

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Lessons and Hymns with Holy Communion
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 10

August 2, 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.

PRELUDE Concerto II in a minor - 1st movement Antonio Vivaldi/JS Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN What is This Place ELW 524

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

For the waters of Lake Erie and all the Great Lakes, for the waters flowing through the rivers, especially Cuyahoga, Rocky, Black Rivers, and all the waters that flow along your earth.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

***BAPTISMAL HYMN**

Come to the Water of Life

ACS 955

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

***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.

*KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Precious Jesus

Jay Althouse

Soloist: Lisa Hanson

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹ Hear, everyone who thirsts;

come to the waters;

and you who have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread

and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

The reading may be concluded:

Word of God, Word of Life.

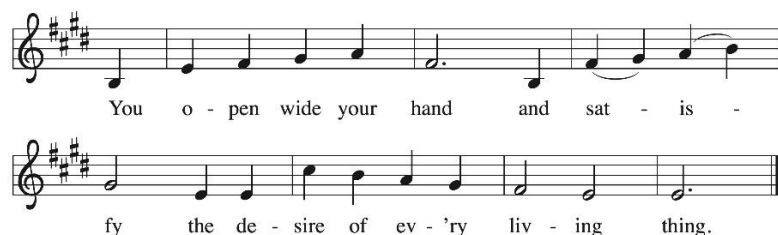
The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

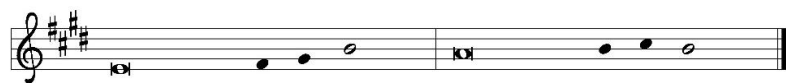
PSALM

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21

Psalm Refrain:



Psalm Tone:



⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works. R

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works. R

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever. R

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The assisting minister sings the gospel verse:

One does not live by | bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the | mouth of God.

The assembly repeats the Alleluia.

*GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all

ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW 515

*APOSTLE'S CREED

pg. 105

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

WA: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of farmers, farmworkers, those who fish, and all whose labor brings your abundance to our tables. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: For your children in every nation, that they learn to love justice and live in harmony. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here, that they may become blessings for this community. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?...

Pause for prayers to be offered.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

WA: With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTARY Choral No. 3 in a minor – Adagio Cesar Franck

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.

For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679 st. 3



3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to 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 also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

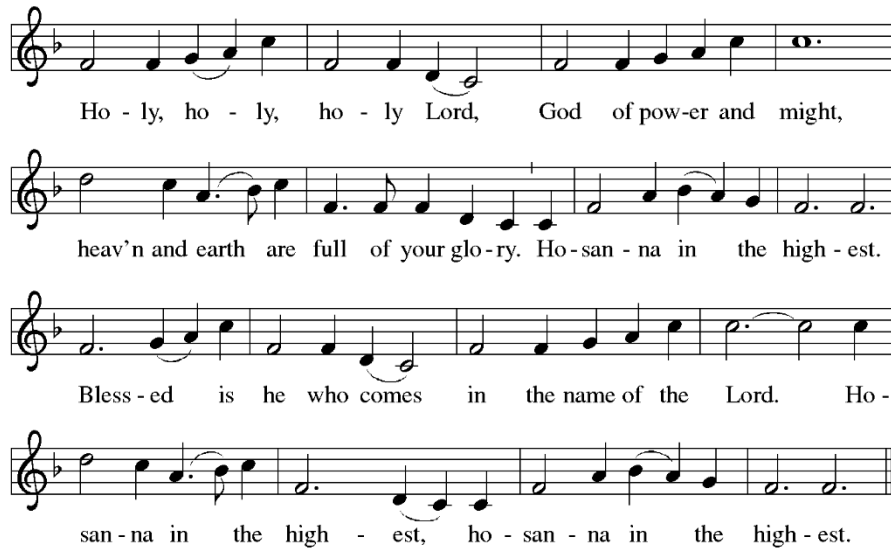
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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 for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.

Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.
Amen, and Amen.

***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,	Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,	hallowed be thy name,
your kingdom come,	thy kingdom come,
your will be done,	thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.	on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.	Give us this day our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins	and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those	as we forgive those
who sin against us.	who trespass against us;
Save us from the time of trial	and lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.	but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,	For thine is the kingdom,
and the glory are yours,	and the power, and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.	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 aisle before returning to your seat.

LAMB OF GOD



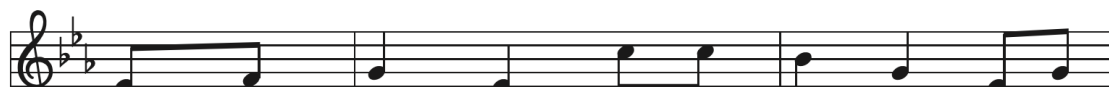
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



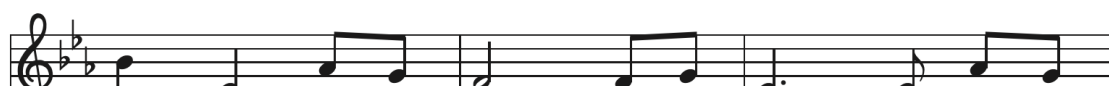
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION MUSIC You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

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

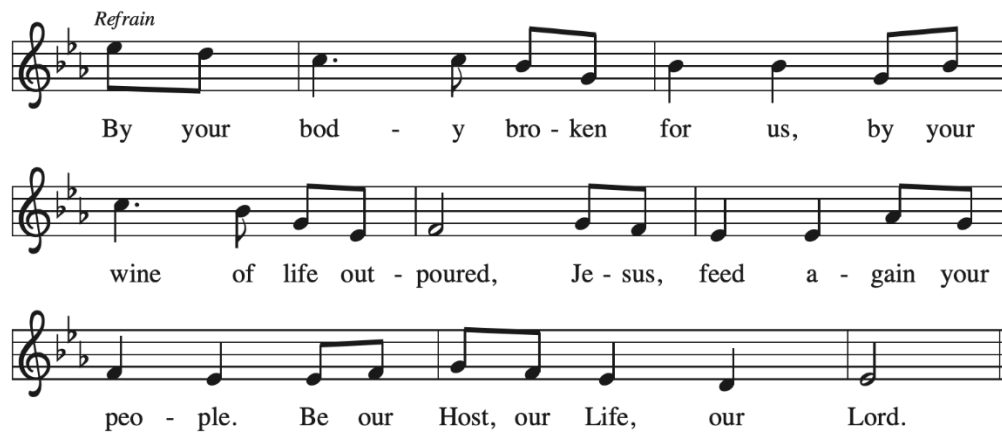


Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



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.

The Refrain is on the next page.



*PASTORAL BLESSING

*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.

*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.

SENDING

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

*BLESSING

The minister proclaims God's blessing.

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises ELW 535

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE All People That on Earth Do Dwell arr. David Cherwien

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman

Senior Pastor

Eric Richardson

Minister of Music

Joanna Pretz-Anderson, ELCA Deacon Supply 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.

"What is This Place." Text and arr. © 1967 Gooi en Sticht, BV, Baarn, The Netherlands. All rights reserved. Exclusive agent for English-language countries: OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. **"Come to the Water of Life."** Text and music © 1999 Ray Makeever, admin. Augsburg Fortress. **"Break Now the Bread of Life."** Public Domain. **"For the Fruit of All Creation."** Text © 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. **"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart."** Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia, admin. International Liturgy Publications. **"Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken."** Text © 2006 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved. Music © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved. **"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"** Text and arr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp. "Precious Jesus." Copyright © MMII by Alfred Music. Concerto II in a minor - 1st movement. *Public Domain.* Choral No. 3 in a minor - Adagio. *Public Domain.* All People That on Earth Do Dwell. (C) 1991 Summa Productions, Interpretations for Organ, Book VIII, A.M.S.I., Minneapolis MN. All rights reserved. Concertato on "Gift of Finest Wheat." Arrangement (C) 1987 by G.I.A. Publications, Inc, Chicago IL. Tune (C) 1977, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. What is This Place, arrangement by Anne Krentz Organ, (C) 2008 Augsburg Fortress. Introductions and Alternate Accompaniments for Piano, vol. 5, published by Augsburg Fortress. Break Now the Bread of Life, arrangement by Marilyn Biery, (C) 2008 Augsburg Fortress. Introductions and Alternate Accompaniments for Organ, vol 5, published by Augsburg Fortress. Go, My Children, With My Blessing, SATB setting by Walter L Pelz, (C) 1987 Morning Star Music Publishers.

Next week's scripture: First Reading: **1 Kings 19:9-18**; Psalm: **Psalm 85:8-13**; Second Reading: **Romans 10:5-15**; Gospel: **Matthew 14:22-33**.



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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by John & Julie Koenig in honor of Elijah G. Koenig's graduation

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.

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 August 9th. Come to the 9:20 a.m. rehearsal. No audition. Easy Peazy.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS FOR SUMMER WORSHIP

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).

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC – SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 23

Bethesda is excited for the annual outdoor worship and picnic shared with Good Soil Lutheran in River who will be joining us again this year! Bring a chair if you can, and invite your friends to join us! Sign up to bring a side dish or dessert with you if you can. Some drinks and grilled burgers and dogs will be provided. If you'd like to plan some games or other picnic activities, please let Pr. Angela know. You can sign up on the SignUp Genius to attend, help set up, clean up and to bring a side dish or dessert. If you aren't able to use SignUp Genius, contact the office for assistance.

We will have a photographer here on August 23 during worship and the picnic to take some candid photos to use on social media and our website!

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.

GUARDIANS GAME WITH LMM

Tuesday, August 4, 5:30 PM

LMM is heading to Progressive Field on Tuesday, August 4. 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

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 September 13, 2026 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.

GODSPELL – THEATER AGAPE

Theatre Agápe is an inclusive, purpose-driven community of theatre artists that partners with other non-profit organizations to raise awareness and funds for their charitable endeavors while also encouraging them to join in our artistic efforts. Theatre Agápe is presenting Godspell August 14-16 in the Peace Pavillion at Prince of Peace (28455 Center Ridge, Westlake). For more information visit www.theateragape.org/events.

VELOSANO BIKE TO CURE

For the ninth consecutive year, Gary Weiland is leading a VeloSano Bike to Cure team to support cancer research. [Team Discovery](#) currently has 93 riders with a goal of 110 riders and \$130,000, which will fully fund one cancer research pilot. This year, Team Discovery will surpass Gary's ultimate goal of raising \$1/2 million for cancer research since 2018. New riders are welcome. Bike to Cure is Sept. 18 and 19. Contact Gary at weilang@ccf.org for more information and free registration. Information to support Gary's ride can be found in the enews, or contact the office.

