

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

Twenty second Sunday after Pentecost

(ACS) All Creation Sings Setting 12

October 20, 2024
10:00 AM

**Please stand as you are willing and able.
ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.
ACS refers to the hymnal supplement, All Creation Sings.*

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

The assembly gathers in quiet for prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

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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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

Amen.

One of the following or another confession is prayed.

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

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW 712

***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**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM Lord, It Belongs Not To My Care

Carl Schalk

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

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

PSALM

Psalm 91:9-16

Refrain:



Tone:



⁹Because you have made the [|] Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your [|] habitation,

¹⁰**no evil [|] will befall you,**
nor shall affliction come [|] near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge [|] over you,
to guard you in [|] all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will [|] bear you up,**
lest you strike your foot a- [|] gainst a stone. R

¹³You will tread upon the lion [|] cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion [|] and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who [|] cling to me;**
I will uphold them, because they [|] know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will [|] answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and [|] honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I [|] satisfy them,**
and show them [|] my salvation. R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be

first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Angela Freeman

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Making Their Way

ACS 979



1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons (*local leaders may be named*) with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace (*especially*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

A: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians (*local clergy or seminarians may be named*) to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
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.

Greet one another as you are comfortable sharing God's peace.

MEAL

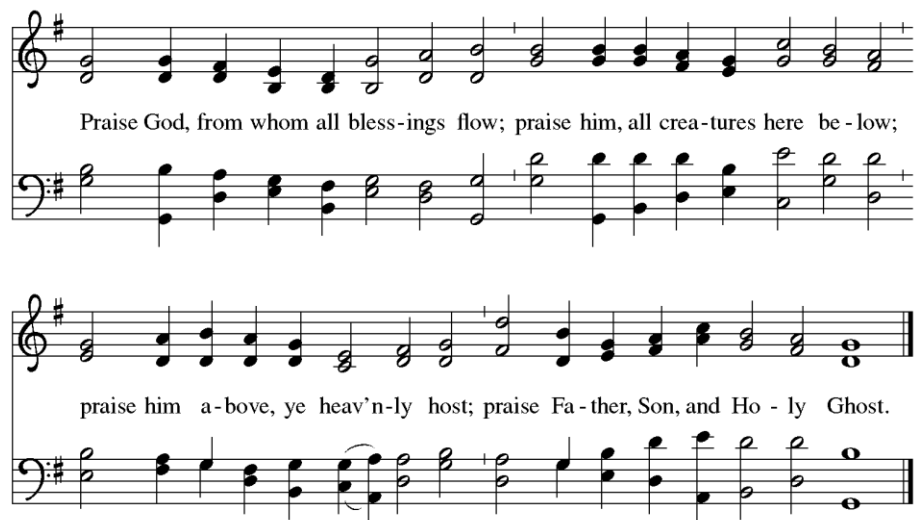
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

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

OFFERING SONG

As the offering is brought forward to the altar, the congregation sings.



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

*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 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 our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY HOLY HOLY

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

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age....

...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy Church, now and forever.

Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

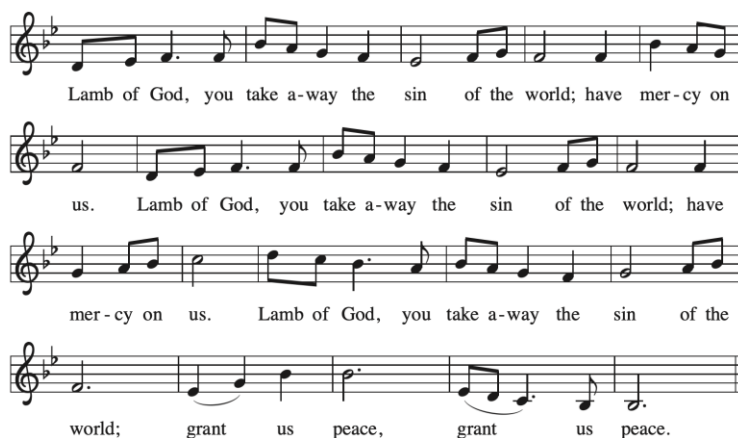
Jesus welcomes you to this table.

Come, all is prepared.

You are invited to either come forward to the altar or remain in your seats today to receive communion. You can decide your own comfort level. Pre-filled elements are available at the usher stand where you came in.

If you come forward, you are invited to stand or kneel at the altar railing. The pastor and assisting ministers will come to you and serve you the sacraments. If you need gluten free, indicate to the pastor.

*LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Here Is Bread
On Eagles' Wings

ELW 483

ELW 787

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through 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 peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in + Christ Jesus.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** O Master, Let Me Walk With You

ELW 818

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ubi Caritas

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Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman	Senior Pastor
Eric Richardson	Minister of Music
Dr. Matt Chiu	Organist
Emerson Emser	Assisting Minister
Chris Webner	Lector
Lucy Heinig	Acolyte(s)
Dave Johnson, Tom Kelly, Deb Coleman	Ushers
Marianne Schmidt	Altar Guild
Chris Kiel & Randy Risch	Tech Team

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Next week’s readings: First Reading: **Jeremiah 31:7-9**; Psalm: **Psalm 126**; Second Reading: **Hebrews 7:23-28**; Gospel: **Mark 10:46-52**.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Purpose Statement

Bethesda on the Bay is:

Growing in community to share the love of Christ.

Guiding Principles

In our community, we...

1. welcome all,
2. serve our neighbors,
3. love one another,
4. witness to the gospel of Jesus, and
5. spread the light of Christ in the world.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Stan Johnson in remembrance of Beverly on her birthday (Oct. 22).

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. There are also guest name tags for any guest attending worship.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

You are invited and encouraged to stay after worship today to enjoy some coffee and fellowship together! Refreshments are served in the fellowship hall which is located in the middle of the building. Thank you to Malinda Emmerich for hosting today!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:00am. We are using a curriculum from Illustrated Ministry called Mini Revolutions. It is designed to be easy to plan and to be used as a “one-room” schoolhouse for children of all ages. Older children are invited to also come and if they’d prefer to be helpers, that is welcome too! Please reach out to Pastor Angela if you have any questions on how to register your child.

SCRIPTURE BASED COLORING SHEETS

Coloring sheets, based on the Sunday scripture, are available each week by the usher's stand. You are welcome to pick one up for use during worship or to take home with you for colorful prayer and meditation during the week.

PRESCHOOL READING FUN

You are invited to read to Bethesda's preschool and preK children! You will be bringing some joy and certainly will receive lots of joy and smiles from our children! Help support our teachers and learn more about our school programming too! Sign up by calling the church office or on the sign-up genius in the e-news! Need help finding a book to share? Contact Pastor Angela and you can borrow one from her library!

REFORMATION SUNDAY, October 27

Wear your festive red colors for Reformation Sunday worship next week and enjoy all of the happenings of the day! Pancake breakfast will be served from 9:00 am – noon by our Scout Troop 40, Luther Land Pilgrimage reflection in the Lounge at 9:00am, Worship with the order of Confirmation at 10:00am!

SYRUP SALE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST NEXT WEEK October 27 from 9-noon! Pancake breakfast hosted by Bethesda's Scout Troop 40 is available in the Fellowship Hall before or after worship. Scout's Own Syrup is available for purchase outside the church office and during the pancake breakfast!

PILGRIMAGE REFLECTION, Reformation Sunday, October 27 at 9:00am

You are invited to come and hear about the recent Luther Land Pilgrimage and share in some reflection together about the history of the Reformation as well as the call to continual reforming and refreshing of our faith on this Reformation Sunday. Meet in the lounge for this session.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The Bishop is coming! All Saints' Sunday, November 3 you are invited to Bethesda's festival worship at 10:00 am and a time of fellowship afterwards. We will remember the saints of the church past and present and give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses throughout the Kingdom of God! The Rev. Dr. Laura Barbins, Bishop of the Northeastern Ohio Synod will be here for the morning to join the congregation in fellowship and worship.

LITANY OF SAINTS

It is tradition to name the faithful departed within the prayers of the people on All Saints' Day. If you have the name of a loved one who died in the last year who you would like to include, please reach out to the church office or fill out a pew contact card and place it in the offering plate.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Gather weekly on Wednesday at 10:00am for Bible study and discussion about the assigned scripture we hear on the approaching Sunday morning. No expertise needed. Share together in open conversation, prayer and fellowship.

JONAH AND THE WHALE – for all ages!

Sunday, November 3, 9:00 am

Everyone is welcome to this time of fun and learning around a popular and yet strange biblical story! This will be a multimedia and sensory experience with some video, some song, and lots of fun! Come and explore together! The class will be meeting in the Lounge.

THANK YOU

Gary Weiland offers thanks for your prayers, thoughts and support for his 2024 VeloSano Bike to Cure team. Gary was captain of Team Discovery that raised more than \$115,000 for cancer research by the time fundraising ended Oct. 15. This will fully fund a cancer research project at Cleveland Clinic in the next year. His team of 100 riders included John Menzies, who admittedly traversed the 25-mile course through the rain and blustery winds much faster than Gary. Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, November 10th after worship

Have you been around Bethesda for a while and are curious about diving in a little more? Perhaps you've had some questions about the church and wondered who to ask? Come and share in a casual conversation with Pastor Angela and some members of the leadership team. This is a chance to meet others and an opportunity to learn more about the ministry here. Refreshments will be offered in the fellowship hall.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Sunday, November 24, 6:30 worship

Pie Fellowship afterwards!

Share in a time of thanksgiving and praise to God with siblings in faith from local congregations hosted here at Bethesda on the Bay! Congregations that have committed to participating are Bay United Methodist, St. Barnabas Episcopal, and Good Soil Lutheran in Rocky River. For those joyful singers among us, a joint choir anthem will be rehearsed at 5:45pm before worship. If you're willing to bake a pie to share or help with the fellowship time afterwards, please connect with Chris Webner or Pastor Angela

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Middle school age students are all invited to participate in Confirmation class. Bethesda is partnering with local congregations Good Soil, Christ Lutheran Avon Lake, AND Trinity Vermillion to host class here for all the students. Next Confirmation class is Thursday, November 7th 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.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

Bethesda tries to keep its records and contact information up to date but we need your help. If you've recently moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please be sure to let the church office know. You can also update your contact information and family photo on your own in the online secure church member only directory, Instant Church Directory. If you need help connecting, please connect with the church office for assistance.

CALLING ALL VOICES!

“I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.”

Please consider sharing your talents in the choir this coming year. We rehearse Thursday evenings for one hour, from 7-8, beginning September 5. There are never auditions, and all are welcome. If you have sung in the past, now is the time to re-commit. If you were in high school or college choir, you are especially welcome. See you then! Eric L. Richardson, 440-935-6293.

PEACEMAKERS QUILTERS

The Peacemakers is an outside group that meets at Bethesda Thursdays at 9:00 am, now through May 2025. 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!

LORAIN COOPERATIVE MINISTRY CHILI DINNER

Come support the work of the Lorain Cooperative Ministry by attending the annual Chili Dinner on November 9th from 5:00-7:00. Dine in and carry out are available and tickets are \$12.00. Tickets can be purchased in the church office and are available online. Please note: There is NO pickup available at Bethesda this year.

Would you like to help? We are in need of the following:

- * 36 cupcakes (store bought or homemade)
- * 36 cornbread muffins (mix provided, just need someone to bake them)
- * Someone to deliver cupcakes and muffins to Christ Lutheran in Lorain in the afternoon on Saturday, November 9th.

Let Chris Webner know if you can help with any of these requests 440-537-8322 or dcwebner@oh.rr.com.



WITH THANKSGIVING!

With your faithful and generous giving, Bethesda's Fundraising Campaign concluded with a total of \$23,555! Thanks be to God!

That is only \$1,445 away from our goal!

If you are feeling led to help, you can still give to the Capital Improvement Fund and help us complete the small gap toward the goal!

Funds received will go toward the improvements to the outdated accessibility needs of Bethesda's property.

