

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost

All Creations Sings, Setting 12

June 21, 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 Variations on “Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten”

(If You but Trust in God to Guide You) Georg Boehm

*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** Let the Whole Creation Cry ELW 876

***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**

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to
ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out;
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰ For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.

“Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him
and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous;
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, Word of Life.

The assembly responds:

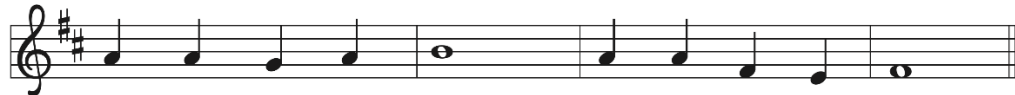
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 69:7-18

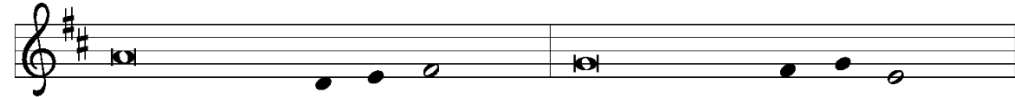
Assisting Minister leads psalm singing.

Refrain:



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

Tone:



⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

⁸ I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.

⁹ Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

¹⁰ I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach. R

¹¹ I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.

¹² Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.

¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.

¹⁴ Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep waters. R

¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swal- | low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.

¹⁷ Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸ Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Comfort Ye, My People” from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Will McLoney, soloist

***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: Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus’ sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

WA: Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

WA: Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

WA: Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

WA: Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

WA: Faithful God, we give thanks for saints who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. 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

1*



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.

2

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 at the altar rail. When you come forward, you are invited to either kneel or stand at the railing. Please indicate to the worship leader if you need gluten free bread. The worship assistant will have a tray with small cups of wine. Light colored wine in the center of the trays is nonalcoholic. Place empty cups into the tray on the stand to the side of the isle before returning to your seat.

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.

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS 977



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

*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 If You but Trust in God to Guide You ELW 769

st. 1 - All

st. 2 - Leaders - sung in German

st. 3, 4 - All

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your

hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -

side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our

God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

E-Flat Major

Johann K. F. Fischer

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman
Eric Richardson
Deb Zudell-Dickey

Senior Pastor
Minister of Music
Organist

By entering Bethesda on the Bay and by your presence here (indoors and outdoors), you consent to be photographed, filmed, livestreamed, and/or recorded. Your entry constitutes your consent to such photography, filming, livestreaming, and/or recording and to any use, in any and all media for Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Sundays and Seasons (liturgical elements from Augsburg Fortress). From SundaysandSeasons.com. Copyright 2015 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Annual License #SB136302.

ONE LICENSE/CCLI. Reprinted/streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-735620. WorshipCast License #15966.

"Let the Whole Creation Cry" Public Domain. "Comfort Ye from Messiah." Public Domain. "How Firm A Foundation." Public Domain. "You Are Holy." Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, administered by Augsburg Fortress in North America, South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean. "Borning Cry." Text and music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker. "Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table." Text © 2002 Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Music © 2000 Michael Corzine, admin. Augsburg Fortress. "If You But Trust in God to Guide You." Text © 1978, 2006 Augsburg Fortress. SALZBURG, Harmonization Gerhard Krapf; copyright © 1978 Augsburg Publishing House. All rights reserved. "If You But Trust in God to Guide You", Arrangement David Maxwell, Larry J. Long; copyright © 2009 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Next week's scripture: First Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23; Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42.



bethesdaonthebay.org
(440) 871-2276
info@bethesdaonthebay.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Barb & Todd Semroc in celebration of all the wonderful dads in their family: Todd, Ryan, Mitchel, Eric and Kyle. And to celebrate all the dads in the church family. Also to celebrate all our family's June birthdays: Suzie, Barb, Berlyn, Everett, Morgan, Tyler and in memory of Mary. And to celebrate June birthdays for the church family including Pastor Angela, Sandy, and Malena.

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.

FATHERS DAY

Happy Father's Day! On this Father's Day, Bethesda gives thanks for all the fathers and father figures in our lives. May God give them patience, wisdom, and strength, that through them, communities and families may experience your unconditional love. May God bless those who long to become fathers and for those who grieve the loss of their father.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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.

FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING

Wednesday, July 22 - 23

Fuller Cyclists, a team of volunteer cyclists of varying ages and backgrounds, are riding 4,000 miles for those in need from Seaside, OR to Portland, ME. They will be in our area July 22, and for the second year, Bethesda will be hosting them overnight. Come hear about the work God is doing through them and how you can become part of it. Dinner will be provided for the cyclists and those attending the information session. Come and greet our guests and make them feel welcome.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 23

It's coming back – Bethesda's annual picnic and outdoor worship! Start praying for nice weather now! ☺ The plan is to have a potluck for sides and desserts while Bethesda provides the burgers and dogs from the grill. If you'd like to help plan and organize any games or any of the festivities, please reach out to the church office.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. - SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

God's Work. Our Hands. is an ELCA National Day of Service where all congregations are invited to provide service and outreach to their communities. A variety of projects will be provided as opportunities for the congregation to serve together in the community. If you would like to help organize any of the service projects or help organize a sack lunch for the congregation, please contact the church office.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT TRAINING

Sunday, July 19 – after worship

This training is for those interested who are simply curious to learn what being a worship assistant entails and for those eager to join the rotation of ministers. If you have questions or if you're interested but not available that day, please let Pastor Angela know.

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 ersings1@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 July 12, or August 9th. Come to the 9:20 a.m. rehearsal on any or all of those dates. No audition. Easy Peazy.

PARISIH NURSE

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – JULY 26 AFTER WORSHIP

GUARDIANS GAME WITH LMM

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 PM

LMM is heading to Progressive Field on Tuesday, August 4, and you're invited to join the fun as the Cleveland Guardians face off against the New York Mets!

Tickets include:

- Private pregame reception with buffet, unlimited soft drinks, and cash bar
- Game seating near our reception area (Sections 424–426).
- Optional free parking at LMM with shuttle service to and from the game
- Most importantly, a portion of your ticket supports LMM's life-changing programs

It's summer, it's the Guardians, and it's a great way to give back. Tickets are limited and going quickly, so reserve your spot today at www.lutheranmetro.org/2026-night-out-at-progressive-field/. Seating is flexible, so don't worry about your seat assignment. Contact the office if you need help purchasing a ticket. Finally, let Lisa Hanson know if you purchase a ticket so Bethesda people can plan to attend together.

DISASTER RELIEF WORK

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

Members from both St. Matthew's in Medina and Bethesda on the Bay will travel July 12, 2026 and September 13, 2026, will travel to Carter County Tennessee to provide disaster recovery assistance. The group will drive to Tennessee on Sunday and return on Friday. Last year the congregations were extremely generous supporting of the relief work and trip. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this all happen for the sake of the Gospel. For those unable to travel in person, you are still invited and encouraged to participate! Please pray for the travel, the work, and the relationships built between participants and the homeowners. You can offer food donations for the trip or support with a monetary gift. Also, if applicable, please consider designating a Thrivent Grant for this ministry. Reach out to Pastor Angela if you would like more info or to help.

ST. BARNABAS HOSTS ROYALLY AMUSED

July 14, Noon – 2pm

Royally Amused (Julie Koenig, member of Bethesda) is presenting at St. Barnabas and we are invited! Join us for a luncheon and presentation by British-born Julie Koenig who hosts engaging, historical presentations about the British Royal family. Feel free to wear your tweed blazers, your fascinators, or pull from your royal garden party attire. Luncheon will be at noon with the presentation beginning at 1pm. Reservations are required. Contact Marjie Koons care@stbarnabasBV.org).

