



*“Blessed is the King
who comes in the name of the Lord!”*

– Luke 19:38

BETHANY
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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 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 or 515-232-1544.

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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 – #279 – “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

The Collect for the Day

P: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

The First Lesson – Isaiah 50:4-9b

⁴ The LORD God gave me a tongue like the learned, an instructed tongue,

so I know how to sustain the weary with a word.

He wakes me up morning by morning.

He wakes up my ears so that I listen like the learned.

⁵ The LORD God opened my ear,
and I myself was not rebellious.

I did not turn back.

⁶ I submitted my back to those who beat me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from disgrace and from spit.

⁷ The LORD God will help me,
so I will not be disgraced.

Therefore I have made my face hard like flint.

I know that I will not be put to shame.

⁸ The one who will acquit me is near!
Who can accuse me?

Let us take our stand.

Who can pass judgment on me?

Let him approach me.

⁹Look, the LORD God will help me.
Who then can declare me guilty?

The Psalm Hymn - #92 (vss. 1-2) - "Lift Up Your Heads,
Ye Mighty Gates"

The Second Lesson - Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ⁶Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, ⁷but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel Lesson - Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, ³⁰saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'"

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. ³⁷As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

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 - #280 - "Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"

The Sermon - Luke 19:28-40 - "Jesus Arrives Humbly to Reign"

The Prayer of the Church

P: With loud hosannas we come before you, O Lord of hosts.

C: We praise you for sending us your Son as the King who came in your name to establish peace between heaven and earth.

P: We are thankful that he did not consider himself too far above us to become true man.

C: We deeply appreciate his fulfillment of the law, which we are unable to keep.

P: We cannot adequately express our thanks that Christ took our punishment upon himself by dying on the cross.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have not always been faithful to our calling as your chosen people.

P: The deeds of our lives have often not matched the confession of our lips.

C: We have often broken communication with you by neglecting prayer, by failing to study your Word, and by irregular attendance at your Table.

P: Because we know, O Lord, that you are merciful,

C: we dare to come before you, begging forgiveness.

P: May the assurance of that forgiveness, which we receive through your word and sacraments,

C: enable us to live lives of dedicated discipleship.

P: Send us your Holy Spirit to keep us on the path that leads to you.

C: Help us to withstand the temptations of Satan, the world, and our flesh.

P: Grant us grace to live to your honor and glory

C: so that our lives will reflect our eternal gratitude for the salvation you won for us through your life of perfect obedience and through your sacrificial suffering and death.

(Here special intercessions may be made, silently or spoken by the pastor.)

P: Grant peace in our time and help us to maintain it.

C: We pray in the name of the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (p. 49)

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

The Hymn - #376 - "Rejoice, The Lord is King"

The Closing Hymn - #581 - "Draw Us To Thee"

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Announcements

- Holy Week Schedule:
 - April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service (with individual absolution and 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
 - The men's breakfast for the month of April will be Saturday, April 11 at 7:00am instead of April 5.
 - The Ladies meet Sunday, April 12 following the worship service.
 - The Council meets Sunday, April 12 following the worship service.
 - Looking ahead: the annual Circuit 7 Lay Education Conference will be held Saturday, April 25 at Prince of Peace - Mason City. ELS Pres. Obenberger will present on "Acknowledging and Cultivating Sanctified Churchmanship in Jesus' Name."
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Visiting with us today? Please sign the guest register in the entryway or use the QR code.



This Week at Bethany

Thursday	6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Worship (w/individual absolution and Holy Communion)
Friday	6:30pm	Good Friday Tenebrae Worship
Sunday	7:30am	Easter Breakfast
	9:00am	Easter Worship (w/Communion)