

# Welcome to Bethania Lutheran Kirke



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

**JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS AND IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

April 7 2023

7:00 p.m.

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**Order of Worship  
for  
Friday April 7, 2023**

**PRELUDE**

**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

(LBW # 117)

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

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

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

**THY WORD: John 19:26-30**

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." And when Jesus had received the vinegar he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Christ for us became obedient unto death,

**C: even death on a cross.**

# HYMN

(LBW #112)

## Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes



1 Je - sus, in thy dy - ing woes, e - ven while thy life - blood flows,  
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue when our sins thy pangs re - new,  
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, be like thee in heart and deed,



crav - ing par - don for thy foes:  
for we know not what we do: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
when with wrong our spir - its bleed:



## **THY WORD: Matthew 27:57-60**

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

You will not abandon me to the grave,

**nor let your holy one see corruption.**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN

(LBW 127)

## It Happened on That Fateful Night



1 It hap - pened on that fate - ful night when pow'rs of  
2 Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, he took the  
3 "My bod - y, bro - ken for your sin, re - ceive and



earth and hell a - rose a - gainst the Son, our  
bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his  
eat as liv - ing food." He took the cup and



God's de - light, and friends be - trayed him to his foes.  
ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke!  
blest the wine: "Share this new tes - ta - ment, my blood."

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748; hymnal version *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978

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L: Let us pray.

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 demons 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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