Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 2025

Truth – Forgiveness – Assurance – Peace – Guidance



Good Friday, 4/18 at 11 am & 7 pm

Jesus Won! Are You Sharing In His Victory?

Church Year: Good Friday | Divine Service: Setting Four, LSB 203-212

WELCOME:

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- **† Visitors:** Welcome! Please fill out an attendance slip insert and let us know how we can help!
- **+** Large Nail: It points to God's great love for us: God the Father planned our salvation, then Jesus followed God's plan with perfect obedience. Since Jesus is the winner, let us share in His victory through godly sorrow and trust in Jesus alone as our Savior and our Lord!
- **+ Prayer Request:** Use a "yellow" card (Narthex).
- **†** Young Children: Activity bags (by worship entrance); Little Lamb Room (off Narthex).
- **† Phone:** Please put on silent.
- **+** Hearing Assistance: Available in the Narthex.
- **t** Worship From Your Car: Receive at our main entrance; then listen from your car (FM 89.9).

BELL and CANDLELIGHTING – Please be seated!

PRELUDE: We listen in silence ...

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High Arr. Vicki Collinsworth

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION:

A Psalm of David after his sins of adultery and murder

- L: In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- L: Let us pray: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

- L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- C: and cleanse me from my sin!
- L: For I know my transgressions,
- C: and my sin is ever before me.
- L: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- C: so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- L: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
- C: and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward L: being,
- C: and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
- C: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- L: Let me hear joy and gladness;
- C: let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- Hide your face from my sins, L:
- C: and blot out all my iniquities.
- L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- C: and renew a right spirit within me.
- L: Cast me not away from your presence,
- C: and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
- C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- Good news! God loves us and has sent His 1: Son to buy us back! For all who are *sorry for their sins and +trusting in Jesus for eternal life, be sure – based on God's unshakable promises – that your sins are forgiven!
- **C**: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

11:00 AM ➡ Hymn

7:00 PM → Entrance Hymn and Procession

↑ HYMN: Christ, the Life of All the Living

Please turn to LSB 420, vv. 1-3 – maroon hymnal

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:46-52

- L: O Lord, Your living, suffering, and dying have provided us with the gift of eternal life,
- C: have mercy upon us.
- L: O Christ, You were arrested, tried, beaten, crucified, and mocked for our eternal gain,
- C: have mercy upon us.
- L: O Lord, You alone did all the suffering, so that everyone might be fully and eternally healed,
- C: have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY:

L: The LORD be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

NIV

- C: And also with you.
- L: <u>Let us pray</u>: Almighty God, merciful Father, as we remember Your love and the perfect sacrifice of Your Son, grant us godly sorrow, saving faith, and willing obedience; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen. Ψ

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 53:2-12

A prophecy, written about 700 BC, of Jesus' life, suffering, death, and resurrection!

Jesus' Life

- L: He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
- C: and like a root out of dry ground.
- L: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
- C: nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

- L: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows,
- C: and familiar with suffering.
- L: Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised,
- C: and we esteemed him not.
- L: Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
- C: yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Jesus' Crucifixion

- L: But he was pierced for our transgressions,
- C: he was crushed for our iniquities;
- L: the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
- C: and by his wounds we are healed.

Jesus' Reception of our Sin

- L: We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
- C: each of us has turned to his own way;
- L: and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- C: He was oppressed and afflicted,
- L: yet he did not open his mouth
- C: he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
- L: and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
- C: so he did not open his mouth.
- L: By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
- C: And who can speak of his descendants? Jesus' Death
- L: For he was cut off from the land of the living;
- C: for the transgression of my people he was stricken.
- L: He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
- C: and with the rich in his death,
- L: though he had done no violence,
- C: nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- L: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
- C: and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering,

- L: he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
- C: and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

Jesus' Resurrection

- L: After the suffering of his soul,
- C: he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
- L: by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
- C: and he will bear their iniquities.
- L: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
- C: and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
- L: because he poured out his life unto death,
- C: and was numbered with the transgressors.
- L: For he bore the sin of many,
- C: and made intercession for the transgressors.
- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: O How He Loves You and Me TSC 257

O how He loves you and me,

O how He loves you and me;

He gave His life – what more could He give? O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 4:14-16: 5:7-9 NIV Pew Bible Page 1866 / Own Bible

Jesus was fully tempted but He did not sin! He is the only source of eternal salvation!

The Reading...

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN: Go to Dark Gethsemane See the words below / TLH 159 / LSB 436

 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 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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 22:47-23:49 NAS-95

P – The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus: ⁴⁷ While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸ But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹ When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹ But Jesus answered and said, "Stop! No more of this." And He touched his ear and healed him. ⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber? ⁵³ While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are vours."

Jesus' Six Trials: Some are recorded by Luke!

- First Trial Annas, the former high priest and father-in-law of Caiphas (John 18:12-24); held at night, which was illegal.
- Second Trial Caiphas and the whole Sanhedrin (Matthew 26:57-68); at night; they agreed that Jesus deserved to die.
- Third Trial Caiphas and the whole Sanhedrin (Matthew 27:1-2); at dawn; illegal: a person could not be convicted and sentenced regarding a capital crime on the same day.
- Fourth Trial Pilate (Luke 23:1-7), the Roman governor, said Jesus is innocent.

- 5. Fifth Trial Herod Antipas (Luke 23:8-12), ruled over the area of Galilee, *no verdict*.
- 6. Sixth Trial Pilate (Luke 23:13-25), he finally gave in to the mob and sentenced Jesus to be crucified.

N – Peter Denies Jesus: ⁵⁴ Having arrested Him, they led Him *away* and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵ After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. ⁵⁶ And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too." ⁵⁷ But he denied *it*, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

⁵⁸ A little later, another saw him and said, "You are *one* of them too!" But Peter said, "Man, I am not!"

⁵⁹ After about an hour had passed, another man *began* to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too." ⁶⁰ But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. ⁶¹ The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a rooster crows today, you will deny Me three times." ⁶² And he went out and wept bitterly. [PP]

P – The Mocking and Beating of Jesus: ⁶³ Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were mocking Him and beating Him, ⁶⁴ and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophesy, who is the one who hit You?" ⁶⁵ And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.

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?

- 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 With cruel mockings to the cross they urge Thee; They give Thee gall to drink, they still decry Thee; They crucify Thee.
- 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.

P – Jesus Before the Council: ⁶⁶ When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council *chamber*, saying, ⁶⁷ "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; ⁶⁸ and if I ask a question, you will not answer. ⁶⁹ "But from now on THE SON OF MAN WILL BE SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND of the power OF GOD." ⁷⁰ And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." ⁷¹ Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

N – Jesus Before Pilate: ^{23:1} Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate.
² And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." ³ So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "It is as you say."
⁴ Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." ⁵ But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place."

N – Jesus Before Herod: ⁶ When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was <u>a Galilean</u>. ⁷ And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸ Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some sign performed by Him. ⁹ And he questioned Him at some length; but He answered him nothing. ¹⁰ And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently.

¹¹ And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a gorgeous robe and sent Him back to Pilate. ¹² Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.

P – Jesus Sentenced to Death: ¹³ Pilate

summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴ and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found no guilt in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. ¹⁵ No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him.

¹⁶ Therefore I will punish Him and release Him."

¹⁷ Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner. ¹⁸ But they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas!" ¹⁹ (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection made in the city, and for murder.)

²⁰ Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, ²¹ but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him!" ²² And he said to them the third time, "Why, what evil has this man done? I have found in Him no guilt *demanding* death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him." ²³ But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be crucified. And their voices *began* to prevail. ²⁴ And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. ²⁵ And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

HYMN: O How He Loves You and Me Romans 8:32, Romans 5:7-8

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show; What He did there bro't hope from despair; O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me!

P – The Crucifixion of Jesus: ²⁶ When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus. ²⁷ And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰ Then they will begin TO SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS, 'FALL ON US,' AND TO THE HILLS, 'COVER US.' ³¹ "For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. ³⁴ But Jesus was saying, **"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."** And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

Jesus Spoke Seven Times: Luke records 3 of 7:

Spoken between 9 AM and Noon

- 1. "Father, forgive..." (Luke 23:34).
- 2. "Dear, Woman..." (John 19:26-27).
- "Today, you will be..." (Luke 23:43).
 Spoken about 3 PM
- 4. "My God..." (Mt. 27:46; Mark 15:34).
- 5. "I am thirsty" (John 19:28).
- 6. "It is finished" (John 19:30).
- 7. "Father, into Your..." (Luke 23:46).

N – The Mocking of Jesus: ³⁵ And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"

³⁸ Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged *there* was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed *are suffering* justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" ⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

7:00 – CHOIR: Jesus, Remember Me

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P – The Death of Jesus: ⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour,⁴⁵ because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, **"Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY** SPIRIT." Having said this, He breathed His last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he *began* praising God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸ And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, *began* to return, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

HYMN: O Perfect Life of Love See the words below / TLH 170 / LSB 452

- 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.

N – The Burial of Jesus: ⁵⁰ And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man ⁵¹ (he had not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the kingdom of God; ⁵² this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain. ⁵⁴ It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. ⁵⁵ Now the women who had come with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶ Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

This true and important story continues 4/20, 9 AM!

HYMN: O Perfect Life of Love See the words below / TLH 170 / LSB 452

- 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.
- 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.

<u>Offering</u>: Plates are available in the center aisle. *Thanks for Honoring the LORD!*

↑ PRAYERS: Let Us Pray

L: Almighty God, graciously behold us, Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be 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 and everlasting God, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Your Son, that we fear not the great and deceptive power of sin, death, and the devil, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

- L: Almighty God, spare us from the just punishment of sin, which our Lord Jesus Christ has borne for us, and enable us to serve You gladly, daily, and faithfully in obedience to Your word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen. 🗸

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

11:00 – SUPPER PREPARATION HYMN:

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord See the words below LSB 637

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured; Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest. 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

7:00 – SUPPER PREPARATION SOLO

The Power of the Cross Doreen Weseloh

Should I receive the Lord's Supper today? Use these 10 questions to examine yourself...

Learn More: Read through a Self-Examination Brochure

Part 1 – Basics of Being a Christian:

- 1. Do I believe the Bible is true? Y N John 17:17
- 2. Am I sorry for my sins? Y N 2 Cor. 7:10
- 3. Am I trusting in Jesus for eternal life? Y N Ac. 4:12
- 4. Am I baptized? Y N Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38-39; Tit. 3:5
- 5. Do I desire to live for Christ? Y N 2 Cor. 5:15

Part 2 - Forgiveness and Reconciliation:

- 6. Am I forgiving all others? Y N Mark 11:25
- 7. Am I doing my part to reconcile? Y N Rom. 12:18

Part 3 – Elements and Benefits of the Lord's Supper:

- Are the elements of the Lord's Supper bread, body, wine, and blood? Y N 1 Cor. 10:16
- 9. Is the main benefit of the Supper the assurance of the forgiveness of sins? Y N Matt. 26:26-28

Part 4 – Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS):

10. Do you understand and agree with the basic
teachings of the LCMS? YN1 Cor. 10:15-22

↑ LORD'S PRAYER: See back of either hymnal...

- L: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- A: Our Father who art in heaven... Matt. 6:9-13

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Combining: Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1Co 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

- L: The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI: The Lamb

See the words below / LSB 547

The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Large Nail: Thankful for Jesus' saving work, please drop your nail in the bucket by the large cross – before receiving the supper / a blessing.
- If you are ready to receive: Come forward now.
- <u>Receiving at your pew</u>: Please inform an usher.
- <u>Alcohol-Removed Wine</u>: Center of each tray.
- <u>Receive</u>. <u>Go</u> in peace. <u>Return</u> via a side aisle.
- Main dismissal: After everyone has returned.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Hymns of the Cross

LORD'S SUPPER DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

- L: Dear Lord Jesus, receive our hearty thanks for Your obedient, loving, excruciating, and awesome sacrifice to remove our sins!
- **C:** Amen. <u>Ushers</u>: Turn off all worship area lights.

VIDEO: "Watch the Lamb" by Ray Boltz Please listen in silence

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.

FUNERAL TOLL and CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

<u>Ushers</u>: Turn on the UP lights, so people can see to leave.

PARTICIPANTS

Altar Guild and Funeral Toll Kathy G
Organist at 11 & 7 Gayle Powers
Distribution at 11
Reader at 7 Nevin S
Choir Director and Distribution at 7 Harold W
Soloist Doreen W
All Choir Members Thanks for Singing!
Ushers Thanks to all who served!

Holy Saturday – Vigil of Easter at 4:00 – Our first glimpse of Jesus' resurrection! (no Bible Class at 3:00)

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord at 9:00 Jesus' Resurrection points ahead to Our Resurrection! Free Breakfast at 10:30

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