



Sunday, June 28, 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

July 5 . . . Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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: “Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele” (J. S. Bach)

P **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.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

A reading from Psalms

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴"I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'"

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42

[P] The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

FAITH FORMATION MOMENT

SERMON

HYMN: *All Are Welcome* vv. 1, 2, 5

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus: All are wel - come,
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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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: "Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele" (J. Brahms)

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.

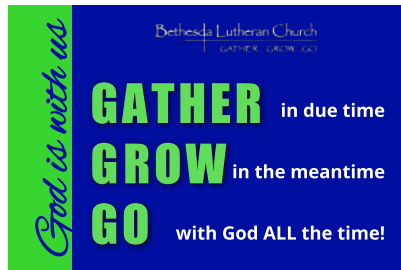
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata in F (D. Buxtehude)

Bethesda Opportunities

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!



Bethesda Backyard Camping Kits

We have decided to cancel Fine Arts Camp and instead

plan a series of outdoor, social-distance friendly family events this summer. Our June offering is a kit to accompany camping in your own backyard! We still have a few kits available—email contact@bethesdaames.org, and include the number of children in your household. Or call the church office at 232-6256. You KNOW you want S'mores!



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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 Online 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!

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

HEALING: Bob Ahlstrom; Don Borcharding; Gloria Egertson; Mike Fowler; 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

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