



*“No one can serve two masters.”*

*– Luke 16:13*

**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.

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**Order of Service – Rite Two** (beginning on p. 60)

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

**The Hymn – #27** (vss. 1-5) – “O Holy Spirit Enter In”

**The Introit**

P: Righteous are you, Lord, and upright are your judgments. Deal with your servant according to your mercy. Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Glory be to the Father....**

**The Collect for the Day**

P: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

**The First Lesson – Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Listen to this, you who trample on the needy  
to wipe out the oppressed from the land,

<sup>5</sup> who say, “When will the New Moon be over so that we can sell  
grain?

When will the Sabbath end so that we can open the grain bins?

Then we will make the bushel smaller and make the shekel weight  
heavier.

We will cheat with dishonest scales.

<sup>6</sup> We will buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals.

We will sell the chaff with the grain.”

<sup>7</sup> The LORD swears by the Pride of Jacob,  
“I will never forget any of their deeds!”

**The Psalm Hymn – #171 – “O Word of God Incarnate”**

## **The Second Lesson – 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I speak the truth; I am not lying – a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

### **The Verse (p. 67)**

P: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **The Gospel Lesson – Luke 16:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is written in the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> Jesus also said to his disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager who was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> The rich man called him in and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you can no longer be manager.’

<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, since my master is taking away the management position from me? I am not strong enough to dig. I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from my position as manager, people will receive me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup> “He called each one of his master’s debtors to him. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup> He said, ‘Six hundred gallons of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write three hundred.’ <sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, ‘How much do

you owe?’ And he said, ‘Six hundred bushels of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and write four hundred and eighty.’

<sup>8</sup>“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of the light are. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, make friends for yourselves with unrighteous mammon, so that when it runs out, they will welcome you into the eternal dwellings. <sup>10</sup>The person who is faithful with very little is also faithful with much. And the person who is unrighteous with very little is also unrighteous with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been faithful with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with what is really valuable? <sup>12</sup>If you have not been faithful with what belongs to someone else, who will give you something to be your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters. Indeed, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

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

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**The Apostles’ Creed** (p. 68)

**The Chief Hymn** – #446 – “What is the World to Me”

**The Sermon** – Luke 16:1-13 – “Be Good Managers of  
What God Gives You”

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

**The Prayer of the Church** (pp. 96-97)

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 85)

**The Hymn** – #444 – “Take My Life and Let It Be”

**The Closing Hymn** – #594 – “On What Has Now Been Sown”

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## Announcements

- All are invited to remain after the service today for an informational meeting about the call Pastor Smith is holding to serve as the administrator for the synod's Board for World Outreach.
  - The Ladies meet following the service next Sunday.
  - The Council meets following the service next Sunday.
  - The Voters meet Sunday, Oct. 26 following the worship service.
  - All ladies are invited to a time of fellowship and study on Thursday at 6:30pm at the church. Denise Franzen will provide dessert. Pages 21-44 of the book *Prepared to Answer* will be the focus of the study. (See Anita with questions.)
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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	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	1:00pm	Elders
	6:30pm	Ladies' Fellowship/Study
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00am	Worship w/Communion
	11:15am	Ladies' Meeting
	11:15am	Council Meeting
	1:00pm	Confirmation

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