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Michael and his angels fought with the dragon.*

*– Revelation 12:7*

**BETHANY**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# **Bethany Lutheran Church (ELS)**

**Welcome** to our church! You have joined us for the most important time we spend together as a congregation. Each week we gather around God's Word and sacraments with the sure promise that Jesus is present wherever two or three come together in his name. We also rely on his promise to build us up and strengthen us in our faith through his Word and sacraments.

**The order of service** is outlined in this folder. Hymns will be sung from the hymnals located under the seats in front of you.

**Restrooms** are located next to the coat racks just off the entryway.

**An offering** will not be taken during the service. An offering plate is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to give an offering.

**Should you have any questions** or need any type of assistance, please feel free to ask the usher or the pastor.

**About Bethany:** Bethany is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). We are in full fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We would love to become better acquainted with you at your convenience. For more information, contact Pastor Smith at [mksmith@blc.edu](mailto:mksmith@blc.edu) or 515-232-1544.

## **Bethany Lutheran Church (ELS)**

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**Order of Service – Rite One** (beginning on p. 41)

*See also “Prayers for Worship” on p. 40 in the front of the hymnal.*

**The Hymn – #79 – “My Inmost Heart Now Raises”**

**The Collect for the Day**

P: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**The First Lesson – Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3**

<sup>10</sup> Then a hand touched me and pulled me up, trembling, to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup> He said to me, “Daniel, you are a highly valued man. Understand the words that I am speaking to you. Stand up where you are, because now I have been sent to you.” When he spoke this word to me, I stood up, shaking.

<sup>12</sup> He said to me, “Do not be afraid, Daniel, because from the first day that you began to commit your heart to gaining understanding and to humbling yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come in response to your words. <sup>13</sup> However, an officer of the kingdom of Persia was standing against me for twenty-one days. Yet Michael, one of the chief officers, came to help me, for I had been left there against the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup> I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the latter days, because the vision concerns days still to come.”

<sup>12:1</sup> Then at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands over your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress that has not happened from the first time that there was a nation until that time. At that time your people will be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many who are sleeping in the dusty ground will awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame, to everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who have insight will shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who bring many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever.

## **The Psalm of the Day – Psalm 103:8-22**

P: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

**C: He will not always accuse. He will not keep his anger forever.**

P: He does not treat us as our sins deserve. He does not repay us according to our guilty deeds.

**C: Yes, as high as the heavens are above the earth, so powerful is his mercy toward those who fear him.**

P: As distant as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our rebellious acts from us.

**C: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.**

P: For he knows how we were formed.

**C: He remembers that we are dust.**

P: As for man, his days are like grass. Like a wildflower he blossoms.

**C: Then the wind blows over it, and it is gone, and its place recognizes it no more.**

P: But the LORD's mercy is from eternity to eternity over those who fear him, and his righteousness is with their children's children,

**C: with those who keep his covenant, with those who remember his precepts in order to obey them.**

P: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his royal power rules over all.

**C: Bless the LORD, you his angels, you strong warriors who obey his word by listening to what he says.**

P: Bless the LORD, all his armies, you who minister to him,

**C: you who do whatever pleases him.**

P: Bless the LORD, everything he has made in all places where he rules.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul.**

## **The Second Lesson – Revelation 12:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> There was also a war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought with the dragon. The dragon fought back along with his angels, <sup>8</sup> but he was not strong enough. There was no longer a place for them in heaven.

<sup>9</sup> The great dragon was thrown down—the ancient serpent, the one called the Devil and Satan, the one who leads the whole inhabited earth astray—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

<sup>10</sup> I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying:

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom  
of our God and the authority of his Christ,  
because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,  
the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

<sup>11</sup> They conquered him

because of the blood of the Lamb and  
because of the word of their testimony.

They did not love their lives in the face of death.

<sup>12</sup> For this reason, rejoice, you heavens and those who dwell in  
them.

Woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the Devil has gone down to you.

He is full of rage, because he knows that his time is short.

### **The Gospel Lesson – Luke 10:17-20**

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the  
demons submit to us in your name!”

<sup>18</sup> He told them, “I was watching Satan fall like lightning from  
heaven. <sup>19</sup> Look, I have given you authority to trample on snakes and  
scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing will ever  
harm you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you,  
but rejoice that your names have been written in heaven.”

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ **God be prais-ed for his glad tidings.**

### **The Apostles’ Creed (p. 46)**

**The Chief Hymn – #545 (vss. 1-7, 15) – “Lord God,  
We All to Thee Give Praise”**

**The Sermon – Rev. 12:7-12 – “Michael and his Angels  
Defeat the Devil”**

### **The Prayer of the Church (pp. 48-49)**

### **The Lord’s Prayer (p. 49)**

**The Offering Hymn – #445 (vss. 1-2) – “We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

**The Hymn – #546 – “Around the Throne of God a Band”**

# The Closing Hymn – #515 – “Thine Forever, God of Love”

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## Announcements

- All are invited to stay for a potluck after the service today!
  - All men are invited to a time of breakfast, fellowship, and study this Saturday at 7:00am. (See the food sign-up sheet linked in tomorrow’s announcements.)
  - Midweek Bible study will *not* meet this Wednesday.
  - Pastor Smith will be out of town Tuesday afternoon through Friday afternoon as he attends the General Pastoral Conference of the ELS in Minneapolis. In case of an emergency, contact one of the elders (Keith Lukens or Mike Tjernagel).
  - Interested in helping mow the church lawn? See the signup sheet on the back table (also available online – watch for it in the emailed announcements).
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**Visiting with us today?** Please sign the guest register in the entryway or use the QR code.



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## This Week at Bethany

Monday	7:00pm	ISU Bible Study
Wednesday- Friday		Pastor at Conference
Saturday	7:00am	Men’s Breakfast
	9:00am	Sunday School Teachers
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00am	Worship/Communion
	11:15am	Confirmation Class

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