



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Truth – Relevance – Inspiration

Friday, April 2 at 11 & 7

Good Friday – 2021



A single day from the Jewish way of timekeeping: Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday!

WELCOME TO DIVINE SERVICE: *We gather to receive God's gifts through Word and Sacrament!*

- ✦ **Visitors:** *Welcome! Please receive a visitor basket (available in our Narthex).*
- ✦ **Prayer Request:** *See a "yellow" card (Narthex).*
- ✦ **Young Children:** *Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).*
- ✦ **Phone:** *Please silence.*
- ✦ **Hearing Assistance:** *Available in Narthex.*
- ✦ **Not comfortable inside:** *Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9)*

WELCOME:

L: The LORD be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRESERVICE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

- L: Sin came into the world through Adam.
C: **"...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people"** (Rom. 5:12 NIV).
L: We are all helpless to save ourselves.
C: **"...no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law"** (Rom. 3:20 NIV).
L: We all need Jesus, the Lamb of God.
C: **"...John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!'"** (John 1:29 NIV).
L: Let us be sorry for our sins.
C: **"...a broken and contrite heart... God will not despise"** (Psalm 51:17 NIV).
L: Let us believe in Jesus for eternal life.
C: **"...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord"** (Rom. 6:23 NIV).

L: For all of you who are ✦sorry for your sins and ✦trusting in Jesus for eternal life, I announce the grace of God unto each one of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRELUDE:

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
Hymn tune Deo Gracias Setting by Callihan

↑ INVOCATION:

L: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN:

Procession: **Bible**—*God's truth about our sin and His love*; **Crucifix**—*Jesus' work to remove our sins*

O Christ, You Walked the Road

See the words below / LSB 424

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe. ↓

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen. ↓

READINGS (NIV) and HYMNS:



The Setting: To discover all that Jesus endured to remove our sins, I urge you to read the Gospel accounts of Matthew (26:30 – 27:66), Mark (14:27 – 15:47), Luke (22:31 – 23:56), and John (18:1 – 19:42). This year we are focusing on the Gospel according to Mark.

It is now quite late on Holy Thursday; from the Jewish way of keeping time, *Good Friday began on Thursday at sunset.*

Earlier, *when Jesus was in the upper room*, He ✦washed His disciples' feet, ✦ate the Passover meal, and ✦instituted the Lord's Supper. Now He and His disciples are on the Mount of Olives, *just east of Jerusalem*, near the Garden of Gethsemane.

Over the next 18 or so hours, Jesus will ✦pray, ✦be arrested, ✦be put on trial six times, ✦be denied, ✦be flogged, ✦be sentenced to be crucified, ✦carry His cross, ✦be nailed to His cross, ✦speak seven times from His cross, ✦receive our eternal punishment, ✦lay down His life, and ✦be buried in a new tomb.

1: Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial: Mark 14:27-31

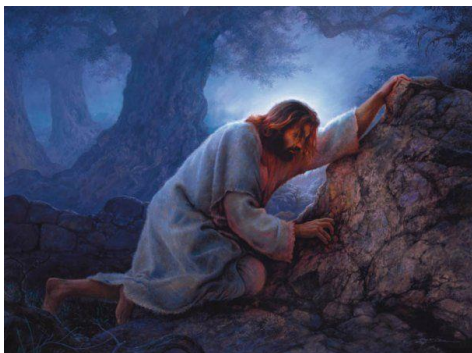


HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane

See the words below / TLH 159 / LSB 436

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2: Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42



HYMN: Not All the Blood of Beasts

See the words below / TLH 156 / LSB 431

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.

- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

3: Jesus Arrested: Mark 14:43-52



HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane

See the words below / TLH 159 / LSB 436

- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

4: Before the Sanhedrin: Mark 14:53-65



HYMN: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

See the words below / TLH 324 / LSB 609

- 1 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

- 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray
 No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;
 Weary souls that lost their way
 Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
 In His arms that they may live:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

5: Peter Disowns Jesus: [Mark 14:66-72](#)



HYMN: *Chief of Sinners Though I Be*
 See the words below / TLH 342 / LSB 611

- 1 Chief of sinners though I be,
 Jesus shed His blood for me,
 Died that I might live on high,
 Lives that I might never die.
 As the branch is to the vine,
 I am His, and He is mine.
- 5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.

6: Jesus Before Pilate: [Mark 15:1-15](#)



HYMN:

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken
 See the words below / TLH 143 / LSB 439

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
 That such sharp sentence should on Thee be
 spoken?
 Of what great crime hast Thou to make
 confession,
 What dark transgression?
- 3 Whence come these sorrows, whence this
 mortal anguish?
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must languish;
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost inherit,
 This I do merit.

7: The Soldiers Mock Jesus: [Mark 15:16-20](#)



HYMN: *Were You There*
 See the words below / LSB 456

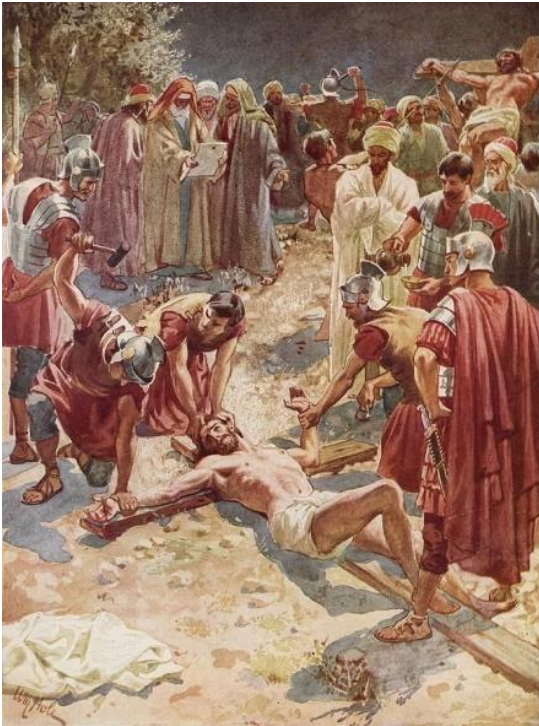
- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
 Oh . . .
 Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
 tremble.
 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the
 tree?
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the
 tree?

Oh . . .

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,
tremble.

Were you there when they nailed Him to the
tree?

8: The Crucifixion: [Mark 15:21-32](#)



The Old Rugged Cross

11:00 – SONG: Listen; **7:00** – HYMN: Sing
See the words below (TSC 251)

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross
where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

3. In that old rugged cross,
stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. **Refrain**

9: The Death of Jesus: [Mark 15:33-41](#)

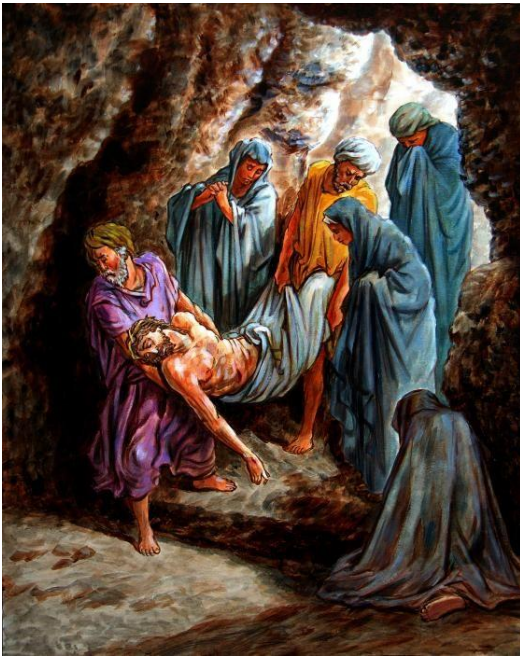


HYMN: *O Perfect Life of Love*

See the words below / TLH 170 / LSB 452

- 1 O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.
- 2 No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.
- 4 And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.

10: The Burial of Jesus: Mark 15:42-47



A SUMMARY OF JESUS' TIME ON HIS CROSS:

- † About 9 in the morning on Good Friday:
Jesus was nailed to His cross.
- † Between 9 and noon:
 - Jesus prayed for the soldiers who crucified Him.
 - Jesus entrusted the care of His mother to John.
 - Jesus assured the repentant criminal that, *that day*, he would be with Him in paradise.
- † Between noon and 3: There was darkness and silence as Jesus bore the sins of the world and God's eternal punishment for those sins.
- † About 3 in the afternoon:
 - Jesus said, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me" – *because our sins had separated Him from God, His Father.*
 - Jesus said, "I thirst," *and was given some wine vinegar to drink.*

- Jesus said, "It is finished," *declaring His work* ♦to take away the sin of the world, ♦to restore the relationship between God and people, and ♦to open the way to heaven *to be complete.*
- Jesus said, "Father, into Your hands, I commit my spirit," *then He laid down His life to seal His victory!*

DON'T MISS OUT:

For heaven, *God requires righteousness*; however, *everyone has sinned*, so ♦no one is righteous, ♦nor can anyone make himself righteous. Therefore, God took action – **through JESUS** – to make us righteous in His sight.

Now, God is calling all people to:

- ➡ Repent – *to admit their sins, admit their helplessness, and be sorry for their sins.*
- ➡ Believe – *in Jesus for eternal life.*

Need help? Let me know (440-292-5915)!

11:00 – VIDEO: The Power of the Cross

7:00 – DUET: The Power of the Cross

Doreen Hurst, Harold Weseloh



↑ PRAYERS: *Let Us Pray*

L: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Merciful God, our iniquities are too heavy for us to bear. Do not punish us according to Your righteous anger. Make haste to calm our fears, fulfill our righteous desires, and answer the quiet sighs of our repentant hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Almighty God, whose compassion never fails and who invites us to call upon You in prayer, spare us from the just punishment of sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us, and enable us to serve You in holiness and purity of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.** ↓

OFFERTORY

11:00 – OFFERTORY

7:00 – CHOIR: Jesus, Remember Me

OFFERING: An offering plate is available for your use in the center aisle near the organ. We express our trust in God and thanks for His gifts when we tithe!

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LORD'S SUPPER SELF-EXAMINATION:

BEFORE RECEIVING – See below. For an explanation, read the "New Visitors" brochure or contact Pastor.

Do you understand and agree?

1. I believe the Bible is God's Word!
2. I am baptized!
3. I am sorry for my sins!
4. I believe in Jesus for eternal life!
5. I desire to live for Christ!
6. I believe the Lord's Supper is Jesus' very body and blood, along with the bread and wine, to assure me of God's forgiveness!

Visitors / Non-Members: *Please share your contact information with the pastor! Thanks!*

CURRENT DISTRIBUTION NOTES:

1. **Pulpit side;** line up in the center aisle.
2. Receive the Supper; then return to your pew via the side aisle.
3. **Lectern side;** same as above.
4. Those receiving in their pews.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION



LORD'S PRAYER:

L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

A: **Our Father who art in heaven...**

PAX DOMINI: *The Peace of the Lord*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **Amen.**

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

11 AM – The Lamb

7 PM – O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
Setting by Collingsworth

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

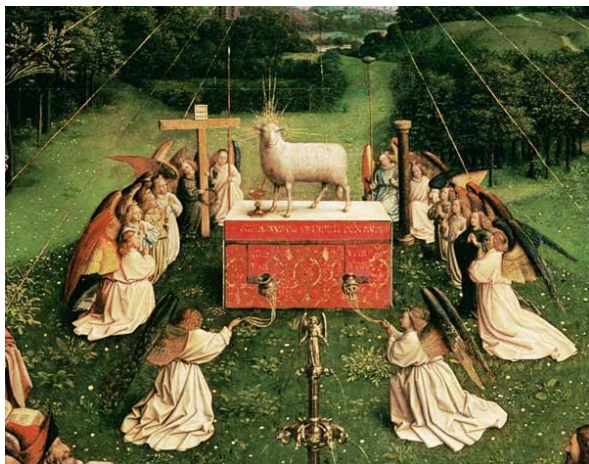
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

L: Dear Lord Jesus, thank You so much for Your tremendous sacrifice to remove our sins!

C: **Amen.**

All Lights Off

VIDEO: "Watch the Lamb" by Ray Boltz



BENEDICTION (2 Thessalonians 3:16):

L: Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!

C: Amen.

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING
Please Depart In Silence

PARTICIPANTS

- 11 AM – Organ ----- Kathy G
- 11 AM – Pastor Team and Reader ----- Jerry H
- 7 PM – Organist ----- Gayle P
- 7 PM – Acolytes ----- Gabe M, Nevin S
- 7 PM – Reader ----- Nevin S
- 7 PM – Pastor Team ----- Matthias M



Holy Saturday:

- ◆ Bible Class at 3:00
- ◆ Vigil of Easter at 4:00

Easter Sunday:

- ◆ Divine Service at 9
- ◆ Brunch & Bible Class at 10:30

Regular Schedule – Join Us:

- ◆ Saturdays: Bible Class 3; Divine Service 4
- ◆ Sundays: Divine Service 9; Bible Class and Sunday School 10:30



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