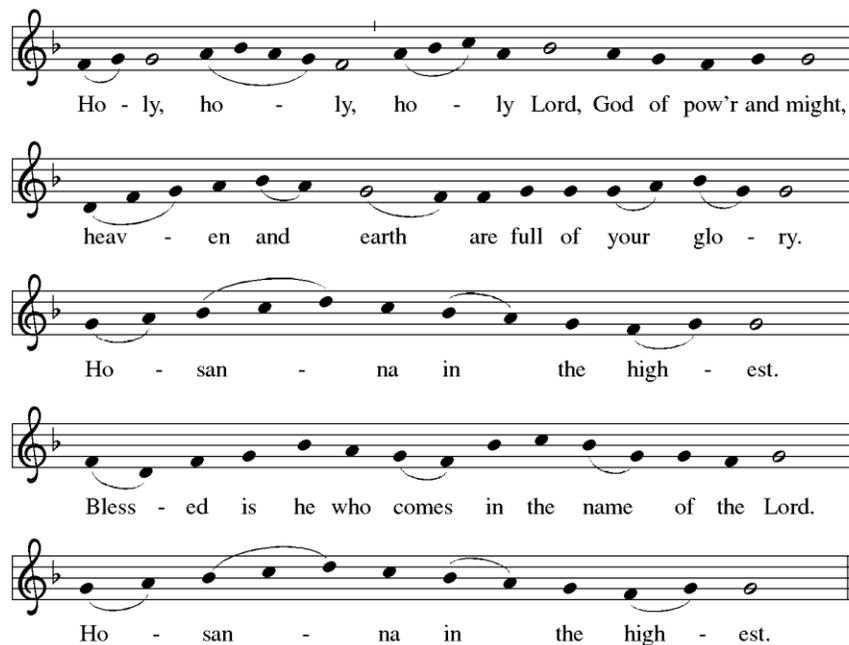
*PREFACE

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times...

....And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

.....Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

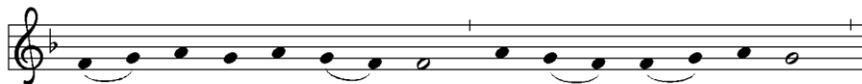
*LORD'S PRAYER

Presiding Minister continues:



Gathered into one by the Ho-ly Spir - it, let us pray as Je-sus taught us.

Congregation prays:



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we



for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,



and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

All are welcome to the Lord's table. You are invited to either come to the altar or remain in your seat to receive communion. If it is your preference, pre-filled elements are available at the ushers stand when you came in. If you come forward, you are invited come forward and receive bread from the Pastor and an assisting minister will offer wine. Let Pastor know if you need gluten free bread. Please cross your hands over your heart to indicate you prefer to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
 on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken ACS 966

1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us
 Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions
 heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain
 By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your
 wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your
 peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

O Blessed Spring
 Here I Am, Lord

ELW 447
 ELW 574

***PASTORAL BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in faith.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

***BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Beloved,
we are God's own people,
holy, washed, renewed.
God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy,
fill you with courage,
and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

***DISMISSAL**

Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude on Tallis' Hymn Tune "Ordinal" Healey Willan

Leading Worship

The Rev. Angela Freeman
Eric Richardson
Deb Zudell-Dickey

Senior Pastor
Minister of Music
Organist

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Next week’s scripture: First Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1-13**; Psalm: **Psalm 23**; Second Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**; Gospel: **John 9:1-41**.

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BETHESDA ON THE BAY LUTHERAN
CHURCH & CHILDCARE CENTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the **Glory of God** by Sunny Baddour in appreciation for the Bethesda on the Bay congregation.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

SCRIPTURE BASED COLORING SHEETS

Coloring sheets, based on the Sunday scripture, are available each week by the usher's stand. You are welcome to pick one up for use during worship or take it home with you for colorful prayer and meditation during the week.

CONNECT CARD – There are connect cards in the pew pockets. If you are a guest, have a prayer intention or anything else to share, please fill out a card and drop it in the collection basket. There are also opportunities listed for ways to get involved!

NAME TAGS are available for all worshipers as desired. Thank you for wearing your nametag and helping us build community and fellowship. If you do not see your nametag hanging in the Narthex or you simply need a new one printed, please contact the church office. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship. Name tags help to build and deepen a sense of community here at Bethesda. Would you like a name tag or replacement name tag? If so, contact info@bethesdaonthebay.org and we'll make you one!

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Reception of Holy Communion will be a part of worship on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026. On this night, the Church remembers Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. Children of any age are invited to a time of conversation and learning about the sacrament of Holy Communion. Holy Communion is a gift from God and an invitation to share in the Lord's Table, and reception shouldn't be taken lightly. However, there is no perfect understanding or right age for reception. Some children have come to these classes for more than one year, even after they've received the sacrament. It's good for us to continue to learn and grow in our faith! Grown-ups and children are invited to the preparation time together.

Preparation and classes will be held on:

TODAY, Sunday, March 8, after worship 11:15 - 12:00pm and

Sunday, March 22, after worship 11:15 - 1:30, Pizza lunch will be offered.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Gather weekly on Wednesday at 10:00am for Bible study for discussion about the assigned scripture we hear on the approaching Sunday morning. No expertise needed. Share together in open conversation, prayer and fellowship.

SOUP SUPPERS March 11 and March 25

Would you like to have Soup Suppers and Evening Prayer on Wednesdays, March 11th, and March 25th. If so, we need your help! We need someone to be a leader for each evening, people to make soups, a salad, to set up tables, dress the tables with tablecloths, salt and pepper shakers, rolls, offering baskets, and napkins. We also need "soup scoopers", to serve soup, and finally we will need a clean-up crew.

Set up begins at 5:30pm, as the soups should arrive by 5:40pm, and serving begins at 6:00 P.M. Evening Prayer would begin at 7:00pm.

Please consider serving your church in this way. Please RSVP to Laura English or on the [SignUp Genius](#). You'll get a reminder the Sunday before the Wednesday you choose. If you've worked on any of our crews before, you know that "Many Hands Make Light Work". We look forward to hearing from you. 😊

LENTEN ADULT FORMATION CLASS

Take some time apart during the season of Lent for reflection and prayer. Sundays at 9:00, join Pastor Angela in the Lounge for discussion around the small book and resource called, Give Up Something Bad for Lent: A Lenten Study for Adults, by James W. Moore. A few copies of the book will be available soon, or you can purchase your own from your favorite bookstore.

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSION & MINISTRY TEAM

On behalf of the Mission & Ministry Team, thank you to all who donated items for the Super Bowl of Caring. We delivered two large bags and one box full of cold weather clothing items (see picture below) to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries' Men's Shelter on February 20th. While we enjoyed some warmer temperatures in the first half of February, there undoubtedly will still be some cold days ahead and the items we donated will be put to good use by LMM. Thanks, too, for the donations of pet food for the Community Cupboard at St. Barnabas. We appreciate your generosity!

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next confirmation class is March 12, from 6pm-8pm at Bethesda. Subject is Seasons of the Church Year. Confirmation candidates are invited to attend and join friends from First Lutheran, Christ Evangelical Lutheran, Messiah Lutheran and Prince of Peace.

CLASS FOR 2-4 YEAR OLDS

Future dates TBD

Bethesda on the Bay is excited to announce that we are starting a special class for children ages two through four along with their parents. We are planning to meet one Saturday a month from 10:00 to 11:00 am. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Diana Wolfe or the church office.

2026 FELLOWSHIP HOURS

We have the 2026 Schedule for Fellowship Hour Sundays, after church here at Bethesda. We are looking for a host for March 15th. If you are available and interested, you can review the fellowship and coffee making tips, which are in the coffee cart, speak with Laura English, or contact the office.

WEDNESDAY GATHERINGS DURING LENT AT GOOD SOIL

3/11 & 3/25 @ 6:30 PM

"God in the Space Between Us": The German Jewish theologian, Martin Buber, lived a century ago. His major work, I and Thou, has had a profound impact on counseling psychology and has influenced how people experience the divine in their lives. Dee Willis will lead a three-session discussion of Buber as an opportunity for growing deeper in faith this Lenten season.

At Good Soil in the lounge at 6:30pm on 3/11 & 3/25. Snacks provided. Questions? Email Pastor Marissa at pastormarissa@goodsoillutheran.org or call the church office at 440-331-1773.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul through the cities and towns of St. Paul's missionary journeys of Ancient Greece. This 10 day journey will be done partly on land and oversea on a small cruise ship. Brochure is available in hard copy in the narthex on the welcome station and in the enews. Contact Pastor Angela with any questions or to share your interest ahead of time. This Pilgrimage is being organized through Christian Tours Europe, which is the same travel company the Luther Land Pilgrimage journeyed with in 2024. Spots are limited! Register and reserve your spot now!

DISASTER RELIEF TRIP

Members of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran and members of Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church in Bay Village, Ohio in partnership will be traveling to Carter County Tennessee the weeks of July 12, 2026, and September 13, 2026. We will continue to assist with recovery efforts for those who suffered great loss from Hurricane Helene in September 2024. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Bob Maas or Pastor Angela.

For the people unable to travel with us, you can provide support by praying for us and the people impacted in Carter County, help with communication with the congregation, help raise funds to provide to the impacted residents and help raise funds to defer the cost of the trip.

PEACEMAKERS QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am through May 2026. They quilt and donate their quilts to charitable groups that need them, with the support of Thrivent Financial. New quilters and sewers are welcome anytime. The sewing technique is straight-seam. They also have projects you can do at home! If you are interested in learning more or joining the group.

ALTAR FLOWERS – MARCH AND APRIL VACANCIES

Help to adorn the altar for Sunday worship services by offering flowers in honor of God and, when desired, in memory of a loved one or a special event. The 2026 altar flower calendar is now available in the Narthex. When you sign up, please include your first and last names! Cost is still \$25. Call the office with questions.

LUTHERAN METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES PUBLIC IMMERSION EVENT

Due to the incredible popularity of LMM's Public Immersion Event in 2025, we are adding an extra opportunity in 2026 to experience LMM for yourself and get to know our organization even better. Led by LMM President & CEO, Maria Foschia, this year we will provide three changes to get a first-hand look at what we do every day. Join us on April 15, June 17 or October 14 for a special morning as we showcase each of our organization's program areas, meet the staff and enjoy breakfast. To enroll, see their e-newsletters or social media platforms.

DESIGNATE THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31

If you own any Thrivent Financial products or services, you have a choice in directing where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable outreach funds each year. 2025 Choice Dollars will expire on March 31, 2026. We really appreciate those who direct those Choice Dollars to Bethesda. To direct Choice Dollars go to: www.thrivent.com or call (800) 847-4836.

GHANA MISSION: COOKIE BAKE SALE ORDER PICK UP

If you pre-ordered cookies from the Ghana Committee, they will be available for pick up on Sunday March 15th, or on Monday March 16th at *Bethesda on the Bay*. Please ensure you collect your cookies to enjoy them while they are fresh and delicious! If you have any questions about your cookie pick up, you can contact the church office.

BAY UNITED WOMEN SPRING ECUMENICAL SALAD LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, NOON

Please join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and inspiration beginning with a salad buffet and dessert followed by a captivating 40-minute program titled "Celebrate What's Right With the World." RSVP to Cathy at (440) 309-3618 by February 27. Include your church name and the names of those attending if leaving a message.

ST BARNABAS MONTHLY EVENT

St. Barnabas is inviting us to get our communities together to bond and celebrate friendships, new and old. Any questions, please feel free to contact Marjie Koons at 517-321-6585 or care@stbarnabasbv.org.

Variety Show on Wednesday, March 18th at 2 PM in Parkside Hall. This was likened to the Carol Burnett Show from days past. Gathering afterwards with St. Patrick's Day themed desserts.

