Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 9

November 15, 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 Improvisation on I Want to Walk as a Child of the LightPaul Manz

***GATHERING HYMN** We are Baptized in Christ Jesus WOV 698



SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and/or parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words:

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

I present Lucy Nicole Will for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Lucy to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Lucy in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Lucy and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Response:
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Lucy Nicole Will,
I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Lucy with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Lucy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

***PEACE**

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

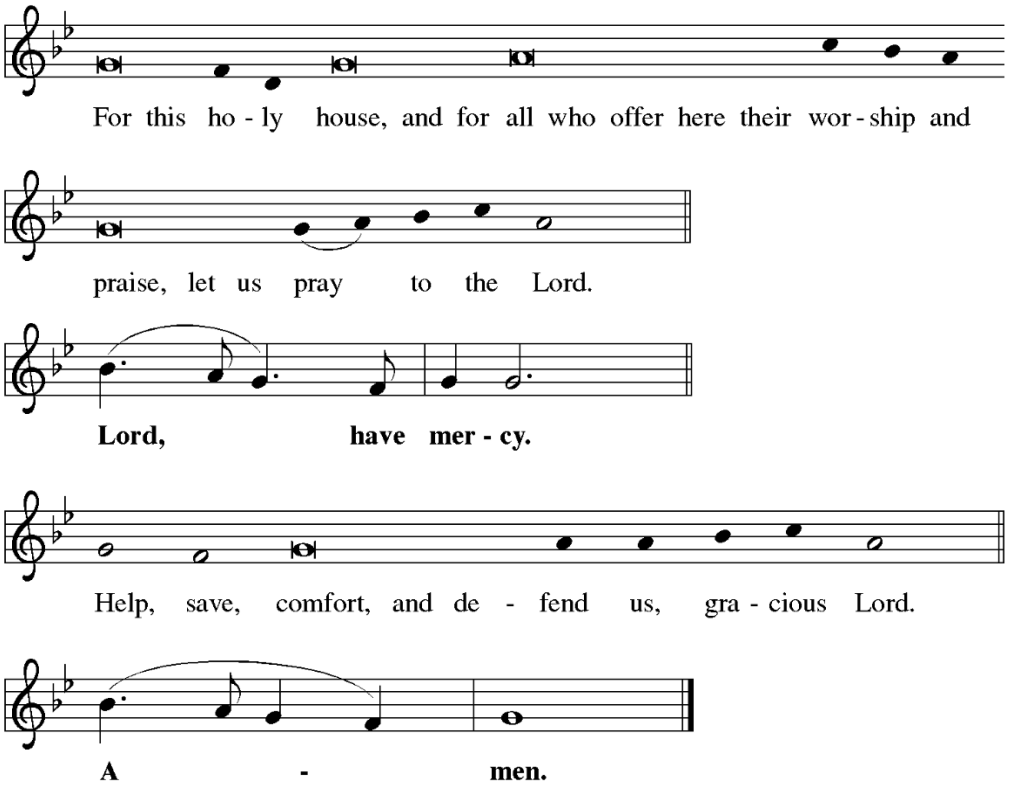
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

***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


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of
God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANTHEM I Will Be a Child of Peace Elaine Hagenberg

WORD

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

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

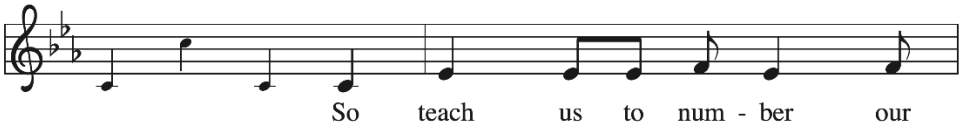
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

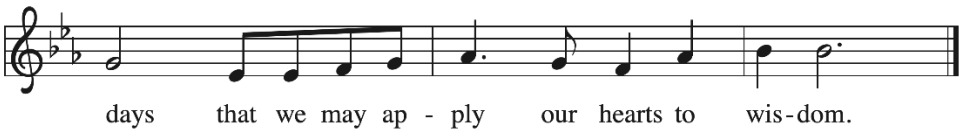
The reading may be concluded: Word of God, Word of Life.

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

PSALM Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

Psalm Refrain:





Psalm Tone:



1 Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the | earth were born,**
from age to age | you are God.
3 You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past**
and like a watch | in the night; R
5 you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is | green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.
7 For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have | set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
12 So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we

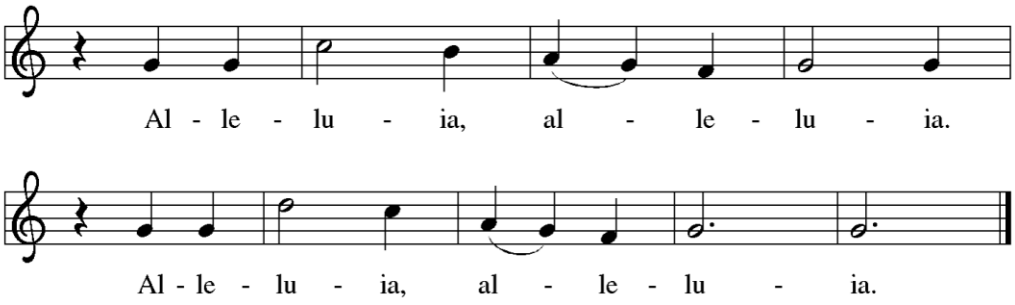
may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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.



The assisting minister sings the gospel verse:

Abide in me as I a- | bide in you;
those who abide in me | bear much fruit.

The assembly repeats the Alleluia.

***GOSPEL** Matthew 25:14-30

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with

interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

REFLECTION

The Rev. Charlie Woodward

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Light ELW 688



***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

WA: You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

WA: Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine (*especially*). Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams (*other specific leaders or groups may be named*). Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

VOLUNTARY I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light Marilyn Biery

OFFERTORY HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689 (st. 2)

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



***OFFERING PRAYER**

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 up to the Lord.

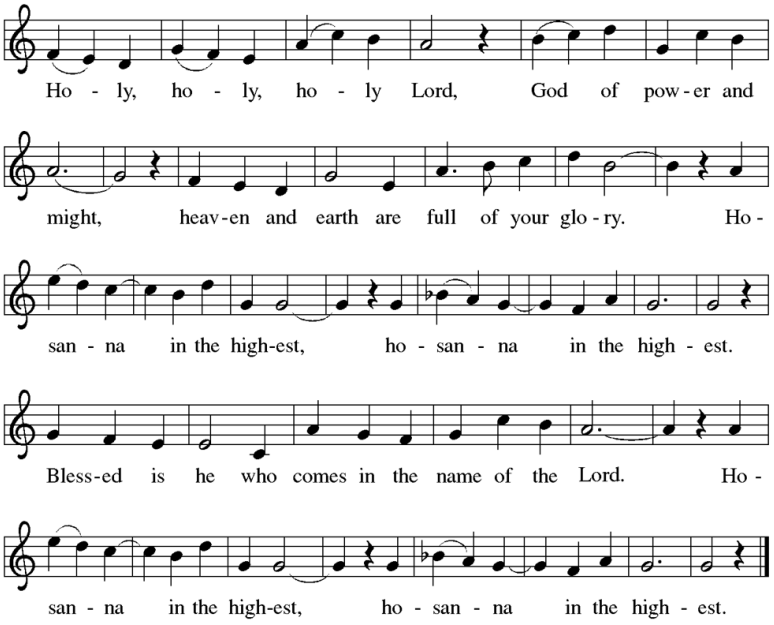
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

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

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

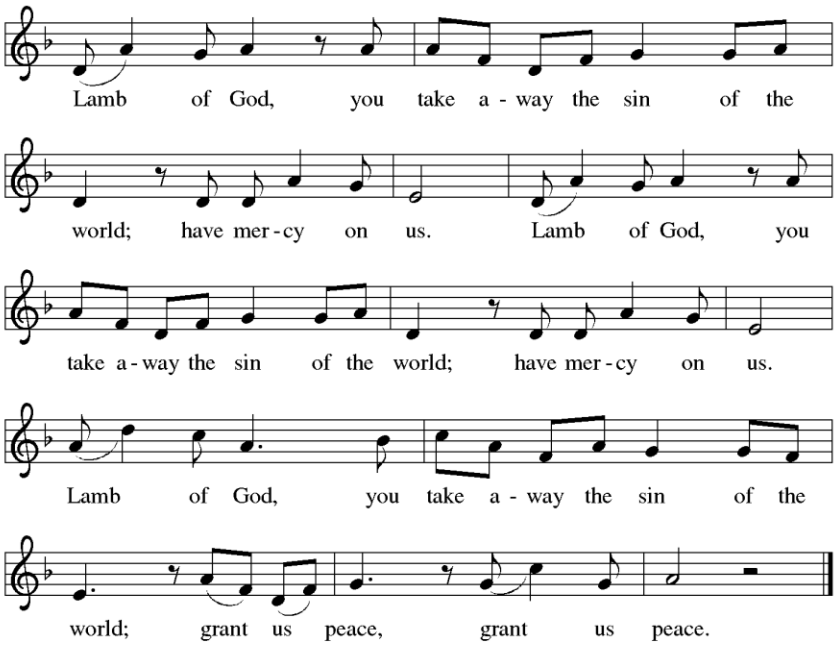
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
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

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815
For the Bread Which You Have Broken ELW 494
Light Dawns on a Weary World ELW 726

PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING

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

***BLESSING**

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
☩ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW 632



5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace! Share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Abbot's Leigh David Cherwien

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Charlie Woodward	Supply Pastor
Eric Richardson	Minister of Music
Deb Zudell-Dickey	Organist

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Next week's scripture: First Reading: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**; Psalm: **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12;** Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;** Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED are dedicated to the glory of God by Krystina Schmidt in celebration of Marianne and Soni birthdays.

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 TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH, Lucy Nicole, child of Alexa & Benjamin Will, who is received today through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Blessings and welcome to her family, friends, and sponsors gathered here today. May Christ bless you as you already are a blessing to this community of faith!

THANK YOU PASTOR CHARLIE WOODWARD
Thank you to Pastor Charlie for leading worship and preaching today while Pastor Angela is out healing after surgery. Pastor Charlie recently retired from full-time ministry, and most recently as pastor at Prince of Peace in Westlake. He and his wife Lisa live in Avon and became members of Bethesda on the Bay this year. It's a blessing to have them among us!

FELLOWSHIP TODAY AFTER WORSHIP
You are invited to stick around after worship for some fellowship and conversation. There is coffee and other goodies in the hall in the center of the facilities. Thank you to Sandy and Don Sittler for setting that up and providing this time of fellowship for us!

TODAY-BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
Nurse Debbie Roski will do blood pressure checks after worship today, on November 15! Stop by and say hello to her, ask medical questions, or simply to get your bp checked.

WE ARE CALLED - *Thus says the Lord, the one who created you, O Israel, who formed you, O Jacob: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." - Isaiah 43:1*

God has created and called each of us as a part of the larger Body of Christ. In the narthex at church, you are invited to name ways you see people using their gifts to serve others, bring beauty to the world, share kindness – anything that represents them being who they are in ways that positively shape our common life. There is display at church in the narthex where you'll find cellophane paper to write those gifts down. Please add to the collage and colorful display! Financial commitment cards will be collected and blessed in worship on Sunday, November 29th.

TODAY'S COLLECTION: COMMUNITY CUPBOARD AT ST. BARNABAS

Last month, Bethesda donated a generous collection of soups and other items to the Community Cupboard and collected pet food items at the annual blessing of the animals. St. Barnabas is deeply grateful for our ongoing support, and we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed. This month we celebrate Thanksgiving and St. Barnabas is requesting Thanksgiving dinner items such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned yams, instant mashed potatoes and turkey gravy. Donations will be gathered today, the third Sunday of the month.

DINNER CHURCH AT UPCAM

TODAY - November 15 – 6:00 pm

Bethesda is heading back to UPCaM on November 15 to bring dinner and join in worship again! Bethesda is supporting Bishop Barbin's visit with the students and is providing a Taco Bar. UPCaM (United Protestant Campus Ministry), serves students from Cleveland State University, Case Western Reserve University, and Cuyahoga Community College, and has been a valued ministry partner of Bethesda for years.

If you would like to be part of Bethesda's delegation and enjoy great food and fellowship with the students, please be at Church of the Covenant by 6:00 PM. Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH. Let parking lot attendant know you are with UPCaM Dinner church and parking will be free. Reach out to Chris Webner if you'd like to carpool.

ST. B'S HIVE (ST. BARNABAS)

Cleveland's West Side Market

November 17, Noon – 2:00 pm, reservations required

Camille Dickson, Director of Development at Cleveland Public Market Corp. discusses the West Side Market and its journey through the years, including revisions and ideas for the future.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10:00 am – not meeting November 18
Come and share in fellowship and bible study centered around the up-coming Sunday scripture lessons. No expertise is needed and you can come when you're able. While the library is under renovation, Bible study will be held in the lounge. Come and share in the fellowship.

LADIES LUNCH
This month the ladies will be having lunch at 11:30 am Wednesday November 18th at Houlihans, 25651 Detroit Rd., Westlake. Please let Bev Hine know if you are planning to join us by Monday November. 16th at 440-812-5448 or bbhine@hotmail.com All ladies of the church are welcome to come.

BOOK CLUB
The Bethesda Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the lounge at church. The next meeting is November 18th and the book discussed will be Villa Coco by Andrew Sean Greer. The group is open to anyone who wants to attend. A list of upcoming books is available. Any questions, contact Marcia at Marcia.Starr@oh.rr.com.

BETHESDA CHANCEL CHOIR
Bethesda's choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 pm with a shorter rehearsal and warm-up before worship on Sundays around 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome! Speak with Eric Richardson with questions.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP
Sunday, November 22
6:30 Worship, *pie fellowship following*
Bethesda is blessed to host the Community Thanksgiving Worship with members of the Bay Ecumenical Congregations and Good Soil Lutheran in Rocky River sharing in the evening. Community choir will rehearse at 6:00pm for an anthem to sing during worship. Everyone is welcome to sing or simply come to worship! Together, let us give thanks to God for the many blessings!

PIE FELLOWSHIP
ATTENTION BAKERS (and pie buyers)
Bethesda could use your help to provide yummy pies for November 22nd after the Thankgiving worship. If you are able to bake or purchase a pie, set up or clean up, please sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, contact Barb Semroc. Thank you for helping provide for a lovely fellowship evening!

LIVE NATIVITY 2026
Sunday, December 13, 5:00-7:00pm
Bethesda is gearing up to host the Live Nativity again this year! We need many hands to help! Please sign up on the sign-up genius or by calling the church office. You are invited to play a roll in the nativity, help with hospitality, or simply help with set up or clean up! Additionally, invite your family and friends to come to the event and celebrate the greatest news of all time! Christ is born!

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

CLASS FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS
November 21 and December 19
Bethesda is excited to continue our special class for children ages two through five along with their parents. We meet one Saturday a month from 10:00 to 11:00 am. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Diana Wolfe or the church office. Future dates are to be determined by group consensus.

DECORATING BETHESDA FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
This year, decorating for the seasons to come will be on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am. All are invited! "Many hands make light work." Especially needed are helpers to hand wreaths & garland, fluff bows, decorate trees with ornaments, hang sconces, and place the window candles and pine boughs. Please come and help beautify the Sanctuary and Narthex for the Advent & Christmas seasons.

2027 BUDGETING
Next year's budgeting process has started. If you are responsible for a budgeting area, please provide your budget information to Bill Zeidler by November 30. Contact the office with questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES
The next Confirmation class is Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Keep them in your prayers as they grow in their faith and as people in the weeks ahead. For more information, contact Pastor Angela.

ANYONE WANT A PEW?

The property committee will be removing two pews in the back of the sanctuary to make room for 2 unity chairs which allow more seating for accessible needs. Please let Pastor or the office know if you would be interested in a pew or two! We need to know by the first week of December. Thank you!

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

Bethesda Childcare Center will be closed November 25-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The church office will be closed November 25 and 26. The church staff hopes that you all have a wonderful holiday and a chance for rest and sabbath.

SUNDAY COUNTER NEEDED

We are in need of a counter for once a month (the second Sunday of the month) starting in 2027. Duties include staying after worship and adding cash and checks and preparing a deposit. You will be partnered with an experienced counter. Please contact Jeff Darkow if you are interested (jbdarkow@gmail.com).

ST. BARNABAS ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Tuesday, November 17 - 7:00 pm

A Celebration of Faith in Song and Word, a special concert produced and directed by Dr. Stephan Knobloch to celebrate the 15th anniversary of St. Barnabas reopening. You won't want to miss this tribute, featuring choir, brass, percussion and spoken word. Admission is free and child care will be provided. Bring your friends - all are welcome! Refreshments will be served following the concert.

PRAYER LIST

Changes to the prayer list can be made by filling out a pew card or contacting the church office!