

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

All Creations Sings, Setting 12

June 7, 2026

10:00 am

**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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Paul Manz

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. 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.

***GATHERING HYMN** Praise to the Lord, The Almighty ELW 858



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

***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.

*GLORY TO GOD

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

*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.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15—6:6

¹⁵ I 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.

² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³ Let 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.”

⁴ What 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.

⁵ Therefore 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.

⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, Word of Life.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 50:7-15

Assisting Minister leads psalm singing.

Refrain:



Call up - on me in the day of trou - ble, says your God.

Tone:



⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear wit-¹ness against you; for I am ¹God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because ¹of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are al-¹ways before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf¹ from your stalls, nor goats¹ from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the for-¹est are mine, the cattle on a¹ thousand hills. R**

¹¹ I know every bird¹ of the mountains, and the creatures of the¹ fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I¹ would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all¹ that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the¹ flesh of bulls, or drink the¹ blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice¹ of thanksgiving and make good your vows to¹ the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the¹ day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall¹ honor me. R

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

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.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, Word of Life.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The assisting minister sings the gospel verse:

*The Spirit of the Lord | is upon me,
and has anointed me to bring good news | to the poor.*

The assembly repeats the Alleluia.

*GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew

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 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** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy ELW 588

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

p. 105

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

A brief silence.

WA: 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.

WA: 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.

WA: 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.

WA: 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.

WA: 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.

WA: God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

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.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTARY

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

OFFERING SONG

As the offering is brought forward to the altar, the congregation sings.

You Are Holy

ELW 525



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



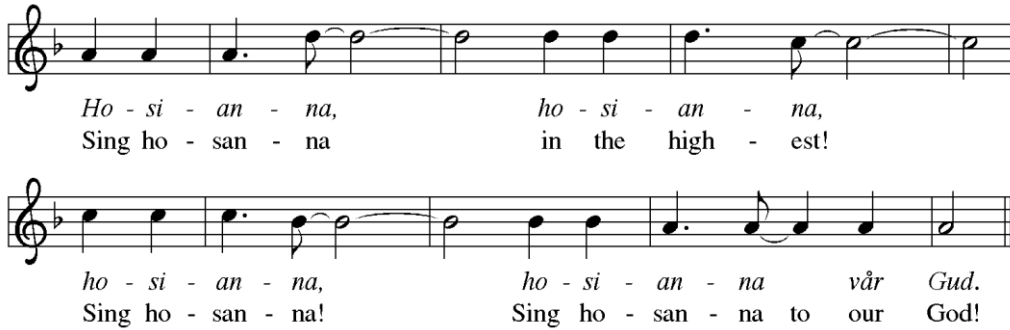
väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

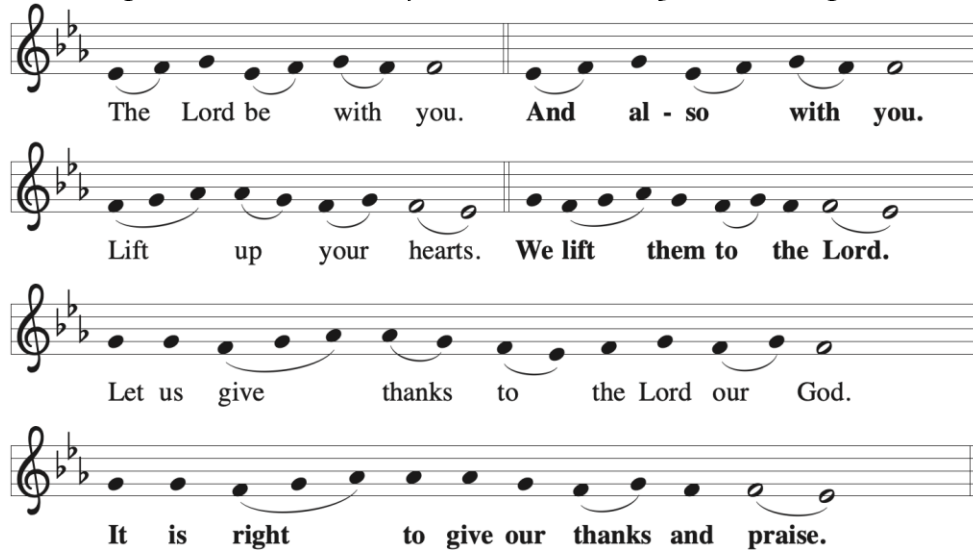
***OFFERING PRAYER**

Worship assistant

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.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.



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, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY



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

*LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the version of the Lord's Prayer most comfortable to you and in the language of your heart.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

Holy Communion will be served in a continuous fashion at the altar rail. If you come forward, you are invited to receive bread; please let the worship leader know if you need gluten free. Wine comes in the small cups in the trays. Light colored wine in the center of the trays is nonalcoholic. Place empty cups into the tray with the worship leader before returning to your seat. If you prefer to receive a blessing, you are invited forward with your arms crossed over your chest.

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come, Let Us Eat
Bread of Life from Heaven

ELW 491

ELW 474

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Worship assistant

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 proclaims God's blessing.

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
✠ bless you all, now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

st. 1, 2 - All
st. 3 - High Voices
st. 4 - Low Voices
st. 5 - All

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Johann Gottfried Walther

Leading Worship Today

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: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm: Psalm 100; Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8; Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23].



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Marianne Schmidt in thanksgiving for all the blessings he has bestowed upon our family.

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

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 at info@bethesdaonthebay.org. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

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.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

TODAY, Sunday, June 7 – after worship

You are invited to share in conversation and dreaming about and helping to plan future fellowship and community events such as fellowship hours, summer picnic, etc. We will continue with that discussion after church on June 7. If you were at the meeting on May 3, please come again. If you weren't able to make it last time, *please* come on June 7. We need your thoughts and ideas!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION CHANGE

In a desire to expedite worship and better utilize the gifts of Bethesda's worship assistants especially during the summer months, communion distribution will be shifting slightly. Theologically, an ordained person, a pastor, is only needed or the presiding over the sacrament at the altar and to pray with the congregation, the words of institution. Thankfully, Bethesda has gifted and capable worship leaders to help distribute Holy Communion. As usual, there will be two sides of communion distribution at the altar rail. Going forward this will include two bread stations as well as the already utilized regular two wine stations. You are welcomed up to the altar railing on your respective side to receive the sacrament. If you need or prefer gluten free, please indicate to the person serving.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – through the end of June

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Snowball Mountain Challenge

June 15-19, 9:00am – noon

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake

Children ages 4 through rising 5th graders are invited to participate in the VBS programming through Prince of Peace (PoP) Lutheran in Westlake. PoP is partnering with 5 other mainline Christian churches in Westlake for the second year to offer VBS for the community. PoP is located at 28455 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake. Cost is \$20/child, max of \$50/family

To register visit: <https://stladislas.org/event-details/?id=6383>

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS FOR SUMMER SERVICES

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like us to sing during a summer service, we invite you to send your suggestions to our Minister of Music, Eric Richardson, at ersingsi@yahoo.com. Please submit the following: Hymn Title, its ELW # (if applicable), also let us know if you would like to be included as the nominator. For example: ELW 759 – “My Faith Looks Up To Thee.” (Donald Smith).

SUMMER CHOIR

Everyone is welcome to make a joyful noise and have fun singing together! Summer is a good time to give it a try too! Mark your calendars and come to join the Summer Choir on June 14, July 12, or August 9. Come to the 9:20 a.m. rehearsal on any or all of those dates. No audition. Easy Peazy.

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Congratulations to all the students, teachers, and faculty after another wonderful school year! Bay Village schools had their last day last week. Summer camp begins here at Bethesda on the Bay on Tuesday, June 9th. Remember that Bethesda has a full house of children and staff all summer long! Thank you for joining in prayer for everyone’s safety, fun, and learning! What a blessing it is to have such a well-used and well-loved ministry.

LIVE STREAM TRAINING

Saturday, June 13, 1:00pm

Live Streaming has become an important part of the congregation’s outreach ministry. We give God thanks for the recent upgrades! We need helpers to bring worship outside the walls of the church. Anyone is invited to come and learn how to run the new live-stream system – teens and young adults welcome too! Speak with Pastor Angela if you are interested but not available on June 13th for the next training.

GLENVIEW CONSTRUCTION

Construction will begin at Glenview School on June 6 and will last for 24 months. We have been assured by the Bay Village Board of Education that Bethesda can continue to use their parking lot on Sundays throughout construction. Please be aware that there will be changes to the parking lot during this time and be cautious of any potential construction-related hazards.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER MEMBER

There will be a memorial service for Connie Premer, former Bethesda member, on Saturday, June 13 at 2 pm at Concord Reserve Chapel (formerly Lutheran Home) 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake.

CHURCH OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Main Office and Chrissy: info@bethesdaonthebay.org

Pastor Angela: pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org

Phone: (440) 871-2276. Option 1 for Pastor Angela, Option 4 for the office. We are always happy to hear from you!

Church Office hours Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 2:00pm

CHILDREN’S BULLETINS & BUSY BAGS – Please ask an usher if you would like a children’s bulletin and/or busy bag with activities to keep your child(ren) occupied during worship.

SIGN UP FOR OUR E-NEWS

Bethesda sends out a digital newsletter (e-news) weekly which includes the worship bulletin as well as links to online worship, and announcements. To sign up for the enews as well as other email communications, visit www.bethesdaonthebay.com/about-us and click on the button “Click here to be added to our email list”, or contact the office.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Bethesda recycles? Paper and cardboard can be placed in the recycling cans in the main office or in the conference room. Cans, plastic and glass bottles can be recycled in the main office or kitchen. Thank you for your efforts to be more environmentally friendly!

NOTARY IN THE HOUSE

Our office administrator, Chrissy, is a registered notary. If you need something notarized, please contact her to set up an appointment.

NURSERY AREA is available for anyone who needs a little rest from the worship experience. There is also a changing table available in the nursery. Find the nursery room down the east hallway of the building past the church offices.

