



Sunday, June 14, 2020 . . . 9:30am

Welcome

A special welcome to those new to worshipping with us—we're glad the spirit has called you here! **Bethesda Lutheran Church is live streaming church services on Facebook during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic.** If you don't already have a church home and would like to join ours, please call the office at 515-232-6256 and we'll connect you to one of the Pastors, and make it easy.

OUR MISSION IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS

GATHER in due time
GROW in the meantime
GO with God ALL the time

GROW IN GOD'S WORD

June 21 . . . Matthew 10:24-39

LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Our Facebook page will host the Livestreams—<https://www.facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/>—and they will remain as videos for later viewing. Our Sunday videos will also be posted as Sermons on our website: <https://bethesdaames.org/sermons/>. Just “Like” our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting.



We're still in touch. Call our church office with any needs, prayer requests, or to talk to a familiar voice. We're still sending out our Friday *Living Current* email blast; let us know if you'd like to be added to the list! You can keep up with us on our website and Facebook page too.

Finally, and most importantly, for today and all days, God is still with us. Do not be frightened. Or dismayed. Be strong. Be courageous. For the Lord your God is with you, wherever you go.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult” (M. Kretsinger-Harries)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through ✠ Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Romans 5:1-8

A reading from Romans

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35–10:8

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

FAITH FORMATION MOMENT**SERMON****HYMN: *Lead on, O King Eternal***

1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
 2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: we fol - low, not with fears,



hence-forth in fields of con - quest your tents will be our home.
 and ho - li - ness shall whis - per the sweet a - men of peace;
 for glad-ness breaks like morn - ing wher - e'er your face ap - pears.



Through days of prep - a - ra - tion your grace has made us strong;
 for not with swords loud clash - ing, nor roll of stir-ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; we jour - ney in its light;



and now, O King e - ter - nal, we lift our bat - tle song.
 but deeds of love and mer - cy the heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 the crown a - waits the con - quest; lead on, O God of might!

Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917

Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

PRAYERS

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.

PEACE & OFFERING: *Text three of your friends or family!*

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/t4x6vz6>

or scan the QR code at right, with your smart phone or other device,
 to go directly to Bethesda's secure giving page.



OFFERTORY: "Lead on, O King Eternal" (M. Kretsinger-Harries)

OFFERING PRAYER: Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,
 and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread:
 these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, that we
 might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and
 our song.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor
 height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ
 Jesus. God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in
 eternal love.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Lift High the Cross" (C. W. Ore)

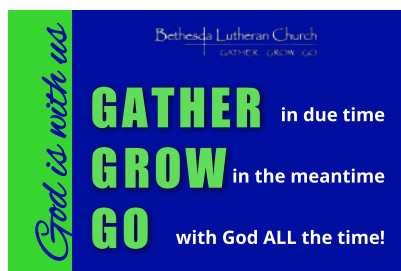
Bethesda Opportunities



We are planning an outdoor service on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. The event on June 24 will be a “Drive in” service with sound transmitted through the FM radio in your car (no outdoor speakers or seating will be available). Printed bulletins will be provided. Please bring your own juice/wine and bread/crackers for the celebration of Holy Communion. The service will immediately be followed by our Semi-annual congregational meeting. **N O T E : Monday, June 22** you can drive through from 1) noon-1; and 2) 5-6 pm) to pick up the *Semi-annual Report* and summer devotionals, and we’ll have an offering collection.

Get Your Bethesda Yard Sign!

Join your Bethesda neighbors in sharing the Good News! For only \$10 we can post one in YOUR yard. Visit <https://bethesdaames.org/bethesda-yard-signs> to order today!



Fine Arts Camp Cancelled

It does not look like it will be advisable to plan a large, in-person gathering that involves close contact by July. If we were able to do so with distancing and accommodations, the event would not have the same impact. Therefore, we have decided to cancel Fine Arts Camp and instead plan a series of outdoor, social-distance friendly family events this summer. Pastors and staff are developing those plans, and we’ll be in touch in the coming weeks when those details are available. We hope you are staying safe and healthy and look forward to a time when we can be together again.



Share the Music!

You may have noticed the recent “Musical Offering” posts on our Facebook page which feature at-home performances by Bethesda folks. If you have a song or performance to share—doesn’t have to be religious music!—reach out to Mark Kretsinger-Harries (mkharries@bethesdaames.org) and he’ll walk you through the process.



Opportunities to Join Ministry Teams

Are you comfortable on a ladder? Mechanically inclined? Able to lift and move? Do you have spare time during weekdays? **The Bethesda Facilities Team is looking for three new members!** Please contact Kathy Harris with your interest in joining this active team, at kmh1951@msn.com.

The **Food Pantry** is still providing curbside service with no direct guest contact. The three volunteers per shift are practicing social distancing, and we encourage wearing masks. If you are healthy and not in the groups potentially vulnerable to coronavirus, **we would love to train and place you in our schedule** (likely all summer and possibly into the fall). Interested volunteers may contact Joyce O’Donnell at jdodonn@icloud.com.

We are also in need of **handsewn face masks to give out to our Food Pantry guests**. Visit <https://bethesdaames.org/help-make-face-masks/> for details.

New Bethesda Website Prayer Request

Please check out the new “Prayer Request” option at www.bethesdaames.org, under the Resources drop-down menu. Anyone can ask for prayer, 24/7, and ask for a response as well. Blessings!



Assistance Program @ The Waterford

The Waterford at Ames Assisted Living would like to help any seniors in need of a hot fresh meal—or anyone who may need assisted living services. Please call Logan Harrington for further information at 515-292-2858.

Voyagers Adult Forum: Reconciling in Christ

Bethesda is discerning whether we'd like to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Reconciling in Christ, or RIC, is a designation for a church that publicly welcomes and affirms individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and/or more (LGBTQIA+). Church Council approved a Task Force to help lead this discernment when they met earlier this year in February. **Sign-up with QR code >>** to learn more at a **ZOOM Voyager Bible Study with the Pastors on June 14.**



Or visit <https://bethesdaames.org/reconciling-in-christ/> to sign-up.

Beginning June 22

we will embark on a six week book study of

UNCLOBBER: ***Rethinking the Misuse of the Bible On Homosexuality***

by Colby Martin

Our book study, led by Miriam Chadima, Task Force Member, will take place on

Monday evenings via Zoom, June 22 - July 27 from 7-8:30 pm.

Join us on this journey of growth and learning as we look at how the Bible has been used against people of the LGBTQIA+ community, and what we can do to stop the discrimination towards our queer brothers and sisters in Christ.

The course is free to join, and you may buy your own book.*

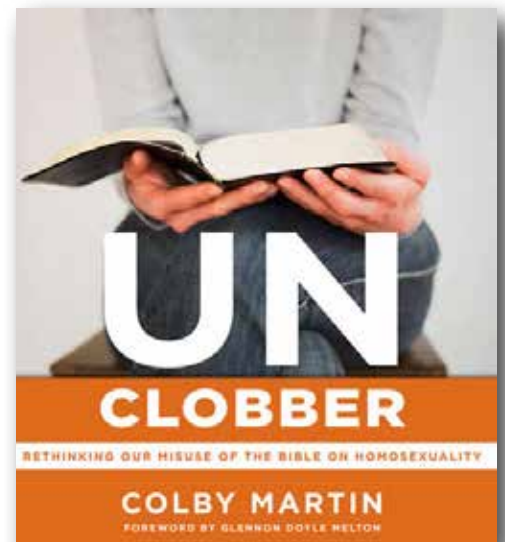
Sign up at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y9zaqhmq>

The book is available at many locations, including these online retailers:

- [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
- [Booksamillion.com](https://www.booksamillion.com)
- [Barnesand noble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com)

Or you can reserve the book at the Ames Public Library.
It is also available on Audible.com as an audio book.



* Please contact mchadima@bethesdaames.org if you would like information regarding assistance to purchase the book.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Don Borcharding; Gloria Egertson; Gloria Herrold; Jens Klatt; Bill Marion; Jerry Mortensen; Mary Nelson; Dean Newlon; Charlie Ricketts; Trish Swanson; Jason Thomes (grandson of Hannah Coney); Delbert Trickle

SERVING OUR NATION: Colonel Mark Kappelmann, (D.C.), son of Glenn & Mary Kappelmann
Kristin Murray, Diplomat (US Embassy, Rabat, Morocco), daughter of Russ & Jan Melby

CARD SHOWERS . . .

The family of **Mary & Jerry Nelson** would like to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 20th by throwing them a card shower! We invite you to send a card or email in honor of this special occasion. **34625 Bay View Rd. #206, Bayfield, WI 54814** ~or~ jnelsonames@aol.com

Ken Elvik turns "90" on June 29! Please shower him with cards at: **1801 - 20th St.; Room 201; Ames, IA 50010**

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