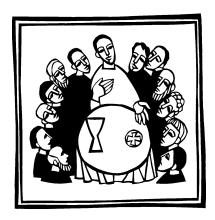
Bethany Lutheran Church

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Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022
1:00 and 7:00 PM



Welcome to Bethany Lutheran Church:

It is our earnest prayer that in this service of worship we glorify God and edify each other as we deepen our relationship with Christ and our fellowship with His people. We ask that you please **put your cell phones and electronic devices on mute** during the service for the benefit of all worshippers.

AS WE GATHER: This is the longest worship service on the Church calendar. While we will return home after we gather around His table for His Supper, the service will not be over; we will return tomorrow and all will go dark. Even though it will be said, "it is finished" the service won't be. The service begun here tonight will not be concluded until we say on Sunday, "He is Risen, indeed!" So the mystery of faith, proclaimed at the table, "Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again" flows throughout this one grand service celebrated in stages on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



CALL TO WORSHIP: ~ *St. Ambrose of Milan (AD 339-397)*

Leader: O Lord, who has mercy upon all,

take away from me my sins.

People: Mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit.

Leader: Take away from me the heart of stone

and give me a heart of flesh.

People: A heart to love and adore You,

a heart to delight in You, a heart to follow You,

my God, Father + Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Holy God, source of all love,

on the night of His betrayal,

Jesus gave His disciples a new command, to love one another as He had loved them.

People: Write this command on our hearts, O Lord,

and strengthen us to live it out in our lives.

By Your Holy Spirit,

move us to know You more deeply

in Your suffering and death.

Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" One & All Rejoice # 203



SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:15-25

The Holy Spirit tells us the same thing: "This is the promise that I will make to them after those days, says the Lord: 'I will put my teachings in their hearts and write them in their minds.'"

Then he adds, "I will no longer hold their sins and their disobedience against them."

When sins are forgiven, there is no longer any need to sacrifice for sins.

Brothers and sisters, because of the blood of Jesus we can now confidently go into the holy place. Jesus has opened a new and living way for us to go through the curtain. (The curtain is his own body.) We have a superior priest in charge of God's house. We have been sprinkled with his blood to free us from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with clean water. So we must continue to come to him with a sincere heart and strong faith. We must continue to hold firmly to our declaration of faith. The one who made the promise is faithful.

We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming. -GW

OFFERING: The Offering Box is located in the center aisle. If you so desire, Text Giving is now available by texting GIVE to 562-210-0463. For On-line Giving information, contact Maraley at mshaeffer@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!

CALL TO THE TABLE:

Leader: Our God has invited us to His table this evening.

People: And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:

"Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Leader: Our God promises to feed us with the Bread of Life.

People: And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:

"Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

Leader: Our God will lead us from this meal changed, desiring to live for Him

alone, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: And we are worthy and well prepared who trust in these words:

"Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 22:7-20

The day came during the Festival of Unleavened Bread when the Passover lamb had to be killed. Jesus sent Peter and John and told them, "Go, prepare the Passover lamb for us to eat."

They asked him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

He told them, "Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a jug of water. Follow him into the house he enters. Tell the owner of the house that the teacher asks, 'Where is the room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' He will take you upstairs and show you a large furnished room. Get things ready there."

The disciples left. They found everything as Jesus had told them and prepared the Passover.

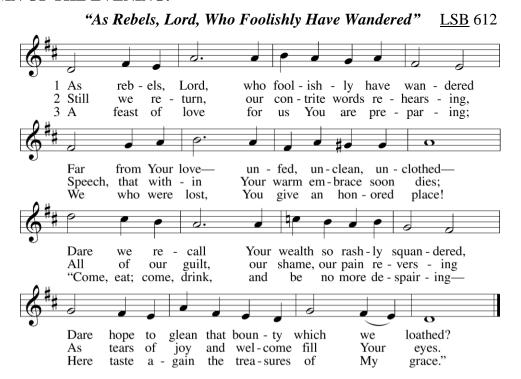
When it was time to eat the Passover meal, Jesus and the apostles were at the table. Jesus said to them, "I've had a deep desire to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I can guarantee that I won't eat it again until it finds its fulfillment in God's kingdom." Then he took a cup and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He said, "Take this, and share it. I can guarantee that from now on I won't drink this wine until God's kingdom comes."

Then Jesus took bread and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "This is my body, which is given up for you. Do this to remember me."

When supper was over, he did the same with the cup. He said, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new promise made with my blood." - GW \otimes

MESSAGE: "It's All Very Institutional"

HYMN OF THE EVENING:



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader:

Jesus' love has brought us here tonight. His love for us is what this night is all about. It was on this evening that He said to His disciples, "A new command I give to you: Love one another as I have loved you." Yet, we have failed to keep this command, and so we confess our lack of love and seek His forgiveness.

People:

Dear Lord, You demand all of my love, not just part of it. In humility I confess that I have not loved my neighbors, my family, nor You, my God, as You have called me to, let alone as I love myself.

My love is so often self-serving and shallow.

I do not deserve to be loved by You.

For Your sake, O Christ, forgive me all my sins and enable me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. Amen.

Leader: The love of God knows no bounds. In love, He came in Christ to die for

us. In love, He forgives us our lack of love. In love, He invites us to His

table where we might experience His love and learn to share it.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Leader: We have received God's love in Christ and now we give witness of His

love for us.

People: I believe that through the power of Christ's own Word,

I shall receive the very body and blood of Jesus, my Lord,

with the bread and the wine in this sacred meal.

I trust that through this loving gift, God will forgive me my sins,

strengthen my faith and increase my love for Him and for you, my brothers and sisters in Christ, with whom I share this faith and this meal. Amen.

+ Holy Communion +

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To help you prepare for communion we invite you to take a few moments of quiet prayer. For aid there are prayers on the front page of the hymnal for both before and after the reception of communion. Or simply pray, Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation You invite me to come to You, to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacrament of Your altar. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION: *Matthew 26:26-28*

Leader:

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." – ESV ®

For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are <u>alcohol free</u>.

The wafers next to the Christ candle side are <u>gluten free</u>;

for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.

For those wishing to use a self-contained communion chalice, let an usher know.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Ubi Caritas" ~ Maurice Durufle

The Bethany Choir





POST COMMUNION PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER:

Amen.

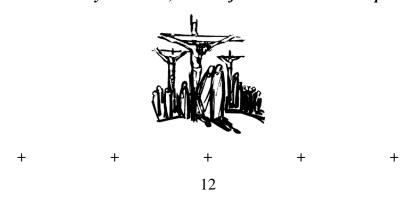
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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



SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 22:1-31

7:00 The Altar is stripped.

We depart the sanctuary in silence, as we reflect on our Lord's impending death.



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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Crucifer 7:00... Soren Widmann

Organist 1:00... Ken Culley

Organist 7:00... Kevin Bowers

Liturgist 1:00... Karl Fink

Liturgist 7:00... Pastor Seth Moorman

Preacher... Senior Pastor Kevin L. Kritzer

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES



<u>Good Friday, April 15th Worship Services</u> Worship at 1:00 PM at **Bethany** (This Worship Service will be **Live Streamed**) Worship at 7:00 PM at Bethany Worship at 7:00 PM at Holy Cross



Easter Festival, April 17th Worship Services

Worship at 8:00 and 9:30 AM at Bethany Zoom Worship at 10:00 AM with **The Gathering** Worship at 11:00 AM at Holy Cross