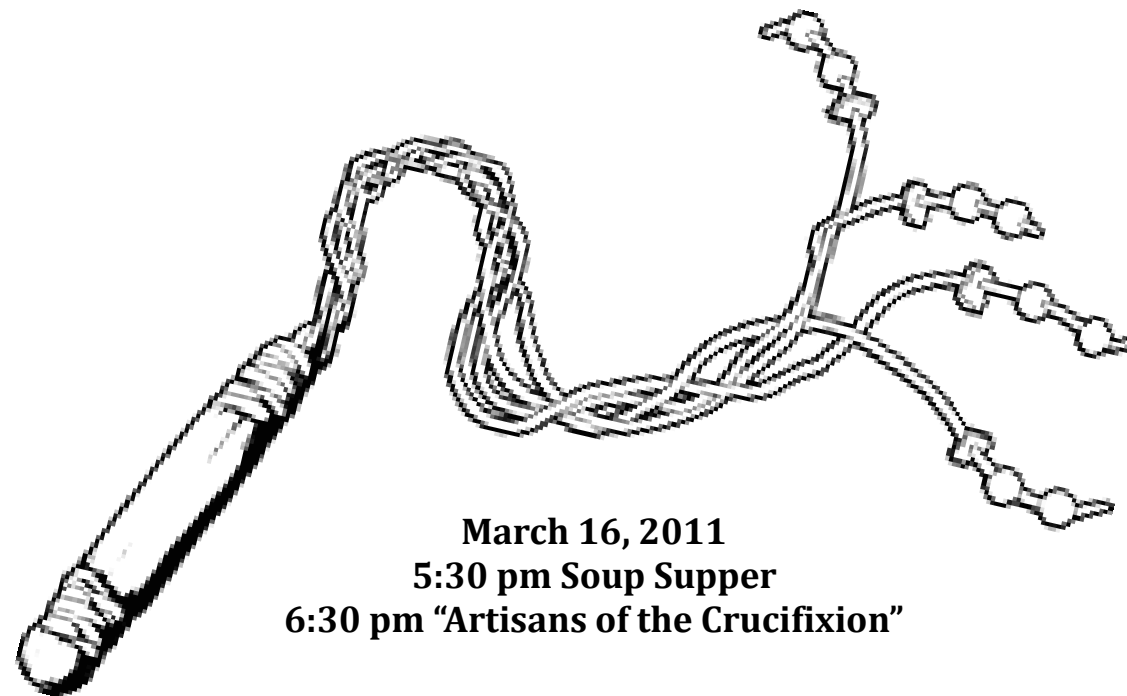


**BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

~ where all are welcomed, loved and accepted in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ ~



March 16, 2011

5:30 pm Soup Supper

6:30 pm "Artisans of the Crucifixion"

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE I
"Testimony of the Tanner"**

"But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities:
the chastisement of our peace was upon him;
and with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 53:5-6

Assembly is encouraged to enter quietly in darkness

*~ **Reflect, Meditate and Prepare** ~*

*The “keep-sake token” of this evenings testimony is to be saved in your “Lenten Pouch.”
Keep these treasures as a reminder of the sacrifices that our Lord, Jesus Christ endured
to forgive each of us and give us the gift of Salvation.*

*Leaders speak regular print—**Assembly responds with bold print***

▲ **Lenten Litany**

Behold, now is the acceptable time;

now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

that the light of your face may shine on us.

May your justice shine like the sun;

and may the poor be lifted up.

Silence as the

Altar and Paschal Candles are lit

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord,

for it is evening, and the day is almost over.

Let your light scatter the darkness and illumine your church.

▲ **Lenten Canticle**

“Beneath The Cross Of Jesus - My Heart Was Hard As Iron” verse 1

Beneath the cross of Jesus

I long to take my stand;

The shadow of a mighty rock

within a weary land,

a home within a wilderness,

a rest upon the way,

from the burning of the noontide heat

and burdens of the day.

▲ **Thanksgiving for Light**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning you called light into being,
and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day.
In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night
you led your people into freedom.

Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ;
may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,
and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

▼ **Responsorial Psalm 22 verses 1-8**

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.

⁴ In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

▼ **Song of the Word**

“Thy Word Is A Lamp Unto My Feet”

Refrain Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,
still you’re there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Refrain

I will not forget your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

Refrain

▲ **Gospel Acclamation**

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
With Him we will never walk in darkness.

▲ **The Gospel of the Lord (NIV)**

A reading from John, Chapter 18, verses 28-40 and Chapter 19, verse 1

Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

“If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

“But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

▼ **Testimony of the Tanner**

“Dave Johnson”

Silence is kept by all

▼ **Song of the Tanner’s Testimony**

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they flogged and scourged my Lord?

Were you there when they flogged and scourged my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,

Were you there when they flogged and scourged my Lord?

▲ Prayers

Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the eternal Father . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in agony . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, price of our salvation . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor . . .	save us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world . . .	hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world . . .	spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world . . .	have mercy on us, O Lord.

You have redeemed us, O Lord, with Your Blood.
And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

▲ The Lords 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.**

*place lace of leather keep sake token in your hand
during a brief silence*

▲ **This Little Swatch Of Leather**

**This little lace of leather I hold here in my hand,
reminds me of the agony our Lord did withstand.**

It reminds me of the whip by which stripes he did bear,
for my brokenness and sin though I wasn't even there.

I am reminded that his wounds are reaching into my soul,
where they heal me and cleanse me so once more I can be whole.

His humble blood, I am reminded, at the flogging was spilled
for our lives . . . so empty . . . are needing to be filled . . .

. . . by a love so unswerving through pain and in death.
of the hope in believing in Jesus I'll find rest.

Of the joy in knowing that a Savior did come,
is coming, will come, to restore us as one . . .

. . . with God our creator.

**So, this little lace of leather I hold here in my hand,
reminds me that Christ loves, like none other can.**

▲ **Blessing and Dismissal**

Bless us Lord

And carry us from darkness into light.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, be with you all
And also with you.

Let us quietly share that peace with each other
keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Go now in God's Peace.

*Quietly share the peace of God.
Exit in silence.*

Artisans of the Crucifixion

*Jeffrey R. Ingold



Lent Midweek Services will include the testimonies of five people who crafted certain items used in the crucifixion and offer a unique perspective of the events leading up to Christ's death. Although these artisans are fictitious, the intention of these presentations, is to help us relate to Jesus' humiliation and death through our own stories.

Soup Supper ~ 5:30 Wednesday Evenings
Lent Midweek Services ~ 6:30 Wednesday Evenings

Bethany and Calvary Lutheran Church invite you to participate in five Lent Midweek Preparations, beginning with Soup Supper Fellowship at 5:30pm and Worship Service at 6:30pm which will include special Litany, Canticle, Thanksgiving of Light, Psalmody, Gospel, Song, Prayer, and Artisan Testimony with Poetic Response pertaining to the keepsake of each week.

- March 16** **Scripture from the Passion:** John 18:28-40 and 19:1
Testimony of the Tanner (keepsake: lace of leather)
who was responsible for crafting the whip with which our Lord Jesus was flogged
- March 23** **Scripture from the Passion:** Matthew 27:27-31
Testimony of the Basket Weaver (keepsake: thorn)
who helped the soldiers twist the crown of thorns thrust down upon Jesus' head
- March 30** **Scripture from the Passion:** Mark 15:21-32
Testimony of the Carpenter (keepsake: wood cross)
who made the instrument of torture and death on which Jesus hung ~ the cross
- April 6** **Scripture from the Passion:** John 19:28-37
Testimony of the Blacksmith (keepsake: nail)
who forged the nails by which Jesus Christ was fastened to the cross
- April 13** **Scripture from the Passion:** Matthew 27:57-66
Testimony of the Stone Mason (keepsake: stone)
who chiseled out the tomb where Jesus' body was laid

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