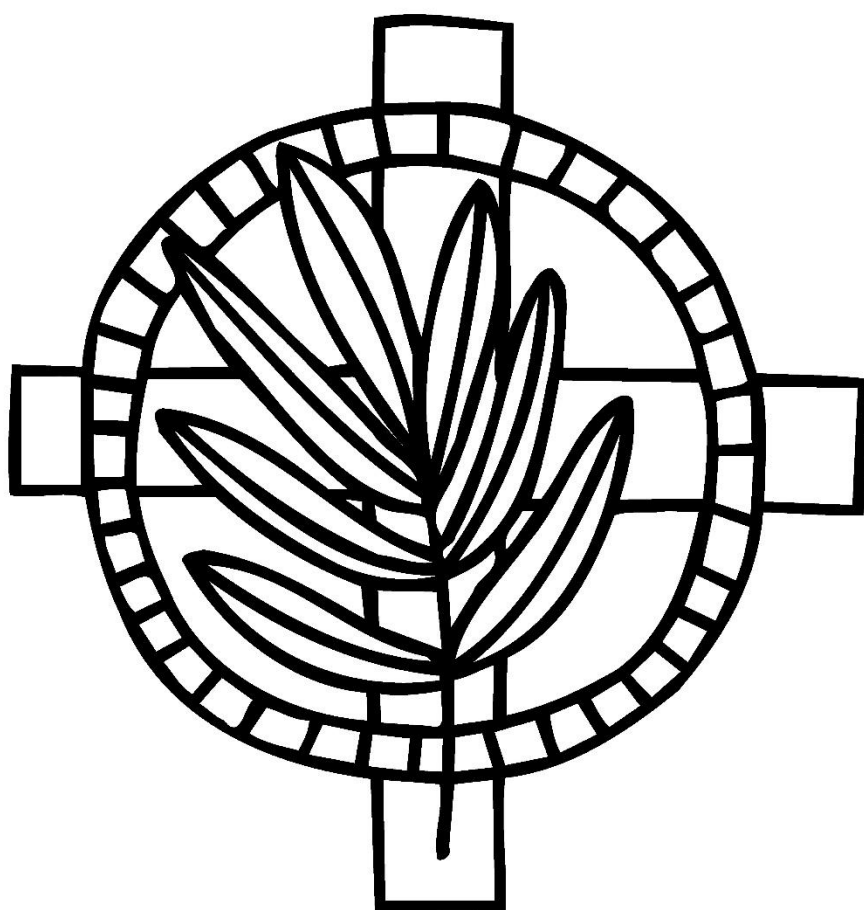




Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✝ August 30, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. ✝

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

PRELUDE

TYLER PYLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Many Amen.

One Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Many Amen.

One If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Most merciful God.

Many we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

One Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Many Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

ELW 879

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KYRIE

ELW SETTING 1

ELW P. 98

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE **O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Many Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

(Readings on screen)

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 15:15-21

One Word of God, Word of Life

Many Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12:9-21

One Word of God, Word of Life

Many Thanks be to God.

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW SETTING 1

ELW P. 102

One The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Many Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL | Matthew 16:13-20

One The Gospel of our Lord.

Many Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

GRANT VANDERFORD

Refrain

Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One Merciful God,
Many receive our prayer.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

One The peace of Christ be with you all!
Many And also with you.

✝ MEAL ✝

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You may place your offering in the plates as they are passed by the ushers. You may also scan the QR code to the right for online giving.



MUSICAL OFFERING

TYLER PYLE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

ELW 184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

One Loving God, we offer at your table, us now and forever.
Many Amen.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOG

ELW SETTING 1 P. 107

*PREFACE:

ONE It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, we praise your name and join
 their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW SETTING 1 P. 108

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One: Holy God, our maker, Redeemer, and Healer ... now and forever
Many Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

One: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**Many 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 COMMUNION

ONE Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

ELW SETTING 1 P. 112

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

BIND US TOGETHER WOV 748
EAT THIS BREAD, DRINK THIS CUP ELW 492

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One Compassionate God, ... us now and forever.
Many Amen.

BLESSING

One Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Many Amen

✠ SENDING ✠

SENDING HYMN

LET STREAMS OF LIVING JUSTICE ELW 710

*DISMISSAL

One Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Many Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

TYLE PYLE

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	SERVING TODAY AUG 30, 2026	SERVING NEXT SUNDAY SEPT 6, 2026
SUNDAY	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	15 th Sunday after Pentecost
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pr. Grant Vanderford	Pr. Grant Vanderford
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Tyler Pyle	Tyler Pyle
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jillian Jaros	Jillian Jaros
ASSISTING MINISTER	Alex Brings	Pr. Mary Wallum

READER	Jane Johnson	Alex Brings
ALTAR GUILD	Savannah Goddard-Weber	Theo Baspaly
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Shannon Vanderford Rick Vanderford	Deb Fogel Help needed
CLICKER	Becky Erickson	Theo Baspaly
CAMERA	Terrie Jo Wold	Help needed
USHERS	Wenass Family	
CPOD	Nancy Lund	Nancy Lund

If you want help signing up or desire training - call 218-236-1420 or email janej@bethesdamhd.org.

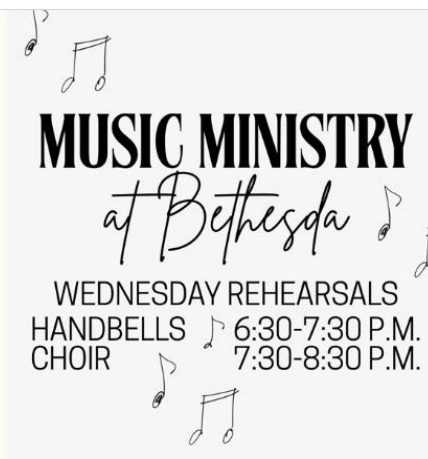
THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH*

✠ AUG 30- SEPT 5, 2026 ✠

TIME	DAY	Event
	SUNDAY	
9:30 A.M.		Worship/followed by fellowship
	MONDAY	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
10:00 A.M.		Lectionary Bible Study
	TUESDAY:	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
	WEDNESDAY	
9:00 A.M.		Quilting
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
6:00 PM/ 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.		Bell set-up/rehearsal 6:30
6:30 P.M.		Confirmation
7:30 - 8:30 P.M.		Choir Rehearsal
	THURSDAY	
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.		Office Hours
3:45 P.M.		BAS Chapel-Sanctuary
	FRIDAY	
ALL DAY		Office Closed
9:00 P.M.		NA Meeting



SPAGHETTI SUPPER
SECOND ANNUAL ITALIAN MEAL & RAFFLE - PROCEEDS SUPPORT COMMUNITY OUTREACH
FRIDAY OCTOBER 2 • 5:00-7:00 PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT BETHESDAMHD.ORG BY CALLING 218.236.1420 OR AT THE DOOR \$20/ADULT AND \$10/CHILD
TO-GO ORDERS AVAILABLE \$5 RAFFLE TICKETS AT THE EVENT



MUSIC MINISTRY
at Bethesda
WEDNESDAY REHEARSALS
HANDBELLS 6:30-7:30 P.M.
CHOIR 7:30-8:30 P.M.



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
ONLINE
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!
BETHESDAMHD.ORG/WORSHIP



WE'RE SO CLOSE...
LET'S PUT TOGETHER **120**

STILL NEEDED:

**SCHOOL SUPPLY
KITS BEFORE
SEPTEMBER!**

- 56 NOTEBOOKS (70 sheet spiral)
- 20 RULERS (30 centimeter)
- 20 SCISSORS (blunt tip)
- 10 CRAYONS (16 or 24 count)
- \$ LWR estimates it costs \$4 per kit to transport, process, store and deliver kits near and far. Make checks payable to Bethesda with "LWR Kits" in the memo.



ROCKS WANTED!



Please bring fist-size or larger rocks to the SW corner of the Bethesda courtyard area.

We will be painting them during God's Work Our Hands Sunday on September 13, then using them to complete Gwen's Garden and to add to the new native garden at Evergreen Cemetery.

Fargo-Moorhead Area Walk

OUT OF THE DARKNESS

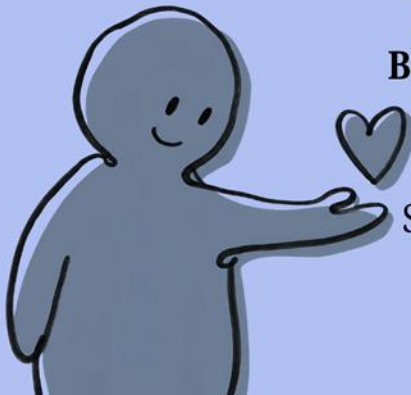
Presented by the American
Foundation for Suicide Prevention

**Walk with the
Bethesda team!**

Sunday,
September 20
at 2 p.m.

SCHEELS Arena

Contact Mary Wenaas
with questions



OUTREACH & YOUTHWORKS DOROTHY DAY

The need at local missions is constant. Please continue to **bring non-perishable food items** to support these programs. (i.e. canned vegetables, soup, beans, boxed cereal, pasta, etc.)

CHURCHES UNITED MICAH'S MISSION

Volunteers **set up & serve the evening meal** on the fourth Monday of every month from 5-7 p.m. Contact the office or talk to Sandy Retzlaff or Joel Westby for more info!