

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church
Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
6th Sunday after Pentecost
All Creations Sings, Setting 12

July 5, 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

*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,
source of hope in every nation,
rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,
we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage

through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

All-merciful, Almighty God
forgive you all your sins
through the grace of + Jesus Christ,
and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742

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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC In the Garden (I Come to the Garden Alone) arr: Signature Score
Emerson Emser, soloist

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, Word of Life.

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

PSALM

Psalm 145:8-14

The psalm will be spoken

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.

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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.



***GOSPEL**

Matthew II:I6-19, 25-30

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

The Revs. Marissa Harrison and Angela Freeman

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



HYMN OF THE DAY Build a Longer Table ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

*APOSTLE'S CREED

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*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us pray for the church, the nations, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

WA: Gathering God, send your Spirit on the church you have called out from every nation. Knit us together into one body and heal the divisions we have caused. Bless rostered and lay leaders with clarity and courage as they center your people in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

WA: All your works praise you, O God. From the Arctic to the Caribbean, from the Atlantic to the western islands, these lands and waters have sustained its peoples over many centuries. Enliven our will to ensure its health for future generations. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

WA: Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Your people come from many nations with many languages; make us a united people that delights in our many different gifts. As the United States of America marks its declaration of independence, give those whom we have entrusted with authority the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice, humility, and peace may flourish. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

WA: You are the Holy Parent of exiles, O God. Extend your arms to all who are tired, who live with poverty, the tempest-tossed, all who yearn to breathe free. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

WA: We remember before you those who have died in every generation: Jan Hus, executed for protesting the ecclesial system; Benedict, teacher of a prayerful life; and those who have died ensuring the freedoms of this country: people in the armed services, peace officers, advocates, and activists. Gather us, together with those who have gone before us with saints of every tribe and nation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, 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!

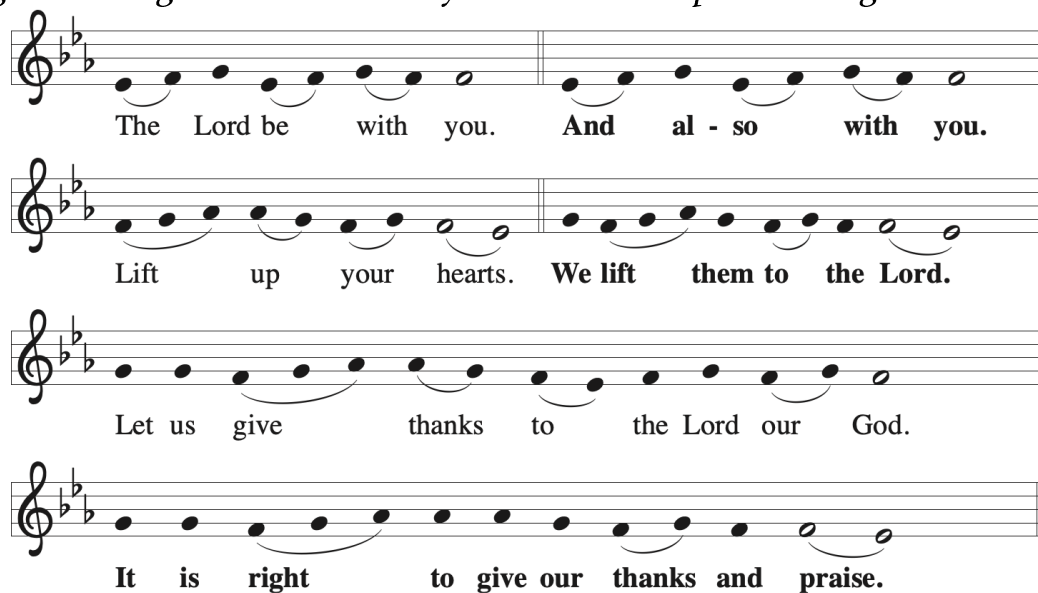
*OFFERING PRAYER

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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy God,
you alone are Majesty,
you alone are Excellency,
you alone are Sovereign.

Within the vast reaches you splashed into being,
you formed our star and this planet:
purple mountains, fruited plains,
crystal waters, towering forests, gleaming mines.
Here you fashioned human beings
in our infinite variety and hue,
yet each one created equal,
to care for one another
and our earthly home.

In a time of peace
enforced by the cruelty of empire,
you came in Jesus to share our life.
Born under the rule of a merciless king,
Jesus revealed the merciful realm of God.
Moving across borders
to people broken and oppressed,

Jesus brought healing, restoration, and freedom.

In 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.

Remembering, therefore,
Christ's execution at the hands of a ruthless regime,
Christ's resurrection that buries death,
Christ's ascension to rule with love forever,
we declare the revolutionary mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

God, shed your grace on us.
Shower your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of bread and wine
and on your people gathered this day.
Ignite in us the flame of freedom—
freedom from prejudice, from supremacy, from fear;
freedom for acceptance, for welcome,
for the *shalom* that you have first shown to us.

Faithful God, loving God:
Your Majesty shines forth in weakness.
Your Excellency is revealed to infants.
Your Sovereignty reigns from a cross.
Yours, O God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
is the everlasting kingdom,
the peaceable power,
and the humble glory,
now and forever.
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,
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 aisle 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Day By Day
Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 790

ELW 47I

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Worship assistant

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.
Pour us out into a broken world.
Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads 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.

The Author of life,
the Word of salvation,
the Breath of new birth,
+ one God, bless you
and equip you for living and serving,
today and every day.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

May We Be Free

Finlandia

May we be free, all peoples, tribes and nations,
as some have dreamed but none have yet achieved.
May we fulfill the hopes of generations
with strength and will to live what they believed.
May we be free, our longed-for liberations
grown from the seeds of all who fought and grieved.*

May we be free, pursuing transformation
till bias, greed, and exploitation cease.
May we repent, engage in reparation,
join in lament, and struggle for release.
May we be free, as fresh imagination
helps us make real a just and lasting peace.*

This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman
The Rev. Marissa Harrison
Eric Richardson

Senior Pastor
co-president
Minister of Music

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Next week’s scripture: First Reading: **Isaiah 55:10-13**; Psalm: **Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13**; Second Reading: **Romans 8:1-11**; Gospel: **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Krystina Schmidt in honor of Lizzy Schmidts 16th birthday!

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.

WELCOME GOOD SOIL LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Welcome to our siblings in faith, Pastor Marissa Harisson and the worshiping members from Good Soil Lutheran in Rocky River. It is always a gift to be together as God's people, and Bethesda is grateful for your time here today.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

On this weekend of the 2026 semiquincentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, worship today includes materials from the ELCA worshiping publishing community. *“This anniversary of our nation arrives at a fraught time in the nation’s history. While Sundays and Seasons and other ELCA worship resources in general refrain from commemorating Independence Day as a liturgical occasion outside of intercessory prayer, this milestone anniversary and its broader national context present a unique situation. In witness to the church’s ardent stand against Christian nationalism in its various and insidious forms, and in response to implementing resolution CA25.05.25 of the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the Worship Resource Development Working Group of the ELCA Churchwide Organization and Augsburg Fortress has developed resources for this specific occasion that both celebrate and lament our nation’s history, affirm the reality of the current moment, and seek to unite the diverse body of Christ for the life of the world.”*

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.

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.

ELCA SOCIAL STATEMENT:

Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All

The denomination to which we belong, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, through much study and prayer, develops and approves various social statements over time regarded to our life together as God's people. Pastors Angela and Marissa will be referencing this most recent statement of the ELCA in their reflection today.



You may download a full copy of the statement by following this QR code. If you would like a hard copy, reach out to the church office.

THE CLOSING HYMN

The author of the text of closing hymn, Hannah Brown, shared these words.

“This text emerged following a visit to the Statue of Liberty. I was moved by the museum exhibit contrasting the dreams of freedom in the United States with the reality of our past and present So many have worked to realize freedom in this land, and so much work remains to be done.

I returned to the text for revisions during another trip when I spent time at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Inscribed on the wall is Lincoln's appeal to the nation in his second inaugural address “to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.” On these steps in 1963 the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. declared: “100 years later, the Negro still is not free ... now is the time to make real the promises of democracy.”

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. Anyone attending the informational meeting is invited to join the cyclists for cookies, coffee, tea and lemonade. Come and greet our guests and make them feel welcome.

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.

HELP WANTED

The Property Committee seeks additional members. We attend to the appearance and structure of the Church’s physical assets and assist the Bethesda Childcare Center in maintaining and updating its facilities. We recommend any actions to the Church Council.

You may choose your degree of involvement. Activities include: attending occasional meetings—whether in-person or virtual—identifying and prioritizing needs, consulting with people affected, describing work to be done, screening vendors, obtaining estimates and eliciting volunteers.

If you’re interested, please contact Chrissy in the Church office or email info@bethesdaonthebay.org.

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.

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).

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).

PARISIH NURSE

There will be a blood pressure screening in the library on July 26 after worship.

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.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 17, 2026

- The organizational structure of council was reviewed with the decision made to work toward establishing committees for Finance, Property, Stewardship and Outreach
- The Fellowship Committee (under The Spiritual Growth Team) has met twice and is working on organizing several activities for the summer and fall
- A new cleaning crew started June 15th
- An annual maintenance contract of \$4295.00/year for the Air conditioners and boilers was approved
- Food collections through St. Barnabas continue monthly
- The August collection will be for paper goods (paper plates, napkins, cups) for the Knickerbocker. You can bring all of your mismatched plates, napkins and cups that can be used for their activities.
- The Call Committee is moving towards posting the position of Minister of Christian Formation on the ELCA database where interested candidates will be able to review the profiles and express interest.
- Work on updating the church library is in process
- God's Work Our Hands will be held on Sunday, September 20th
- Financial reporting is in the process of moving to Clergy Financial, a company that specializes in servicing the financial needs of churches

