

Bethesda Lutheran Church
GATHER...GROW...GO



Sunday, June 6, 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: *Archangel Suite*, I. Michael

C. Phillips

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By your grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM: Carter Rowen McGinn

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

People of God, do you promise to support Carter, and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Carter Rowen McGinn, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

Amen. Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* vv. 1-3 – Choir

WORD

FIRST READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:31-35

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Then [Jesus'] mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

K. Hildebrand

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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 God, We Praise Your Name* (Red #414) vv. 1 & 4

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” H. Fleischer

Bethesda Opportunities

Get to Know AMOS Next Sunday
Courtney from A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy (AMOS) will be our guest preacher on Sunday, June 13. She will also present a VOYAGERS Adult Forum in Centennial Hall at 10:30 am.



No sign-ups are needed for the in-person forum. Bethesda is a supporting member organization of AMOS—your attendance matters!

WE NEED YOU!



Please sign-up to volunteer!

We are almost ready with host homes (thank you!), but we need lots of volunteers to work with the children during the VBS sessions. Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to Noon most of our activity will be outdoors—Fun for everyone!

We are also in need of mason jars (or similar sized clean glass jars). Crafting prayer jars is one of the activities on the agenda. Please bring any you are able to share to the office.

Thank you! Sign-up today! tinyurl.com/z4mbsf

Volunteers Needed

Contact Kathy Harris
kmh1951@msn.com



GREAT NEWS! The Clothing Closet opened 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!**

LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP

July 25-30
completed 6-8th grades
Bethesda pays 50% Transportation provided

Register online TODAY

SCAN ME

SIGN UP is OPEN!
tinyurl.com/czazxcz9

Bring your lawn chairs

GATHER 'ROUND

OUT DOOR WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY

Celebrate our High School Seniors!

June 16 6:30 pm

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.

PRAYER AT BETHESDA

- BAPTISM:** Carter Rowen McGinn; PARENTS: B.J. & Jill McGinn; SPONSORS: Samantha Boje, Matt Murken
- HEALING:** Bob Ahlstrom; Lucille Andersen; Florence Bunker; Cindy Deppe; Pat Frette; Nora (Brakke) Lehti; Julie Pike; Rod Place; Cooper Schmidt; Nancene Wengert (MGMC); Darlene Wolters (DSM Mercy)
- 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
 Lay Assisting Minister Jeanne Stewart
 Lector Maynard Hogberg
 Greeters Maynard & Anne Hogburg
 Musicians Carolyn Ahlstrom, Mark Kretsinger-Harries, Larry Otteman, Kathy Slocum
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 A/V Rod Fischer, Allan Schmidt, Kathy Slocum

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GROW IN GOD'S WORD

June 13 . . . Mark 3:31-35

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A congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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



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 Monday–Thursday
 9:00 am–4:00 pm

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