

# BETHESDA SUNDAY



## LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES

Enhancing the Lives of  
People with Intellectual  
and Developmental  
Disabilities

**Order of Worship**

**February 4, 2018 | 10:00 am**

**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

*(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*

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# *Welcome to God's House today!!!*

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

## ***Focus Bethesda Lutheran Communities Sunday***

Bethesda Lutheran Communities is a non-profit human service organization serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through faith-based programs. Bethesda, a 501(c)3 non-profit, provides supports and services for more than 2,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in 14 states including California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin. They are headquartered in Watertown, Wisconsin. Bethesda Lutheran Communities provide an array of services that include homes, day programs, employment supports, faith supports, camps and educational supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

***Children are welcome in worship!*** If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

***Is there something you'd like us to pray for today?*** "Prayer Request" cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

***The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays*** of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

**The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)**

# *Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

## **AS WE GATHER:**

The incredible power of God extends over the whole universe - from the stars in the sky to the grass on the hillsides; yet God is not indifferent to our needs and gently lifts up those who are ill-treated by others, while dealing harshly with those who commit evil deeds. Let us place our hope in the sure and steadfast love of God to whom we offer our worship and praise.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC/WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** *"One In Purpose . . ."* Tune: LSB 700

## **INVOCATION**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**CONFESSIONAL SONG** *"Search Me O God"* Psalm 139:23-24

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 40:21-31* **ESV**

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Corinthians 9:16-27* **ESV**

**GOSPEL ANTHEM** *"On Eagles Wings"* **LSB 727**

**HOLY GOSPEL READING** *Mark 1:29-39* **ESV**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Spirit Song"* **John Wimber**

**BETHESDA PRESENTATION** **Mr. Peter Ferry**

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *"Create in Me"*

**THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**THE OFFERING PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**HYMN of PREPARATION**

Tune: *"The Church's One Foundation"* **LSB 644**

**THE DISTRIBUTION - DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"* **Tune: LSB 527**

*"The Lamb"* **LSB 547**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING SONG** *"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"*

+ Silent Prayer +

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/POSTLUDE**

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

# Today we are celebrating Bethesda Sunday

We welcome Mr. Peter Ferry from Bethesda who will share the mission of Bethesda and current updates.

A **DOOR OFFERING** will be taken for Bethesda.

## **TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR**

**February 4**

**"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?"  
(Isaiah 40:21-31 (The almighty God of all creation))**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes.

## **NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

**February 11**

**"Was Blind, But Now I See" (2 Corinthians 4:3)**

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org)

**STEWARDSHIP: (Epiphany 5) 1 Corinthians 9:25**

"Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." Self control is a fruit of the Spirit – for the desires of the flesh are at war with the desires of the Spirit. Having received the new life in Christ by his grace, he now calls us to follow him deliberately, with self-control, with intention.

***Statements have been put in your Church mailbox.  
If you have any questions connect with Nanc Rixe.***

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: February 4** "[I]f it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God." *Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology* –

## OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>2/04 Sun</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship w/HC</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>
<b>2/05 Mon</b>	<b>6:30 pm AIAnon 1</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2</b>
<b>2/07 Wed</b>	<b>10:00 am BIBLE STUDY</b>
	<b>6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study</b>
<b>2/09 Fri</b>	<b>5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice</b>
	<b>8:00 pm AA/AIAnon</b>
<b>2/10 Sat</b>	<b>10:00 am TLWCC Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm TLWCC Worship &amp; Fellowship</b>
<b>2/11 Sun</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>
	<b>8:45 am Education Hour</b>
	<b>10:00 am Worship</b>
	<b>6:00 pm NA</b>

### SERVING TODAY

**Elder: Karmon Christopherson**

**Ushers: Gwen Johnson and Bill Woll**

**Counters: Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli**

**Altar Care: Shirley Holzinger**

**Attendance 1/28/2018: 31**

**Offerings -- Regular \$1,365; Loose: \$33; Portals of**

**Prayer \$55; AirCond \$920**

**Total: \$2,373**

**Needed each week for 2017: \$3,477.59**

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

First Timothy

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Comparative Christianity

#### **Reformation Lecture Series**

#### **- Living as a Christian: Wittenberg Style**

“Martin Luther redefined what it means to live as a Christian. No longer was it about sinners coming to God; it was about God coming to sinners.

Is this what it still means to live as a Christian?”

**Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 7 PM, Graebner Memorial Chapel**

Presented by Rev. Dr. Robert Kolb, who is a world-renowned scholar of the Reformation, Dr. Kolb is a 1961 graduate of Concordia, St. Paul and served as professor of theology at CSP from 1977-1993

*. Free and Open to the Public.*

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4<sup>th</sup> Debra Panning, 5<sup>th</sup> Derald Hadrath,  
8<sup>th</sup> Jean Brede

**ANNIVERSARIES:** None

**ETERNAL CANDLE:** Lil Troiden -- Loved Ones' Birthdays

**FLOWERS:** Gwen Johnson – Family members' Birthdays

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,  
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Rose Ehnes, Deb Forsberg, Harriet  
Harris, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll, Margaret Maxwell,  
Sandy Westling, Nanc Rixe

**REQUESTED PRAYERS:**

**Larry Derksen** (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

**Dr. Lori Ongeri** (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

**Jeffrey Lucero** (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

**Vera Gade** (Pastor's mother) recovering in Rehab in Shakopee

**John Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother) heart surgery recovery

**Dick Gillund** (Patty & Meridel's brother)

**Elaine Gillund** – surgery and radiation

**Evie Horman** (Sandy Westling's sister) hospitalized – heart issues

**Brandon Johnson** (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

**Roxie Johnson** (Morelli's niece) heart issues & upcoming surgery

**Steve Kaiser** (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

**Beverly Papcek** (Grunnes' cousin) – numb leg, but not cancer

**Amy Price** (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

**Jimmy Royal & Dave** (friends of Dick Gillund)

**Marvin & Norma Thor** – poor health/stomach cancer

**Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker** – Chronic Illness

### **“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”**

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know

**DIAL-A-DEVOTION** is a daily devotion supported by Trinity Lutheran Church, White Bear Lake. There is a new devotion and prayer each day.

Call 651-429-0078 and follow the directions.

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH LEGACY GIFT GIVING**

If anyone is interested in Legacy Gift Giving, please contact the Pastor for additional information. No matter how large or small, each gift can make a significant impact on our mission and ministry!

## **Free Sand Available for Residential Sidewalks**

Already shoveled your sidewalks, but they're still slippery? The City of Minneapolis has several sites where Minneapolis residents can pick up free sand to sprinkle on icy residential sidewalks. Spreading sand can help improve traction until the weather warms up and you can remove the ice.

Quantities are limited to a five-gallon bucket, you need to bring your own bucket.

Sand is available at the following locations, 24 hours a day:

- 6036 Harriet Ave S (west 60<sup>th</sup> Street between Lyndale and Harriet avenues)
- 1809 Washington Street NW at 18<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson
- East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, just east of Longfellow Avenue near the Public Works gate
- 2710 Pacific Street, outside the main Public Works gate between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> avenues north

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### **The Statue of Liberty:**

#### **Two Decades of Effort, Almost Impossible Odds**

Catholic Eldercare will host a free presentation on **Monday, Feb 5, 1:30 – 3 pm at the MainStreet Lodge, 909 Main Street NE.**

The Statue of Liberty stands proudly in the New York Harbor, but how did the statue come to be? What does it symbolize? Join in a compelling look at the idea, the construction and the meaning behind one of the most recognizable symbols in the world.

Presented by Kristin Anderson. **Call 612-362-2450 to register.**

Next **Seniors on the Go and Luncheon** scheduled for Feb 13<sup>th</sup> (and March 13<sup>th</sup>). Call Brian at 612-370-4770 to reserve your seat and for more information. Location: Audubon Park.

### **Conversations on Faith and**

#### **Life: Spring 2018 Hoffmann Lecture**

James Wetzstein, LCMS campus pastor at Valparaiso University, will deliver this year's Hoffmann Lecture, "The Provisional Nature of Truth," **at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20. The event is free and open** to all students, faculty, staff, and **members of the community.**

The event will be held at the **Buetow Music Auditorium.**

# **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church will be hosting a Life Line Screening preventive health event on Monday, February 5**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes four vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

**To register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653-6441 or visit**

**<http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle>**

## ***Help is Available***

If a senior age 60+ needs help shoveling, housekeeping or other services in Hennepin County, Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with four programs serving elders and caregivers statewide. For more information please visit [www.seniorcommunity.org](http://www.seniorcommunity.org) or call 952-541-1019. Seniors outside of Hennepin County should contact the Senior Linkage Line at 1-800-333-2433 for information about services in their area. Thank you!

## **Great Truths About Life, Through A Child's Eyes**

You can't trust a dog to watch your food.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.

Puppies still have bad breath even after a Tic-Tac.

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.





***If you have Thrivent Insurance, don't forget  
Thrivent Choice Dollars! Call every month!***

Call 1-800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836). When asked for subject, say "Choice Dollars." When asked for a choice, press 1. Then answer the next question with your birth date. Then a Thrivent person will answer. Tell the person you want to direct your choice dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 NE McKinley St, Minneapolis. If you didn't call last year... you can call and release all of your 2017 dollars. **February 28, 2018** is the year-end deadline for release of 2017 dollars.

**\$232 was received in December!**

***Thank you so much for your generous giving!***

**Waite Park Community Council Annual Meeting**

**1810 34<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Minneapolis**

**Wednesday, February 7 at 7 PM**

Social Hour at 6 PM with appetizers, chili and beverages.

*Get to know your neighbors and board members. Door Prizes!*

***St. Matthew's Chili Fundraiser***

**4101 Washington St NE, Columbia Heights**

Proceeds will go towards all 2018 Mission trips. Several varieties of homemade chili will be available for purchase all weekend!

**Saturday, Feb 3 after the 5:30 PM** service and after both services, **8 AM and 10:45 AM, on Sunday, Feb 4.** Freezer bags will be available for "take home" OR bring your own container. Free will offering – pay what you can.

**As a reminder Lent begins on Ash Wednesday,  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, with Divine Service at noon and 6:30 pm**

The sermons during Lent will be drawn from the "Servant Songs" in Isaiah as a way for us to get ready for Easter by focusing on the Servant ministry of Jesus. The sermons will include the following:

Feb 21	Midweek 1	(The Servant of Justice)	"Behold, My Servant"
Feb 28	Midweek 2	(The Servant of All)	"The Successful Failure"
Mar 7	Midweek 3	(The Committed Servant)	"Learn and Live!"
Mar 14	Midweek 4	(The Suffering Servant)	"The Servant Suffers For You"
Mar 21	Midweek 5	(The Triumphant Servant)	"The Great Reversal"

Between now and Easter, I encourage you to read and study the "Servant Songs" of Isaiah preparation for Easter.

# **Catechesis Note for the Week**

## ***The Power of Baptism Is in the Word and Promise of God.***

***Baptism is not man's work; it is God's work.***

*Baptism is not a symbol of a decision of a person's will to become a Christian; it is the action of God whereby He joins us to Christ and bestows upon us the salvation He won for us upon the cross.*

*We know that Baptism is God's work—a Sacrament through which He bestows His grace—because of the Words and promises of God attached to Baptism. The Word makes it clear that Baptism has the power to save us from our sins.*

***"Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call"***  
*(Acts 2:38-39).*

*This passage makes it clear that baptism gives forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. That promise is for old and young alike, as the Scriptures make clear.*

***"The promise is to you and to your children..."***

*What a wonderful promise. All who believe the promises of God have exactly what the promises declare. This is the meaning of Mark 16:16, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

*By faith in the promises of God attached to the waters of Baptism, we receive "forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal salvation."*

***Baptism is a source of great comfort  
and the ground of our assurance.***

## Today's Scripture Readings

**ISAIAH 40:21-31**: All human beings, including their princes, have only a transitory nature and insignificant power compared to the Lord, who has ordered all things. The Lord himself is above comparison, being both the architect and creator of the universe. God's people are therefore wrong to question his significant involvement and influence over events which affect their wellbeing. Those who will but trust him and turn to him are strengthened and sustained.

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-23**: The gospel of salvation is the only means by which people may be saved from sin and have eternal peace with God. Paul therefore waived his right at Corinth to be paid for proclaiming the gospel. His sincerity was emphasised by his self-denial. If the gospel is of God, then Paul was primarily under divine obligation to make it known, regardless of his own legitimate interests. He was also willing to make himself a slave to all, conforming to people's cultural standards and outlook to win as many as possible to saving faith in Christ.

**MARK 1:29-39**: Jesus' miracles of healing and power over demonic spirits demonstrated his rightful mission as the long-promised Messiah. However, he needed no 'manifestation' (epiphany) or demonstrated 'appearance' to the evil spirits. The demons already knew him and knew also of his divine mission. While the miracles in the reading precipitated pressure from the crowds of people who actively sought him out, Jesus' first priority was to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

### Lessons for The Transfiguration of Our Lord

FIRST READING **2 Kings 2:1-12** Elijah is taken up to heaven

SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

The light of the good news of Christ's glory

GOSPEL **Mark 9:2-9** The transfiguration of Jesus



# About Bethesda

“People wondered if having Jeffrey in our home would last six months. That first year did have its challenges, but during the second year we knew Jeffrey was going to be with us forever. He lived a wonderful life with us for 18 and ½ years. My husband and I did not know the impact he would have on our life. Friends would say Jeffrey was lucky to have us. I could tell them now, we were the lucky ones.”

**Lily Freeman**

Bethesda Host Home Provider, Colorado

**Shared Living** is one way Bethesda provides homes and other services to people with developmental disabilities to help them live the lives they want. As a Christian organization, we are committed to working together to make the best life possible for the people we support. Shared Living providers who respond to the higher calling of their hearts are key in helping us meet that aim.

## **At Bethesda, we're focused on:**

**Quality** High standards characterize our program. With a reputation for excellence in all our services, Bethesda carefully vets our providers to ensure they are living out our promise to deliver quality care to every person we support.

**Faith** Christian faith is the heart of what we do. Our mission is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ.

**Support** No one can serve alone. We support our providers as they get started on a journey with us, and we continue that support with every step along the way.