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“Lazarus, come out!”*

*– John 11:43*

**BETHANY**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# **Bethany Lutheran Church (ELS)**

**Welcome** to Bethany! 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 coatracks 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 Two** (beginning on p. 60)

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

**The Hymn** - #80 - "O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

**The Introit**

P: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he shall pluck my feet out of the net. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in you. Turn yourself to me and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted.

**C:** ♪ **Glory be to the Father....**

**The Hymn** (in place of the Gloria) - #307 - "I Know Thee, Savior"

**The Collect for the Day**

P: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** - Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD was upon me. He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley, which was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He had me pass through them and go all over among them. There were very many on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, can these dry bones live?" I answered, "LORD God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'"

<sup>5</sup> This is what the LORD God says to these bones.

I am about to make breath enter you so that you will live. <sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you. I will put flesh back on you. I will

cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you will live.  
Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I was prophesying there was a noise, a rattling, as the bones came together, one bone connecting to another. <sup>8</sup>As I watched, tendons were attached to them, then flesh grew over them, and skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the wind. Prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind that this is what the LORD God says. From the four winds, come, O wind, and breathe into these slain so that they may live."

<sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me. Breath entered them, and they came back to life. They stood on their feet, a very, very large army.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dried up. Our hope is lost. We have been completely cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore, prophesy and say to them that this is what the LORD God says. My people, I am going to open your graves and raise you up from your graves and bring you back to the soil of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live. I will settle you on your own land, and you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

**The Psalm of the Day** – Psalm 116:1-9

P: I love the LORD, because he hears my voice.

**C: He hears my cry for mercy.**

P: Because he turned his ear to me,

**C: I will call to him all my days.**

P: The ropes of death entangled me.

**C: The walls of the grave hemmed me in. I found distress and sorrow.**

P: Then I called on the name of the LORD:

**C: "Ah, LORD, please save my life!"**

P: The LORD is gracious and righteous,

**C: and our God is compassionate.**

P: The LORD protects the inexperienced.

**C: In my weakness he saves me too.**

P: Return, my soul, to your rest,

**C: for the LORD has accomplished his purpose for you.**

P: Indeed, you have delivered my soul from death, my eye from weeping, my foot from stumbling,

**C: so that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.**

### **The Second Lesson – Romans 8:11-19**

<sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “*Abba, Father!*” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

<sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, we are also heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

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

**C: ♪ Christ has humbled himself, and become obedient unto death; ev’n the death of the cross.**

### **The Gospel Lesson – John 11:17-27, 38-45**

P: The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is written in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, beginning at the 17<sup>th</sup> verse.

**C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

<sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup> Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

<sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha replied, "I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day."

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup> And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?"

<sup>27</sup> "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." ...

<sup>38</sup> Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> "Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

<sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

<sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

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** - #238 (tune #24; vss. 1-6) - "Lord Jesus Christ,  
True Man and God"

**The Sermon** - John 11:17-27, 38-45 - "Jesus Has Power Over Death  
Even Before Easter"

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

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

**The Hymn** - #236 - "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

**The Closing Hymn** - #590 - "O Happy Day When We Shall Stand"

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## **Announcements**

- Please remain after the service for a potluck/baby shower for the Mason family!
- All are welcome to worship this Wednesday at 6:30pm as we continue our Lenten series of services, "It is Finished: The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah." This week, Pastor Mathew Pfeifer (Lincoln Heights - Des Moines) will focus on "Look At the One Who Was Pierced."
- The funeral for Janet Lukens, Keith Lukens' mother, will be Tuesday at 10:30am at Grace Lutheran Church in Sioux City, IA. Visitation will take place at the church at 9:30am.
- Holy Week Schedule:
  - April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service (with Holy Communion) @6:30pm
  - April 3 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service @6:30pm
  - April 5 - Easter Breakfast @7:30am
  - April 5 - Easter Sunday Service @9:00am

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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**

Wednesday	6:30pm	Midweek Lenten Service
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00am	Worship
	11:15am	Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	ISU Bible Study

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