

Bethesda Lutheran Church

GATHER...GROW...GO



Sunday, May 30, 2021 . . . 9:30am

Welcome

We invite you to join our community, which is committed to inclusion, racial equity and anti-racism. We share in God's abundant grace knowing that we cannot be separated from the love of God by our age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status, political beliefs, socioeconomic status, physical or mental abilities or faith background. 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

GATHER all people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ
GROW as disciples by worship, prayer and study of God's Word
GO into the world to share the gospel in word and deed

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am Sundays . . . Livestream & Limited In-person (please sign-up)

How To:

View our livestream worship service at www.bethesdaames.org,
and click on the banner that says "Livestream - Click here Sunday at 9:30 am".

Our Facebook page also hosts the Livestreams—facebook.com/BethesdaAmes/ .

Just "Like" our Facebook page and you will receive notification that the stream is starting.

Each week, sign-up here bethesdaames.org/upcoming-events to reserve a seat in the pew on Sunday.



GATHERING

PRELUDE: “Holy, Holy, Holy” L. Larson

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls magnify the Lord,

And our spirits rejoice in God our Savior,

For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servants,

Surely, from now on all generations will call us blessed;

For the Mighty One has done great things for us,

And holy is his name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD

FIRST READING: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty vv. 1-3

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS’ MESSAGE**SERMON****PRAYERS**

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: “Nicaea” T. Canning

OFFERING PRAYER

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

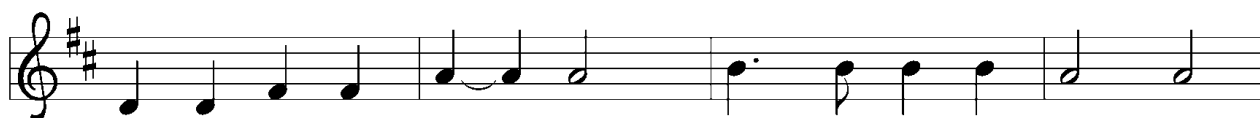
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! (Red #413) vv. 3 & 4

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Holy, Holy, Holy" M. Burkhardt



NOW OPEN!

IowaWORKS

AMES EXPANSION OFFICE

903 Lincoln Way (North side)

Ames, Iowa 50010

HOURS

Mondays 8:30am -4:30pm

Tuesdays 8:30am -4:30pm

Wednesdays 9:00am -4:30pm

Thursdays 8:30am -4:30pm

Fridays 8:30am -4:30pm

515-725-5495

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Requests must be received three business days prior to event dates.

iowaworks.gov

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Bethesda Opportunities



Volunteers Needed
 Contact Kathy Harris
kmh1951@msn.com

Bethesda Lutheran Church
 CLOTHING CLOSET

GREAT NEWS! The Clothing Closet will open on June 1 to a regular schedule: Tuesday 6:30-8:00 pm, Wednesday 10-11:30 am and Thursday 1-3 pm. We need a few more volunteers to make that happen. Still no donations needed quite yet—the shop is FULL!



ATTENTION: High School Seniors!
 We will be celebrating you in June! Please send your **senior photos, high school activities, and future plans** to the church office at contact@bethesdaames.org.

Saving Suds

1st Thursday each month ... 4 - 7:00 pm
 @ Squeaky Clean Laundromat
 Give out quarters and soap pods

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER!
tinyurl.com/5ya8e64d



SCAN ME

Bring your lawn chairs

GATHER 'ROUND

OUT DOOR WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

Celebrate our High School Seniors!

June 16 6:30 pm



WE NEED YOU!

LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP



July 25-30

Register online TODAY

completed **6-8th grades**

Bethesda pays 50% Transportation provided



SCAN ME

SIGN UP is OPEN!
tinyurl.com/czazxc9

VOLUNTEER!

UBS

June 21-24 .. 9am-noon

tinyurl.com/z4mbsf



SCAN ME

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

- GRIEVING:** The family of Jens Klatt who died Monday, May 24 in Ames
- HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Florence Bunker (Northridge, recovery from hip surgery); Cindy Deppe; Pat Frette; Nora (Brakke) Lehti; Julie Pike; Rod Place; Cooper Schmidt
- 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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers Pastor Bryan Simmons, Pastor Ryan Arnold
 Lector Mark Kretsinger-Harries
 Musicians Louis Banitt, Mark Kretsinger-Harries, Kathy Slocum, Jeanne & Jim Stewart
 Sound Tech Randy Slocum, Jim Stewart
 A/V Rod Fischer, Allan Schmidt, Kathy Slocum

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GROW IN GOD'S WORD

June 6 . . . Mark 3:31-35

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We are a proud member of Reconciling in Christ.
 Learn more about our inclusivity at: www.reconcilingworks.org/RIC/



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