

Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church

26th Sunday after Pentecost

(ACS) All Creation Sings Setting 12

November 17, 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.

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.

GATHERING

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

The assembly gathers in quiet for prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk With Thee Arr.: Jim Martinez

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,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us
and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are † forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

What Is This Place

ELW 524

***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.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Will be a Child of Peace

Elaine Hagenberg

WORD

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

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

The reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM

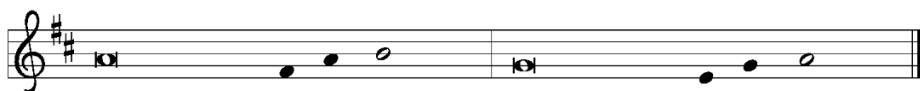
Psalm 16

Refrain:



My heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; my
body shall rest in hope.

Tone:



¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴ I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips. R**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

**⁶ My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**⁸ I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**¹⁰ For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for- | evermore. R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The reading may be concluded: The Word of the Lord.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



***GOSPEL**

Mark 13:1-8

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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** All Who Love and Serve Your City ELW 724

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

A: By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

A: With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence (*especially*). Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

A: In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

A: Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: With thanksgiving we remember (*Elizabeth of Hungary and all*) saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,
you offered yourself in love for the world,
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.
Fill us with your abundance,
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,
trusting in your name. 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.

*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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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**

Behold, God is making all things new.

Take your place in the new creation.

You are invited to either come forward down the center aisle 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 receive bread from the pastor in the central isle. The assisting ministers will be on either side with wine in small cups. You may place your empty cup with the acolyte before returning to your seat. Non-alcoholic wine is light colored. If you need gluten free bread, indicate to the pastor.

If a blessing is preferred, please indicate that to the pastor by crossing your arms over your chest.

*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

In the Singing
Blest Are They

ELW 466
ELW 728

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship Today

The Rev. Angela Freeman	Senior Pastor
Eric Richardson	Minister of Music
Matt Chiu	Organist
Mark Richardson	Assisting Minister
John Menzies	Lector
Luke Peace	Acolyte(s)
Dave Johnson, Tom Kelly, Deb Coleman	Ushers
Holly Risch	Altar Guild
Chris Kiel & Scott Pohlkamp	Tech Team

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Next week’s readings: First Reading: **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14;** Psalm: **Psalm 93;** Second Reading: **Revelation 1:4b-8;** Gospel: **John 18:33-37.**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Krystina Schmidt.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM. SPEAK WITH AN USHER OR PASTOR FOR ASSISTANCE.

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 Rachel Musser for hosting today!

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

Today we are celebrating the Blessing of the Quilts. Many beautifully handmade quilts will be displayed on the communion rails and blessed before they are sent out to make a difference in our community. They will be delivered to FrontLine Services, providing warmth and comfort to families and individuals experiencing crisis. The quilts are lovingly crafted here at Bethesda by the Peacemakers Quilters. The group invites anyone interested to join them on Thursday mornings at 9am; (sewing skills are not required!), or by giving monetary donations for the cost of supplies.

OUR COMMON LIFE TOGETHER

Financial Commitments

2025 Stewardship focus was called our Common Life Together. God has called us in this time and place to be church together. Thank you for offering your 2025 Commitment to our common life together here at Bethesda. If you haven't been able to do so yet, there are invitation letters and commitment cards on the welcome desk in the entrance. Thank you for your faithful giving to our shared ministry!

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.

LOST AND FOUND

There are two pairs of glasses and a ring in the church office. The ring was found on a sink in the ladies' room recently. If you are missing one of these items, please check and see if they are yours!

NEW MEMBERS will be received during worship next Sunday, Feast of Christ the King, November 24. If you desire to be received as a new member, please be sure you have confirmed and spoken with Pastor Angela so we can include you. New Members, whether brand new or long-time worshipers, are a gift and a blessing for our shared ministry! Welcome!

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.

PIE AND FELLOWSHIP

Bethesda is offering a pie fellowship after Thanksgiving Worship on Nov. 24th. 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.

LADIES LUNCH

This month the ladies will be having lunch at 11:30 Wed. November 20th at Heck's of Avon, 35514 Detroit Rd. Avon. This is near Mitchell's Ice Cream and The Melt Bar & Grilled. Please let Bev Hine know if you are planning to join us by Mon. Nov. 18. 440-812-5448 or bbhine@hotmail.com All ladies of the church are welcome to come.

BOOK CLUB

The Bethesda Book Club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm in the lounge at church. The next meeting is November 20th and the book discussed will be Tom Lake by Ann Patchett. The group is open to anyone who wants to attend. A list of upcoming books is available. Any questions, contact Marcia at Marcia.Starr@oh.rr.com.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:00am. **Sunday school for children will NOT meet December 1 on the Holiday weekend.** This year's curriculum is from Illustrated Ministry, called Mini Revolutions. 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All children are invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant. The Pageant will be during worship on December 15. Rehearsals will take place after worship on November 17, 24, and December 8. Run through on December 15 at 9am. Anyone who would like to participate can speak with Alison Gregory or come to a rehearsal!

DECORATING BETHESDA FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Saturday, November 30th at 10:00am

Decorating lasts approximately two hours. If you can come for all or part of the morning, your help is welcome! Come and help beautify the Sanctuary and Narthex for the upcoming Advent & Christmas seasons. All are welcome as “many hands make light work.” We need helpers to hang wreaths & garland, fluff bows, decorate trees with ornaments, hang sconces, and place the window candles and pine boughs. RSVP to Laura English at lenglish@earthlink.com.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Dec. 1 at 9:00am

Did you know the story of Jonah and the Whale was put to a large-scale choral oratorio by an American composer named Dominick Argento? This oratorio was the subject of Lisa Hanson’s doctoral dissertation, and she would like to share some of the music and techniques the composer used to make the story come alive through the art and beauty of music. Dr. Hanson will discuss and play excerpts from Jonah and the Whale in two sessions. The session on December 1, will highlight the music and story of Act II. Please come join us in the lounge at 9:00 December 1, as we explore the music and poetry of Argento’s oratorio and its theme for all of us.

ADVENT TEA, Saturday, December 7 at 2:00pm.

Save the date for a lovely afternoon during the first week of Advent, an event for all ages and genders! Come together for prayer, song, and tea! A special program with the “O Antiphons” of prayers and hymns will be offered in the sanctuary, followed by tea and cookies in the fellowship hall. Join us as we prepare for the birth of Christ!

LIVE NATIVITY, Sunday, December 15 from 5:00 pm – 7:00pm

Help to bring the story of Jesus’ birth to life for the congregation and community by taking part in the Live Nativity Bethesda hosts on the 3rd Sunday of Advent! Sign up for a 30-minute slot in the nativity play or as a volunteer to help with hospitality! Sign-ups are available on the e-news or by calling the church office. Costumes will be distributed for those who sign up. Mark your calendars for the event and invite your family and neighbors!

ROBES OR FABRIC DONATION

In preparation for the Live Nativity, the planning team is looking to refresh and create some new costuming. They are asking for gentle used robes or material that could be used to sew into a robe for a member of the Holy Family or a faithful Shepard. If you would be willing to donate some fabric or funds to purchase fabric for costuming, please connect with Chris Webner or the Church office.

SEEMSTRESS NEEDED

Do you have skills to do some simple straight stitching or intermediate sewing skills? Please reach out to Chris Webner or the Church office. We will be working to update costuming for the live nativity!

BLANKET SUNDAY IS BACK!

Sunday, December 8, *after worship*

Mark your calendars. We will join together after service Sunday, December 8th in the fellowship hall. There will be about 30 children-themed blankets to cut and tie. This year, they will be donated along with pillowcases to Family Promise of Cleveland. This is one of very few shelters that accepts and helps whole families.

If anyone is able to help with the planning and set-up that day, please email Michele Gillum at michelegillum@gmail.com. You can also email Michele if you are a seamstress/seamster looking for a quick, easy project making pillowcases to go with the blankets.

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 take it home with you for colorful prayer and meditation during the week.

2024 and 2025 ALTAR FLOWERS

There is an opening for the gift of altar flowers on Sunday, December 8, 2024. If you are interested, please sign up including your first and last names. You may give the altar flowers in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for something of your choosing. Cost for flowers per week is \$25. Call the office with questions. A 2025 altar flower calendar is also available in the Narthex.

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, December 5th 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.

BONHOFFER MOVIE

Saturday, November 23, 6:30pm

You are invited to gather at church and watch the movie, "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace". Refreshments, including Chatty's pizza will be shared. Original plan was to see the newly released Bonhoffer movie now in cinemas. After the new movie receiving much criticism from scholars and even Bonhoffer's descendants, the plan has been shifted to watch this movie which has been celebrated over the years. Anyone is welcome to join us for the movie night! We will gather in the lounge, unless the group is too large and we'll set up in the fellowship hall.

THRIVENT T-SHIRTS

We have a number of super comfortable Thrivent t-shirts that are available for free! They are mostly Adult medium and large, with a couple of XL and 2XL. They are on the welcome table on the back side. Feel free to take one!

LANDSCAPING AND SIGN PROJECT COMPLETE

With thanksgiving, Bethesda is happy to share that the final landscaping work around the new signage on the northwest corner of the property. Grass has been planted and is growing well, small trees and pollinating plants are in the ground and readying for winter. Additional work around the parking lot sign is set to happen in the spring to freshen up the weedy landscaping that has become overgrown. Thanks be to God for the completion of this important project! May the signage be a gift to our hospitality and help us share the story of God's people at work here at Bethesda!