



Welcome to Bethesda Lutheran Church

A place of healing and reconciliation in Christ



SEASON OF CREATION IN CHRIST NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WITH HOLY COMMUNION

✝ October 4, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. ✝

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

PRELUDE

TYLER PYLE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BIGGEST STORY TIME

"A Table and a Tower" (Genesis 10-11)

*GATHERING HYMN

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

ELW 824

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

One Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
our hope, our heart, our home.:

Many Amen.

One Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Many Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
**we confess that we participate in systems that perpetuate
oppression and injustice. We are often numb to the pain of the world
around us, resistant to change that costs us something, and reluctant
to love our neighbors as ourselves. We sin against your good
creation, failing to be faithful stewards of the land, the sea, and all
their creatures. Make your home among us once more, O God.
naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will. Amen.**

One All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you: God knows you,
forgives you by the self-giving of ✠ Jesus Christ, and frees you to love the
world as you have been loved. Creation's story will not end until
mourning, crying, and pain are no more. When everything else changes,
God's love is steadfast and sure. Nothing can ever separate you from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Many Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

GOOD CREATION

LIVING VOICE OF CREATION 19

GREETING

2 Worship

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 Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Many Amen.

✠ **WORD** ✠

(Readings on screen)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 3:4b-14

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

LET ALL CREATION SING

LIVING VOICE OF CREATION 28

One The holy Gospel according to Matthew

Many Glory to you, O Lord.

*GOSPEL | Matthew 21:33-46

One The Gospel of our Lord.

Many Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

REV. MARY WALLUM

HYMN OF THE DAY

ALL THINGS AND BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL.

WOV 767 (BACK PAGE)

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE:



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

OFFERING



OFFERTORY RESPONSE WE PRAISE YOU, MAKER GOD LIVING VOICE OF CREATION 37

One O God, maker of heaven and earth, We ask this in Jesus' name.
Many **Amen.**

DIALOG

One
Many

Come repair and be restored.
Many pieces become one body.

ONE It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,... the table rejoicing as one creation, one body in holy communion now and forever as we sing...

LIVING VOICE OF CREATION 40

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

One: Blessed are you, O God, our parent and provider.
We give you thanks for your tender keeping and expansive love.

Many We honor you, Creator God.

One: Blessed are you, O God, our resurrection and life.
We give you thanks for showing us your glory.

Many We worship you, Loving God.

One: Blessed are you, O God, advocate and comforter.
We give you thanks for your Spirit moving.

Many We praise you, Abiding God.

One: On the night in which he was betrayed.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

LIVING VOICE OF CREATION

LIVING VOICE OF CREATION 34

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

MOTHERING GOD
JESUS LOVES ME!

ELW 735
ELW 595

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One God of plenty, you have nourished our bodies with the fruits of the earth,
..... for the sake of the world you love.

Many Amen.

BLESSING

One Creator God bless you and keep you. Creating Christ shine through you
with grace and mercy. Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
Many Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

SENDING HYMN

GOD IS DOING A NEW THING

LIVING VOICE OF CREATION 53

*DISMISSAL

One Go in peace. Flourish with creation.
Many Thanks be to God!

*POSTLUDE

TYLE PYLE

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	SERVING TODAY OCT 4, 2026	SERVING NEXT SUNDAY OCT 11, 2026
SUNDAY	19 th Sunday after Pentecost	20 th Sunday after Pentecost
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pr. Grant Vanderford	Pr. Grant Vanderford
ORGANIST/PIANIST	Tyler Pyle	Tyler Pyle
CHOIR/BELL DIRECTOR	Jillian Jaros	Jillian Jaros
ASSISTING MINISTER	Pr. Mary Wallum	Alex Brings
READER	Daniel Westphal	Dan Westphal
ALTAR GUILD	Linnea Dimich	Libby Sternhagen Schwenk
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Daniel Westphal Terrie Jo Wold	Dan Westphal Deb Fogel
CLICKER	Joel Westby	Addison Wenaas
CAMERA	Becky Erickson	Kristen Ohren
USHERS		
CPOD	Drew Robinson	Matthew Benson-Tuff

THIS WEEK AT BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH*

✠ OCT 4 TO OCT 10, 2026 ✠

TIME	DAY	Event
	SUNDAY	
9:30 A.M.		Worship/followed by Fellowship
10:45 A.M.		Book Discussion-Honoring your Neighbor's Lounge
	MONDAY	
10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.		Office Hours
10:00 A.M.		Lectionary Study - Lounge

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TUESDAY:

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Office Hours

WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M.

Quilting

10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Office Hours

6:00 P.M.

Blessing of the animals - Courtyard

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. - 1:00 P.M.

Office Hours

3:45 P.M..

BAS Chapel-Sanctuary

FRIDAY

ALL DAY

Office Closed

9:00 P.M.

NA Meeting

Jane will be out Sept 29 thorough Oct 11, back at BLC on Oct 12, thank you to the volunteers providing office hours from 10 AM to 1 PM



Sunday, October 11, 2026

during fellowship

Justine Irakiza, Program

Coordinator

Presents

Senior Companion



Adult Forum: Oct 18th During Fellowship. Honoring our Neighbors Faith. Dr Afzaal presenting in the Muslim faith.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings,
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent.; adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE
LOUNGE FOR A DISCUSSION LED
BY PASTOR GRANT ON "HONORING
OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH"



BLESSING OF THE PETS

**Oct 7th
6 PM
Courtyard**

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
9:30 AM IN THE LOUNGE

Women's Bible Study

OCTOBER 20
NOVEMBER 17
DECEMBER 15
JANUARY 19

ADULT FORUM

NOVEMBER 1
FOLLOWING WORSHIP



JOIN US FOR A
CONVERSATION
ON **"WORKING
THROUGH GRIEF
& LEARNING TO
EMBRACE
LIFE'S
BLESSINGS"**

PRESENTED BY DEB HADLEY & DENISE HADLEY
WITH THE KT HUMBLE HEARTS ORGANIZATION

All Saints Sunday

November 1st



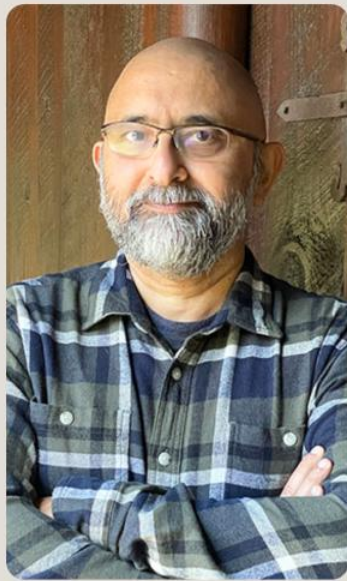
ADULT FORUM NOVEMBER 15 FOLLOWING WORSHIP



JOIN US FOR A
CONVERSATION ON
**HONORING OUR
NEIGHBOR'S
FAITH: HINDUISM**
WITH DR. VIJAY
GABA, BOARD
MEMBER FOR THE
HINDU TEMPLE OF
FARGO-MOORHEAD

SPECIAL MEETING

**VOTE ON ORGAN REPAIR
AUTHORIZATION**
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 10:30 AM
After worship and before fellowship



ADULT FORUM

**OCTOBER 18
FOLLOWING
WORSHIP**

JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION ON
**HONORING OUR NEIGHBOR'S FAITH:
ISLAM** WITH DR. AHMED AFZAAL,
CONCORDIA RELIGION PROFESSOR