Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church
Christ the King
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 9

November 22, 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 Give to Our God Immortal Praise! David Cherwien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
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.

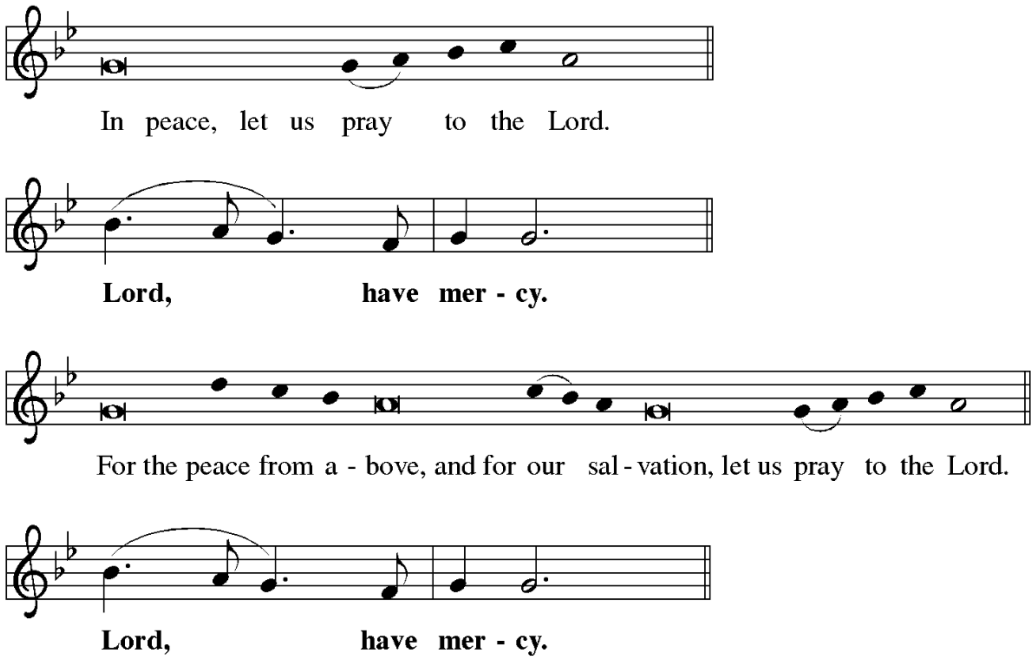
Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN** Crown Him with Many Crowns ELW 855

***GREETING**

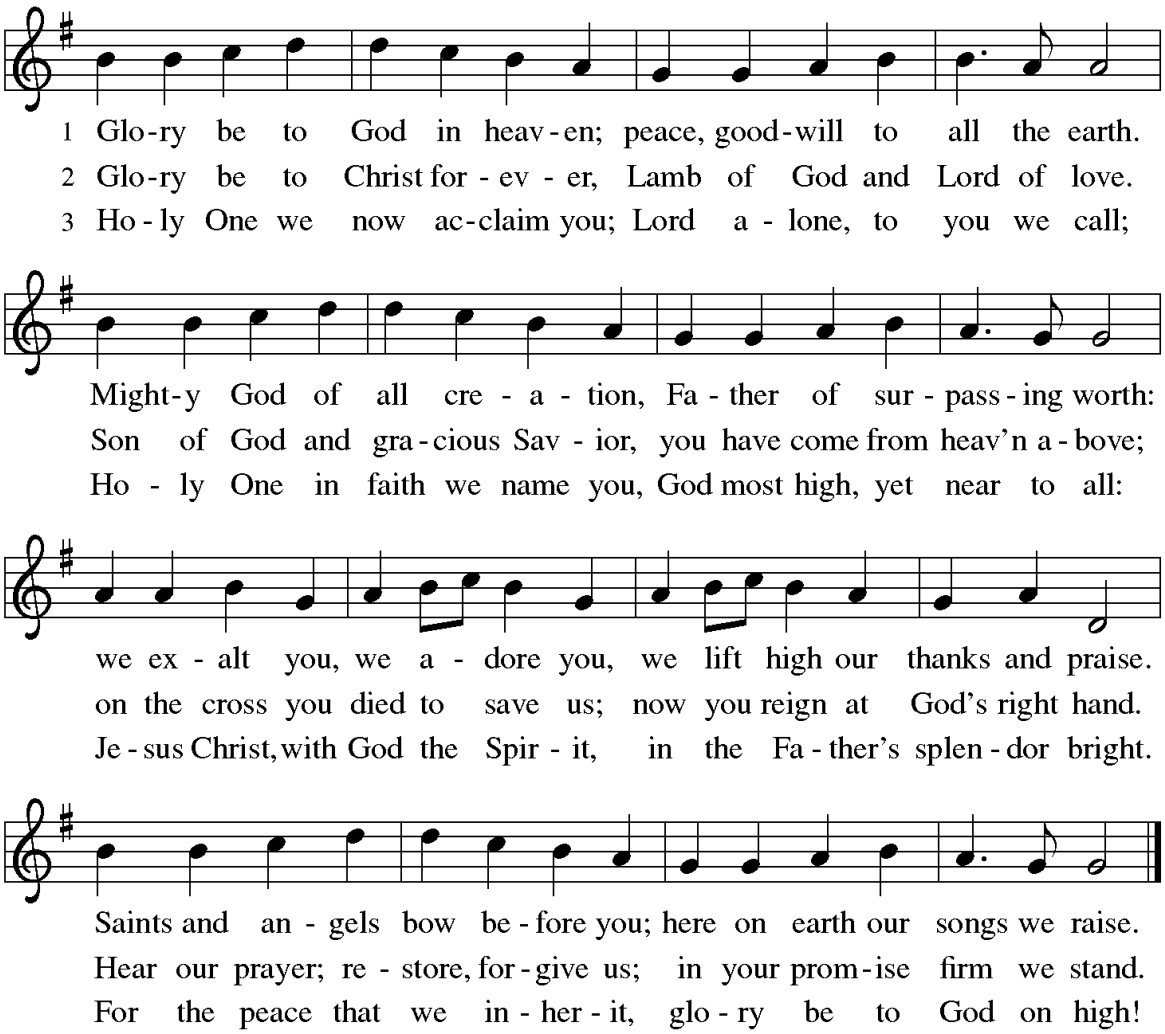
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE**




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.
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.
A - men.

*GLORY TO GOD



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

ANTHEM Rejoice, the Lord is King! Dan Forrest

WORD

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

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in
good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will
seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and
the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak
animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they
shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall
feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David
shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

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

PSALM Psalm 95:1-7a

Psalm Refrain:



Psalm Tone:



1 Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are | also yours. R
5 The sea is yours, | for you made it,

and your hands have molded | the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship | and bow down,**
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **R**

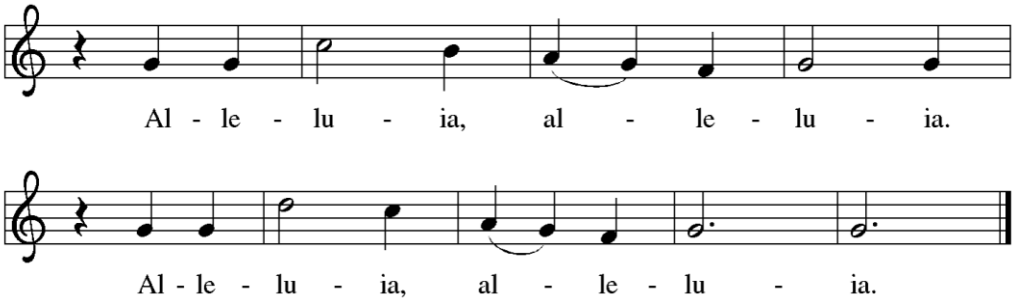
SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God
of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as
you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive
what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance
among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe,
according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above
all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only
in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made
him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all
in all.

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:
Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David.
The assembly repeats the Alleluia.

***GOSPEL** Matthew 25:31-46

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the
goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king
will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave
me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed
me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison
and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that
we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it
that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I
tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to
me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no
food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit
me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer
them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to
me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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 Jesus Shall Reign ELW 434

***APOSTLE'S CREED** pg. 105

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

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.

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. Amen.

***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: Prepare your people for your reign to come among us. Where the church is wary, make us bold; where we are complacent, stir us to action; where we are anxious, assure us of your never-ending care. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: All the heights, depths, and expanses of the earth belong to you. Deliver every corner of your creation from disaster. Restore lands ravaged by floods, fires, drought, or contamination (*places or events may be named*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: Gather all the nations at your side and teach them the ways of your kingdom of wholeness and abundant life. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates to create and uphold pathways toward transformative justice. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to all who experience uncertainty, guide all people facing difficult decisions, and lift the spirits of any who are in need (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

WA: Accompany communities struggling with conflict. Help us to listen deeply to one another, that we might know one another more fully and release any hurt or anger. Create ways of healing and reconciliation among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Here other intercessions may be offered.

WA: Fill us with the spirit of wisdom and perseverance that you grant to all the saints, and bring us, at the last, into the hope of your promised new day. 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.

***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 Morning Has Broken Brock W. Downward

OFFERTORY HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689 (St. 3-4)

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



***OFFERING PRAYER**

Holy God,
gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***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.

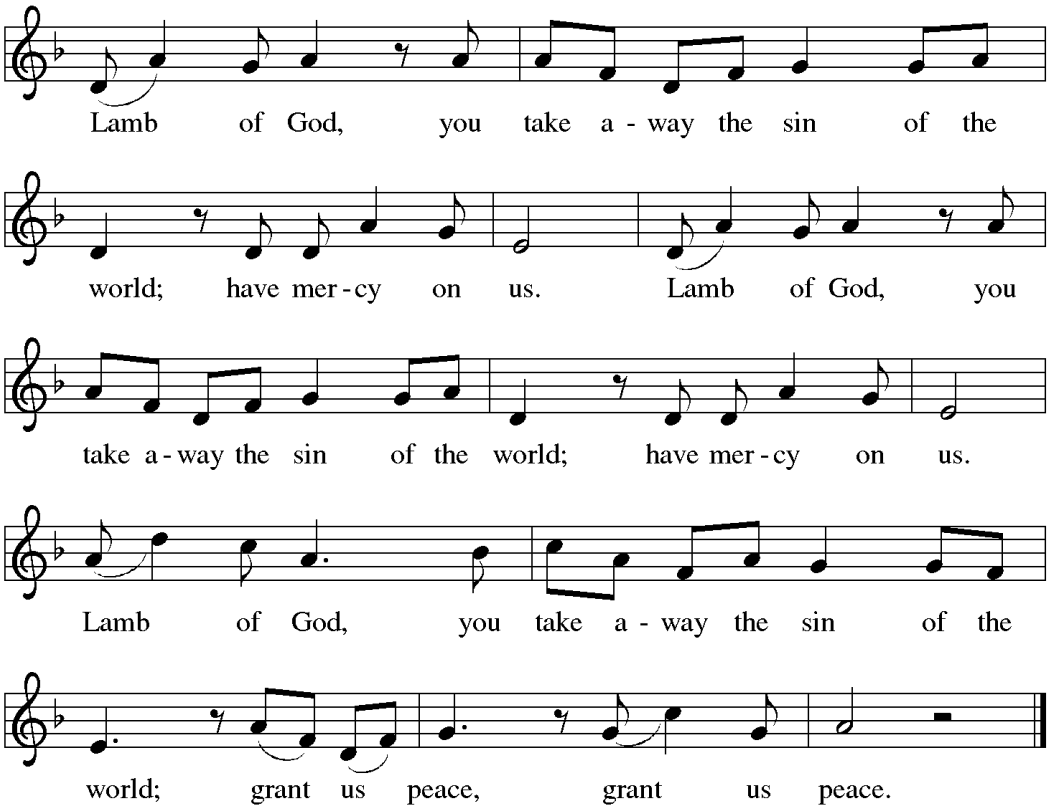
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
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 For the Fruit of All Creation ELW 679
Thine the Amen ELW 826

PASTORAL BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks,
almighty God, that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward
one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! ELW 634

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! Setting, Walter L. Pelz

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 Malena Hanson in celebration and thanksgiving for Freyja for her birthday and prayers for another year of joy.

Altar Flowers are also dedicated to the Glory of God by Carol Rattay in loving memory of Beverly Olsen and for their 25 years of friendship.

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.

BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays at 10:00 am
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.

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.

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!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR CHANGES

Starting in January we will be offering two Coffee Hours per month on the first and third Sundays of each month. We will again be asking for volunteers to host them, bake, make coffee, set up, or help with this fellowship in any way.

CLASS FOR 2-5 YEAR OLDS

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.

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.

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!

ANNUAL REPORT PREPARATION

If you are someone who has a report included in the Annual Report, please start working on your report and make sure it is submitted to the office by January 18, 2027.

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!

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).

ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date for the annual meeting on February 7, 2027 following worship. Annual reports will be distributed two weeks prior to the meeting.

REGULAR BETHESDA OFFICE HOURS

Bethesda's Church office is open Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 2:00pm
Childcare Center is open Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 6:30 pm

During the childcare center business hours, please ring the buzzer at the door off of the Church parking lot on Wolf Road when you arrive. Announce you're visiting for church purposes or activities, and you'll be buzzed in. Thank you for helping ensure the safety of our children and staff. ***Special Note:* Pastor Angela's sabbath day is Friday. She is available for pastoral care emergencies on her sabbath day, but regular church business will be responded to during work hours. Thank you for your understanding.

2027 ALTAR FLOWERS

Help to adorn the altar for Sunday worship services by offering flowers in honor of God and, when desired, in memory of a loved one or a special event. The 2027 altar flower calendar is now available in the Narthex. When you sign up, please include your first and last names! Cost is still $25. Call the office with questions.



PRAYER LIST

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