

# Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



## ***THE WAY OF THE CROSS***

**JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS**

March 8, 2023

7:00 p.m.

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# Order of Worship for WEDNESDAY MARCH 8, 2023

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

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

**C: Amen**

## The Great Litany of Peace

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For heavenly peace and the salvation of our souls let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For peace in the whole world, the stability of God's Holy Churches and for the oneness of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and all who enter it with faith, reverence and godly fear, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For our Bishops, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: For our country, the President, and all in public service, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**L:** For this city and this Parish, for every city and land, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**L:** For temperate weather, abundance of the goods of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**L:** For those who travel, by land, sea and air, for those who are sick or suffering or in captivity, and for their safe-keeping, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**L:** That we may be spared all affliction, violence, danger and want, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**L:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, in Your grace.

**C: 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.**

L: We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**C: in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.**

L: Let us pray.

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may remember with joy the mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

# HYMN

( TFF #73)

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

### *Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

### **THY WORD: John 19:17**

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to the place called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

**C: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

### **SERMON**

# HYMN

(ELW 611)

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune



L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

**C: Amen**

L: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

## CONCLUSION

L: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

**C: Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

L: Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

L: To Christ our Lord who loves us, washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

**C: Amen**

## **POSTLUDE**

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**MIDWEEK SERVICES - 7:00 p.m.**

**Way Of The Cross**

March 15 -The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene

March 22— Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

March 29 Jesus is stripped of his garments

**HOLY WEEK**

Thursday, April 6 –THE LAST SUPPER & Jesus is nailed to the cross (Includes Holy Communion)

Friday, April 7- Jesus dies on the cross & Jesus is laid in the tomb

# THIS WEEK AT BETHANIA....

## Wednesday, March 8, 2023 -

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. - Lent Service

## Thursday, March 9, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

## Friday March 10, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

## Saturday, March 11, 2023

## Sunday March 12, 2023

**9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR**

**10:30 a.m. -Worship In Person & on Facebook Live**

## Monday, March 13, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

## Tuesday, March 14, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

## Wednesday, March 15, 2023 -

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. - Lent Service