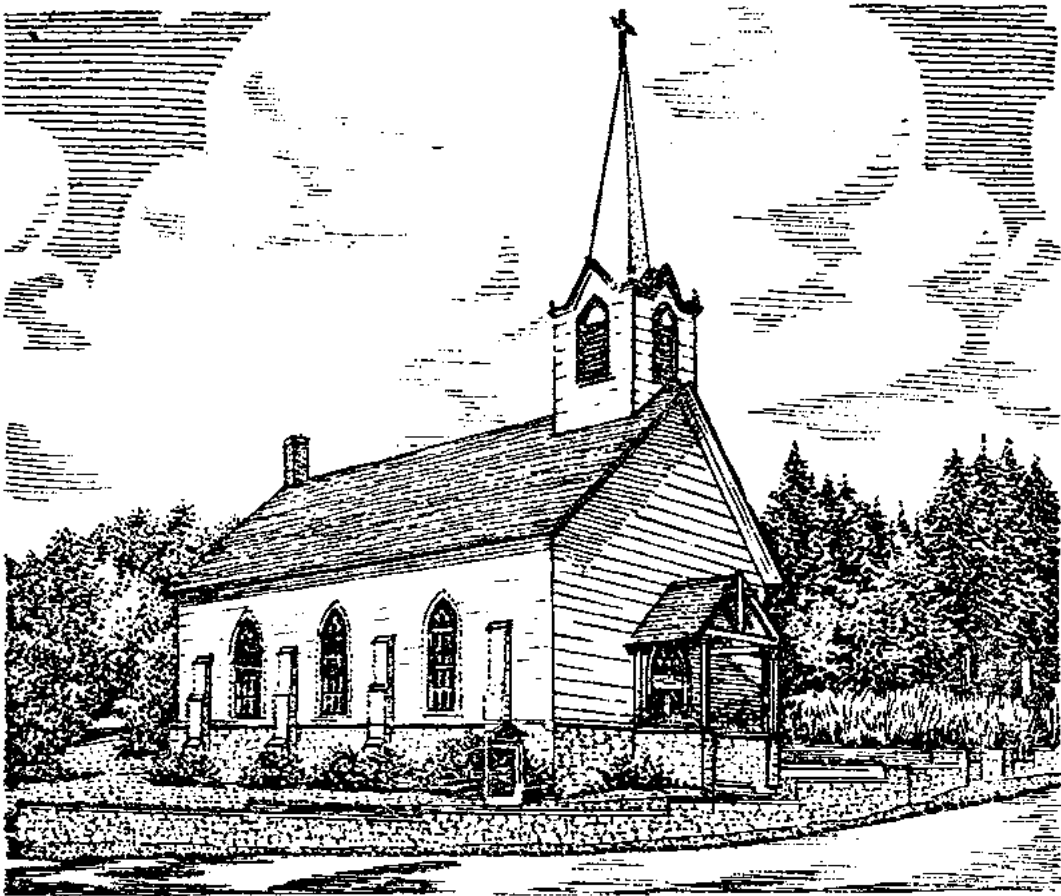


Bethany Lutheran Church of Ephraim



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~ Founded 1882 ~
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*Remove not the ancient landmark,
which thy fathers have set. Prov. 22:28*

Plans for a Lutheran Congregation were made in 1878 with meetings being held in the various homes. A Pastor Biorn from Manitowoc came by boat to Ephraim. In 1879 Pastor Biorn left Manitowoc, and his successor, Pastor Ruh, felt that the trip was too difficult - so organizing was delayed.

Christmas of 1881 - another effort was made. Mr. Thomas Goodletson offered 10 acres of land, but Mrs. Maria Olson offered the present site, which was chosen because of its location - high on a hill - overlooking the waters.

January 24, 1882 a group of Scandinavians gathered at the home of Thomas Goodletson with Mr. Peter Peterson as a leader - to plan the organization of a Lutheran Church in Ephraim. During the next few weeks 60 families signified their willingness to cooperate in this new venture. Construction began immediately while solicitations for funds continued. By October 23, 1882 the building was completed. On October 28, 1882 the first official meeting was held in the Church. Rev. John Olson was the first Pastor and served for 10 years.

January 28, 1883 officers were elected: Peter Peterson, Secretary; Thomas Goodletson, Treasurer. Trustees Henry Olson and Simon Evenson were elected to serve one year, Edward Hanson and Morton Olson to serve two years and H. N. Anderson and Peter Peterson for three years.

In April, 1883 the present parsonage was given to the church by Peter Peterson. January 25, 1889 one acre of land was purchased for a cemetery from Hendrick Hanson - just west of the north entrance to Peninsula State Park.

From 1882 to 1966, 16 Pastors served Bethany. Since 1966 we are being served by visiting Pastors.

The Lord has greatly blessed our humble efforts, in keeping Bethany doors open to worshipers, and all are welcome.

Order of Service

Bethany Lutheran Church

Director of Music and Organist – Lori Free

The congregation speaks words in **bold** type.

Organ Prelude, Announcements and Pastor's Greeting.

Gathering Song (see hymn board)

In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain

Assisting minister

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (see Celebrate)

FIRST LESSON: (see Celebrate)

PSALM: (see Celebrate)

SECOND LESSON: (see Celebrate)

Response after lessons: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL: (see Celebrate)

Response after announcement of chosen gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Response after conclusion of reading of the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**

SERMON

Hymn of the Day (see hymn board)

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of intercession (see celebrate)

OFFERTORY:

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a quarter rest. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The final phrase 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' includes a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' and a bracket.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your
Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: *River of Life*, Tillis Butler, d. 2002
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Words of Institution and Communion

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Hymns (see hymn board)

COMMUNION

BLESSING

Response: **Amen**

Sending Song (see hymn board)

DISMISSAL

Response : **Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE

We welcome all visitors worshiping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.

All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.

Restrooms are located in the Pioneer School.

Visit us at BethanyEphraim.org, and follow our worship service live and archived, on the website.