

LENT IV

March 10, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

LSB 420



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God of the universe,

**People: You call us by name.
Equip us by Your Spirit to confess our sins
and embrace Your free and full forgiveness in Jesus; in whose
name we gather.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Merciful God, Our will is bound to sin and we cannot break free.

People: Forgive us for when,

Leader: We have spoken though we should have kept quiet

People: Forgive us for when,

Leader: We were silent though we should have said something.

People: Forgive us for when,

Leader: We acted though we knew better.

People: Forgive us for when,

Leader: We stood still though we should have stepped up or stepped in.

People: Forgive us,

Leader: For the wrong we have done and for the good we have failed to do,

People: Forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God has had mercy on you and through His Son; and for His sake has declared you to be His own child, gathered you in His one, holy Church, in which He daily and richly forgives us our sins and grants us new life through His Spirit.

**People: Be in our midst Lord, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our
worship, praises and prayers through You Son, Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "Let Your Joy Be Known"

~Fred Bock

RITE OF INSTALLATION:

Vicar John Alwood

9:30 am

The man saw Jesus at a distance. So he ran to Jesus, bowed down in front of Him, and shouted, "Why are you bothering me now, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me." He shouted this because Jesus said, "You evil spirit, come out of the man."

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

He told Jesus, "My name is Legion [Six Thousand], because there are many of us." He begged Jesus not to send them out of the territory.

A large herd of pigs was feeding on a mountainside nearby. The demons begged him, "Send us into the pigs! Let us enter them!"

Jesus let them do this. The evil spirits came out of the man and went into the pigs. The herd of about two thousand pigs rushed down the cliff into the sea and drowned.

Those who took care of the pigs ran away. In the city and countryside they reported everything that had happened. So the people came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. The man was sitting there dressed and in his right mind. The people were frightened. Those who saw this told what had happened to the demon-possessed man and the pigs. Then the people began to beg Jesus to leave their territory.

As Jesus stepped into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged Him, "Let me stay with You." But Jesus would not allow it. Instead, He told the man, "Go home to your family, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and how merciful He has been to you."

So the man left. He began to tell how much Jesus had done for him in the Ten Cities. Everyone was amazed.-GW®

SERMON HYMN: "On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

SERMON: "Connected to those on the Margins"
Mark 5:1-20

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 517



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all
△ 6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Leader: Mender of divisions, You sent Christ to heal the world and to gather those won the margins to Yourself. Send us Your Spirit that we might be the means through with those separated from You and Your family might find welcome and receive tangible signs of Your love. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FATIH:

APOSTLES' CREED: (** catholic means the universal Christian Church*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 mshaeffe@bethanylutheran.org or call 562-421-4711, ext. 21. Thank you!*

CONSECRATION OF GIFTS:

Leader: You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
People: **now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.**
Leader: As You receive our praises, accept the gifts we bring,
People: **O Source of every blessing, our good and gracious King.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

***** For our 8:00 a.m. worshippers, the service continues on the bottom of page 9 with Announcements.**

***** For our 9:30 a.m. worshippers, the service continues with the Celebration of Holy Communion:**

+ Service of the Sacrament +

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 in quiet prayer. You can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal for both before and after the reception of Holy 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

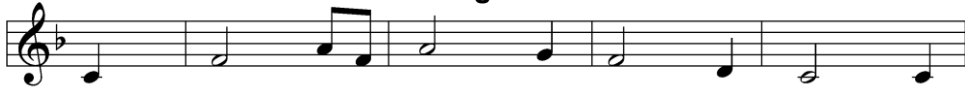
For those communing, who so desire, the center cups in each tray are alcohol free.

The wafers on the stand next to the pillar pulpit side (when kneeling for communion) or on the stand in front of the baptismal font (when processing for communion) are gluten free.

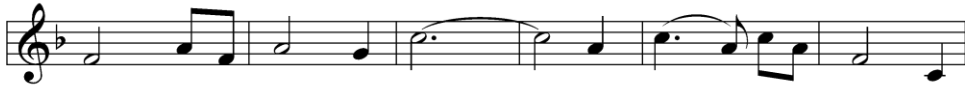
In our 9:30 a.m. service we will practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

Leader: Chosen, dear loved and holy in Jesus, freed to serve your neighbor and created in Christ for good works, go under His blessing that you may be a blessing, in the name of the life-giving Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"

LSB 573



1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened
△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's



nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall'd me, To Thy
bound-less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and



grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,



Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed



end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

POSTLUDE

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"Christ, the Life of All the Living" LSB 420

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"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

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"God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571

Text: *Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer*, Stettin, c. 1778; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt. Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.
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"Amazing Grace" LSB 744

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"Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915

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"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee" LSB 573

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Eric Vega
Acolyte 9:30...Audrey Kienitz
Lector 8:00...Ruth Lopez
Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake
Director of Music & Worship Arts...Noah Freeman
Children's Message...Isaiah Duport

Crucifer 8:00...Adam Vega
Crucifer 9:30...Logan Noble
Lector 9:30...Barbara Hasty
Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer
Organist/Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Through December 2024:

Offerings received \$721K

Offerings Budgeted \$750K (\$29)

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Wednesday Lenten Worship Services

Wednesdays at 12:00 pm at **Holy Cross**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

March 13 - "Confession & Forgiveness" - Joel 2:12-13

March 20 - "Sacrifice & Security" - Hebrew 9:11-14

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:

PALM SUNDAY Worship Services

Sunday, March 24 at 8:00 and 9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran**

Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 am at **Holy Cross**

MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship Service

Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

GOOD FRIDAY Worship Services

Friday, March 29 at 12:00 pm at **Holy Cross**

Friday, March 29 at 6:30 pm at **Bethany Lutheran**

EASTER FESTIVAL Worship Services

Sunday, March 31 at 8:00 and 9:30 am at **Bethany Lutheran**

Sunday, March 31 at 11:00 am at **Holy Cross**