

Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



THE WAY OF THE CROSS

THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE

March 15, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

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

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 #237)

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone



- 1 Must Je - sus bear the cross a - lone and all the world go free?
- 2 The con - se - crat - ed cross I'll bear till death shall set me free;
- 3 Up - on the crys - tal pave - ment, down at Je - sus' pierc - ed feet,
- 4 Oh, pre - cious cross! Oh, glo - rious crown! Oh, res - ur - rec - tion day!



No, there's a cross for ev - 'ry - one, and there's a cross for me.
and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.
joy - ful, I'll cast my gold - en crown and his dear name re - peat.
Ye an - gels, from the stars come down and bear my soul a - way.

Text: Thomas Shepherd, 1665–1739
Music: MAITLAND, George N. Allen, 1812–1877

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

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

THY WORD: Luke 23:26

As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me

C: cannot be my disciple.

SERMON

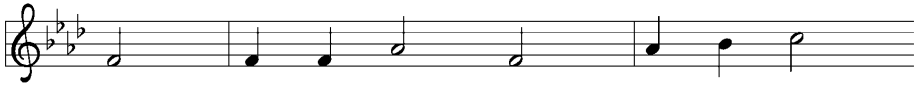
HYMN

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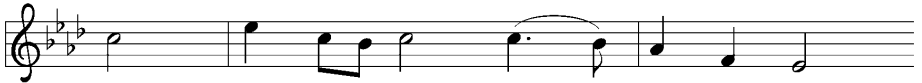
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

L: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

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 22— Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

March 29 Jesus is stripped of his garments

HOLY WEEK

April 2, - 10:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday

April 6 – 7:00 p.m. - THE LAST SUPPER & Jesus is nailed to the cross (Includes Holy Communion)

April 7- 7:00 p.m. - Jesus dies on the cross & Jesus is laid in the tomb

April 9 - 9:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday—He Is Risen!

THIS WEEK AT BETHANIA.....

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 -

4:30 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. - Lent Service

Thursday, March 16, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Friday March 17, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Sunday March 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. – COFFEE HOUR

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

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 -

7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.—Office Open

7:00 p.m. - Lent Service