

MORNING WORSHIP

Live on Facebook at 10:00 AM

Coffee hour at 11am after service via Zoom

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All Saints Day

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 #244 vs. 1 & 2 ELW “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ”

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and the darker night is near.

The bride-groom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.

Up, pray, and watch and wrestle;

at midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bride-groom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.

The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.

Arise, O heirs of glory; the bride-groom is at hand.

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.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

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

Psalmody Psalm 70; refrain, Ps. 70:5

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(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 25:1-13

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

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #436 vs. 1 & 3 ELW "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

Wake, awake for night is flying.
The watchmen on the heights are crying:
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bride-groom comes!
Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to
share; go, meet the bride-groom, who
draws near.

Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light, no ear the
thud'ring might of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

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

A brief silence.

Holy God, rouse us to deep praise as we gather for worship. Enliven our worship with sincere and heartfelt song. Sustain the work of all church musicians and artists who lead us in praise and prayer.

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

Holy Creator, surprise and delight us with the beauty of the world you have made. Bless the work of landscapers, architects, and artists whose work invites us into harmonious living with your creation.

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

Holy Judge, let justice roll down like waters over this world. Reign over the courtrooms of every land, in the hearts of those who guard the law and those who stand accused of crimes. Be present in cases where we long for both justice and mercy to prevail. Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Holy Companion, console those who feel lonely or abandoned. Share the hours of those who live and eat alone. Comfort those who have few friends or who struggle with their identity and place in this world or are sick and in need of healing especially Wally & Colleen, Chuck & Marcia, Judy, Lana, Ed, Chick, Bill, Ruthann, Beverly, Chuck, Wilma, Brad, Miriam, Audra, Barb, Paula, Pavel, Alla, Oleg, and Victoria, friends and family of Kay Burkel, & friends and family of Bernice Weininger (Doris's sister).

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

Holy Protector, be with all observing Veteran's Day. Guard the lives of active duty and retired military personnel. Comfort all who mourn those who have died in the line of duty. Heal the wounds, both physical and mental, experienced by service members. Hear us O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy and Immortal One, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of all who have died. Remind us of the frailty and shortness of our own lives and inspire us to use them for the building up of your kingdom.

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 #638 vs. 1 & 3 ELW “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchased of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my savior all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

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 #710 vs 1 & 2 ELW “Let Streams of Living Justice”

Let streams of living justice flow down up-on the earth; give freedom’s light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry’s hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron ow’r abolish ancient vengeance; proclaim your people’s hour.

Your city’s built to music; we are the stones you seek; you harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in others’ dreams, our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way—the path untried; your truth—the heart of stranger; your life—the Crucified.

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 9– Mary Theil & Jeff Wentz
Anniversaries Tuesday November 10—Lynette & Gary Benzchawel

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

Tuesday Nov10 SW Texas Synod Asslyum Sponsorship Zoom 5 PM

Wednesday Nov 11 Women’s Gather 9:30 AM, JOY 7PM

Thursday Council Meetings Immanuel 5:30, Joint 6PM, Bethesda Follows