

MORNING WORSHIP

Live on Facebook at 10:00 AM

Coffee hour at 11am after service via Zoom

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24th Sunday after Pentecost

Before we begin Worship we acknowledge that we worship on the traditional grounds of the Anishinaabe (meaning “the people”) People, and we honor their elders both past and present.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Greetings & Announcements

GATHERING

Call to Worship

It is good to give thanks to God,

To sing praises to God’s name, O Most High.

To declare God’s steadfast love in the morning.

And God’s faithfulness by night

We proclaim God’s love in music and praise,

For great are the works of our God!

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, **we confess that in our desire for freedom, we have ditched our responsibility. In our pursuit of peace, at times we have sacrificed justice and truth-telling. In our acceptance of Your gifts of the world, we have created a world for ourselves, where resources are exploited and the marginalized continue to suffer. Call us into accountability, O God. Remind us of our responsibility to care for the earth and our neighbors. Hold us to truth, and the work of justice. Lead us into the difficult work of stewardship, of doing the work of dismantling oppressive systems and our own privilege. In the way of Jesus, may we lay down our power and privilege, and work together for the beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Jesus calls us to come to him, to hand over our burdens, and that we will be given rest. Be awakened to the sins in the world, the sin we participate in, but know that in Christ the work of forgiveness has already begun. Pursue the work of justice, and reconciliation will follow. Pursue the work of dismantling oppression and privilege, and know that Christ is at work in you. Know that you are a beloved child of God, and that we are all works in progress. **Amen.**

Gathering Song #679 vs. 2 & 3 ELW “For the Fruit of All Creation”

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Greeting

The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise #878 ELW "Soli Deo Gloria"



1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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.**

WORD

Readings and Prayers of Intercession are found in the **Celebrate** insert.

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody Psalm 90:1-12, refrain, Ps. 90:12

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(after the reading) Assistant: The word of Life. **People: Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

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

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #707 vs. 2 & 3 ELW “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Grant us hearts, dear Lord,
to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor you have given
to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence
“You have done it all to me.”
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—
in the least, your face we view,
saying by your poor and needy,
“Give as I have given you.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing.

We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us.

We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power in the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploration has caused ruin.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Lord of all the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human right abuses.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us encouragement and signs of your healing especial for Pam, Wally & Colleen, Chuck & Marcia, Judy, Lana, Ed, Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Brad, Audra, Barb, Paula, Pavel, Alla, Oliver, and Victoria, friends and family of Miriam Hof.

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Lord of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors. Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love.

Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Faithful God, we bring these gifts before you to celebrate how you have made with us, your chosen people, a new and everlasting covenant. Help us to be worthy of your trust and to give you a response of deep faith expressed in service. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Consecration

The 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 Communion

No matter who you are, no matter where you came from this morning, no matter what you bring with you... you are welcome, here, at this table, and in this community.

Communion Hymn #715 vs. 2 & 5 ELW “Christ, Be Our Light”

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow’r to save us.
Make us your living voice.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

Prayer after Communion

O holy one, you are our host as well as our shepherd. You invite us to the banquet of life. All parts of the world are invited - enemies and friends, the alienated and powerful, those close at hand and those far off. We thank you for offering the abundance and lavishness of bread broken and shared, and the cup of refreshment that leads to new life.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

May the blessing of God be upon you. May the light of Christ illumine your way. And may the gifts of the Holy Spirit abound in your life to the glory of God and the good of ALL creation. **Amen.**

Sending Song #441 vs 2 & 4 ELW “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand”

Oh, Blessed day when Christ shall come
and show himself as Lord,
and thousands meet in their new home
which Jesus has prepared,
which Jesus has prepared.

O Lord, your grace is ev’rything;
your love has made us free
to stand among the saints and sing
the glory that we see,
the glory that we see.

Dismissal

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our worship. Now send us out to love. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Birthdays—

Monday November 16— Diane Hall

Tuesday November 17—Gina Emily, Opal Georgeson & Pike Georgeson

Friday November 20—Jan Japs

The website’s calendar has all of the zoom links. <https://www.bethesdalutheranbayfield.com/calendar>

Wednesday Nov 18 12:00-Kent Nerburn; 7:00 Mutual Ministry