



Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

– John 20:16

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 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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Holy Communion: *We invite members of our congregation or other ELS or WELS congregations to commune with us. We ask everyone else to please visit with Pastor Smith before our next communion service. Members:* Please sign the communion registration sheet on the table in the narthex.

Order of Service – Rite One (modified; beginning on p. 41)
See also “Prayers for Worship” on p. 40 in the front of the hymnal.

Easter Greeting

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Why do you look for the living among the dead?

C: He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.

P: Alleluia. Death has been swallowed up in victory.

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law.

C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

The Hymn – #345 – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

The Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of all, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and for the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus’ sake.

P: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Hymn - #351 (vss. 1-2) - "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

The Collect for the Day

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

The First Lesson - Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "Now I really am beginning to understand that God does not show favoritism, ³⁵but in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶He sent his word to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

³⁷"You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached. ³⁸God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the Devil, because God was with him.

³⁹"Indeed, we are witnesses of all the things he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem, yet they killed him by hanging him on a cross. ⁴⁰But God raised him on the third day and caused him to be seen, ⁴¹not by all the people, but by the witnesses God had already chosen – by us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify solemnly that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that, through his name, everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins."

The Hymn - #351 (vss. 7-8) - "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

The Second Lesson – Colossians 3:1-4

¹Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The Hymn – #356 – “The Day of Resurrection”

The Gospel Lesson – John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,” she told them, “and we don’t know where they put him!”

³So Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. ⁵Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. ⁷The cloth that had been on Jesus’ head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who arrived at the tomb first, also entered. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. ¹²She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She told them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.”

¹⁴After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?”

Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him.”

¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned and replied in Aramaic, “*Rabboni!*” (which means, “Teacher”).

¹⁷Jesus told her, “Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father – to my God and your God.’”

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” She also told them the things he said to her.

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

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

The Nicene Creed (p. 47)

The Chief Hymn – #340 – “Alleluia! Jesus Lives”

The Sermon – John 20:1-18 – “With One Word,
Jesus Exceeds Expectations ”

The Prayer of the Church

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

P: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

P: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

P: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

P: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan’s head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

P: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

P: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of your salvation.

C: Alleluia!

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

P: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

(special prayers and intercessions may follow)

P: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

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

The Service of Holy Communion (beginning on p. 50)

The Hymn of Thanks - #350 (vss. 4-5) - "He's Risen, He's Risen"

The Closing Hymn - #352 - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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Announcements

- Thank you to Jode Edwards for the special music today!
- Thanks to all the men for the breakfast this morning!
- The Ladies meet next Sunday following the worship service.
- The Council meets next Sunday following the worship service.

- The Voters meet Sunday, April 19 following the worship service for the regular quarterly meeting.
- All men are invited this Saturday at 7:00am for a time of food, fellowship, and study. (See tomorrow’s email announcements for the link to the food signup.)
- All ladies are invited to a time of fellowship and study on Thursday at 6:30pm at the church. Refreshments will be provided.
- The annual ELS Circuit 7 Lay Education Conference will be held Saturday, April 25 at Prince of Peace – Mason City from 9:30am-3:00pm. ELS Pres. Obenberger will present on “Acknowledging and Cultivating Sanctified Churchmanship in Jesus’ Name.”

Visiting with us today? Please sign the guest register in the entryway or use the QR code.



This Week at Bethany

Tuesday	7:30am- 5:00pm	Pastor @ Circuit Mtg. - Mason City
Wednesday	7:00pm	Bible Study
Thursday	6:30pm	Ladies’ Fellowship
Saturday	7:00am	Men’s Breakfast
	8:30am	Elders
Sunday	9:00am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00am	Worship
	11:15am	Ladies
	11:15am	Council
	1:00pm	Confirmation Class
	7:00pm	ISU Bible Study