

Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✝ May 11, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. ✝

✠ GATHERING ✠

**THE ASTERISK INDICATES WHEN THE ASSEMBLY RISES THROUGHOUT THE WORSHIP SERVICE.*

PRELUDE

Tyler Pyle

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

One Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Many Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

One In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Many Amen.

One Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.
Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

Many make us one as you are one.

One We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

Many make us one as you are one.

One We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

Many make us one as you are one.

One Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Many Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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

***Many* And also with you.**

KYRIE

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Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo-ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer-cy. A - men.

NOW THE FEAST

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Refrain

Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion, all of cre-a-tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo-ry for-ev-er-more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Many **O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING | ACTS 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

One Word of God, Word of Life
Many **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

One Word of God, Word of Life
Many **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING | REVELATION 7: 9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

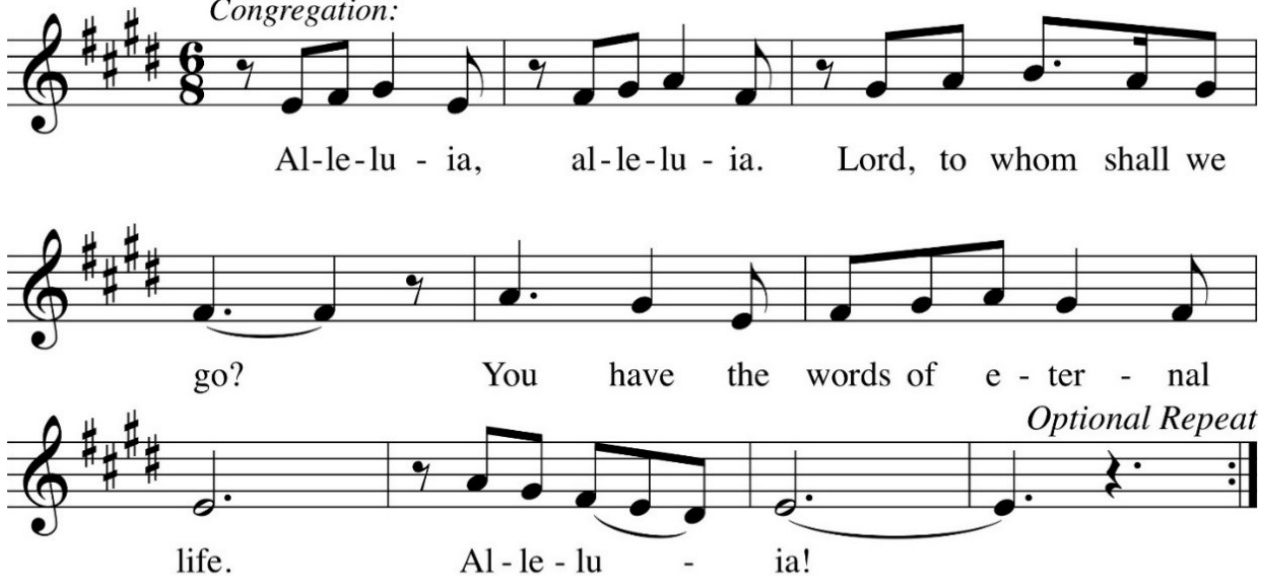
¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

One Word of God, Word of Life
Many **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL VERSE

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Congregation:



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

One The holy Gospel according to John.
Many **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*GOSPEL | JOHN 5:1-9

¹ After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³ In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷ The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way,

someone else steps down ahead of me.”⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

One The holy Gospel of our Lord.
Many **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Dave Adams

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lift Up Your Heads | ACS 1032

1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,

hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -

spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share; fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning

cool. How fresh it falls up -
One, who bless - es you with
air. Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -

on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One Hear us, O God.

Many **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.
Many **And also with you.**

✠ MEAL ✠

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Leider ohne Worte: Consolation
by Felix Mendelssohn

Tyler Pyle

*AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

One Risen One,
you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Many **Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

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

Presider: *Congregation:*

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

right to give God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One ... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

***Many* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

One ... all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

***Many* Amen, amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

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Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

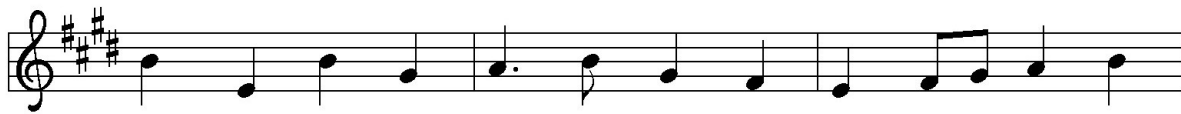
HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Come, Ye Disconsolate

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THANKS BE TO YOU

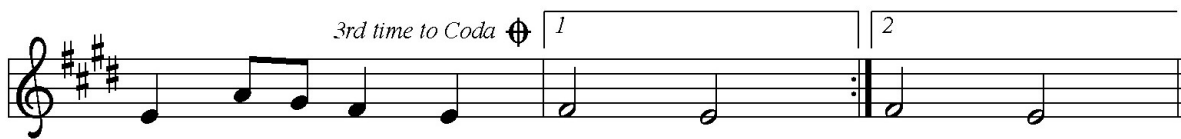
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1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim
your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Many

Amen.

BLESSING

One The triune God,
 who was, who is, and who is to come,
 Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,
 light your way with resurrection dawn,
 now and always.

***Many* Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

*SENDING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light | ELW 815

*DISMISSAL

One Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Many* Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Tyler Pyle

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THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

✝ MAY 11 – MAY 17 ✝

TODAY:	9:30 A.M. 10:30 A.M.	WORSHIP COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
MONDAY:	10:00 A.M. 11:30-5:30 P.M.	LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY OFFICE HOURS
TUESDAY:	11:30-5:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	OFFICE HOURS COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY:	9 A.M. 11:30-5:30 P.M. 6 P.M. 7 P.M.	QUILTING OFFICE HOURS BELLS REHEARSAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY:	11:30-5:30 P.M. 3:45 P.M.	OFFICE HOURS BAS CHAPEL
FRIDAY:	ALL DAY 9 P.M.	OFFICE CLOSED NA MEETING