



**Sunday, November 8, 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**

November 15 . . . Matthew 25:14-30



### **LIVESTREAMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

You can now view our livestream worship service right on our website homepage! Just go to [www.bethesdaames.org](http://www.bethesdaames.org), and click on the banner that says "Livestream - Click here Sunday at 9:30 am". Our Facebook page will also host the Livestreams—[facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/](https://facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/)—just "Like" our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting. *And* the video will be hosted on our YouTube channel after the livestream— [tinyurl.com/y22d7om2](https://tinyurl.com/y22d7om2).

**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:** “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme” J. S. Bach

*Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at last.*

*Midnight hears the welcome voices, and at the thrilling cry rejoices:*

*“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.*

*The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!”*

*Alleluia!*

*Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.*

## **P** CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ☐ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

**Amen.**

**ANTHEM:** “Providence” (C. Curtis, 1820)

– Bethesda Virtual Choir

## **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 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.**

## **WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** (Larry Otteman, Reconciling in Christ)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CHILDRENS’ MESSAGE**

# WORD

## **FIRST READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16**

☞ A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon:

<sup>12</sup>Wisdom is radiant and unfading,  
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,  
and is found by those who seek her.

<sup>13</sup>She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

<sup>14</sup>One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,  
for she will be found sitting at the gate.

<sup>15</sup>To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,  
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

<sup>16</sup>because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,  
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,  
and meets them in every thought.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13**

☞ The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## **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.**

4 **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:** "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" P. Manz

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

**RESPONSE:** "Amen, Amen" (African American spiritual)  
– Bethesda Virtual Choir and Choristers

### **DISMISSAL**

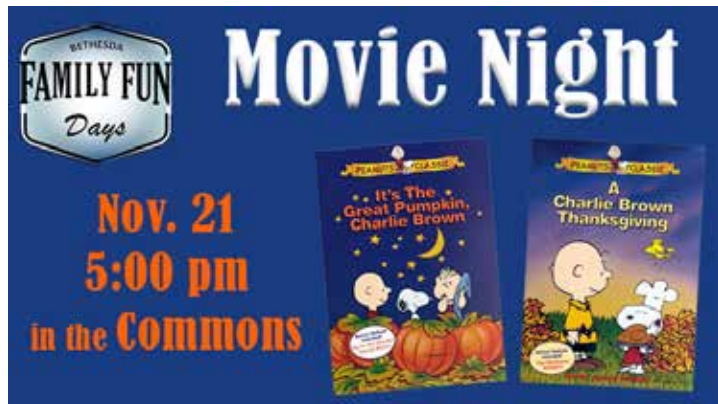
Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" J. G. Walther

# Bethesda Opportunities

Join us in the Commons (limited seating—12 families at 12 tables) for a double-feature of Peanuts films! “It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown” and “A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.” We will provide bottled water and individually packaged “Snoopy Feasts” for all attendees!



Sign up today!

<https://tinyurl.com/yyjunsq9>

## Reconciling in Christ Task Force

*Your input needed!*

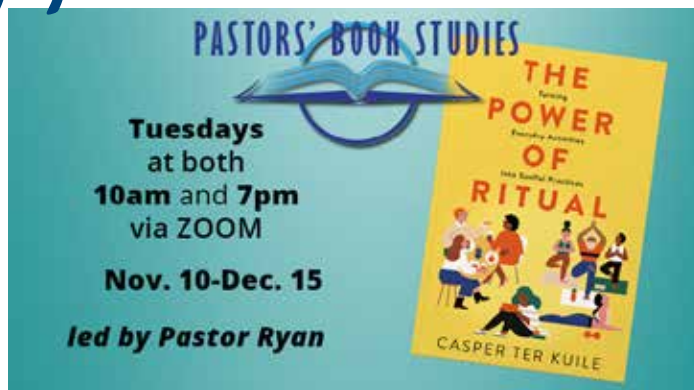
We welcome Larry Otteman this Sunday for a Temple Talk about how we can be more inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community. The task force recently drafted an expanded Welcoming statement, which was then reviewed, and approved, by our Church Council. We now ask you to consider if the time is right for Bethesda to adopt the statement, possibly during our January semi-annual meeting. If you would, please take this brief (1 minute!) survey to review a draft of our new Welcoming Statement, which can be accessed at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCK6JKJ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCK6JKJ), or by scanning this QR code with your smart device. Thank you!



SCAN ME

## SpiritWear Retail Deadline Extended

We need eight more 1/4-Zip shirts to reach our minimum order. *What a PERFECT Christmas gift!!* So, we’re keeping the ordering open for a bit longer. **PLACE YOUR ORDERS NOW**—the order form is on page 7 in this bulletin.



Begins Tuesday! Sign up today!  
[bethesdaames.org/upcoming-events](https://bethesdaames.org/upcoming-events)

## Bethesda Leadership Needs You

Bethesda is looking for candidates to serve as Council Officers and Board Chairs. **Currently, we have openings for President-elect, and Council Members.** If you are interested in making a difference, and sharing our mission and His Word . . . please consider serving. Contact Ron Morgan at [ronald.morgan.dvm@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.morgan.dvm@gmail.com).

## Bethesda’s Bountiful Pie Exchange

In lieu of gathering for our annual Pie Social, we’ve got an alternately perfect pie plan! **Drop-off/Pick-up Day is Monday, Nov. 23.** Drive-up to the circle between 8-10:00 am and DROP OFF your home baked pie(s). Please use a disposable pie pan, and include your recipe (or at least a list of any allergen ingredients). We’ll give you a numbered ticket. Then, between 4-6:00 pm drive-up with your ticket, and we’ll present you with another Bethesda-baked pie!



Sign up today!  
<https://tinyurl.com/y5rz9l3l>

## PRAYER AT BETHESDA

**HEALING:** Helen Casey (mother of Sharon Anderson); Gloria Egertson; April Lawson (mother of Gage Kelly); Bill Marion; Jerry Mortensen; Sabine Troster Pierick

**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





Mens - 4980



Ladies - S104



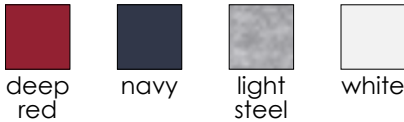
Mens - K584



Ladies - LK584

- Hanes® - Nano-T® Cotton T-Shirt
- 100% ring spun cotton

Adult Sizes: **S-XL** \$17.00    **2X** \$22.00



- Port Authority® Silk Touch™ Performance 1/4-Zip
- 100% polyester double knit with PosiCharge technology

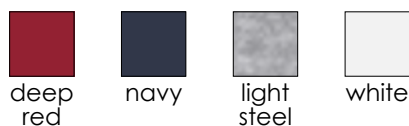
Adult Sizes: **XS-XL** \$38.00    **2X-4X** \$43.00



Youth - 5450

- Hanes® - Youth Tagless® 100% Cotton T-Shirt

Youth Sizes: **XS-XL** \$11.00



**Deadline extended! We need at least 9 more 1/4-zip shirts to meet the minimum order. See next page for all the ways to order!**

**Great Christmas Gift Idea!**



Sticker

- Window Clings/Stickers
- 4" Diameter

\$5.50 each



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