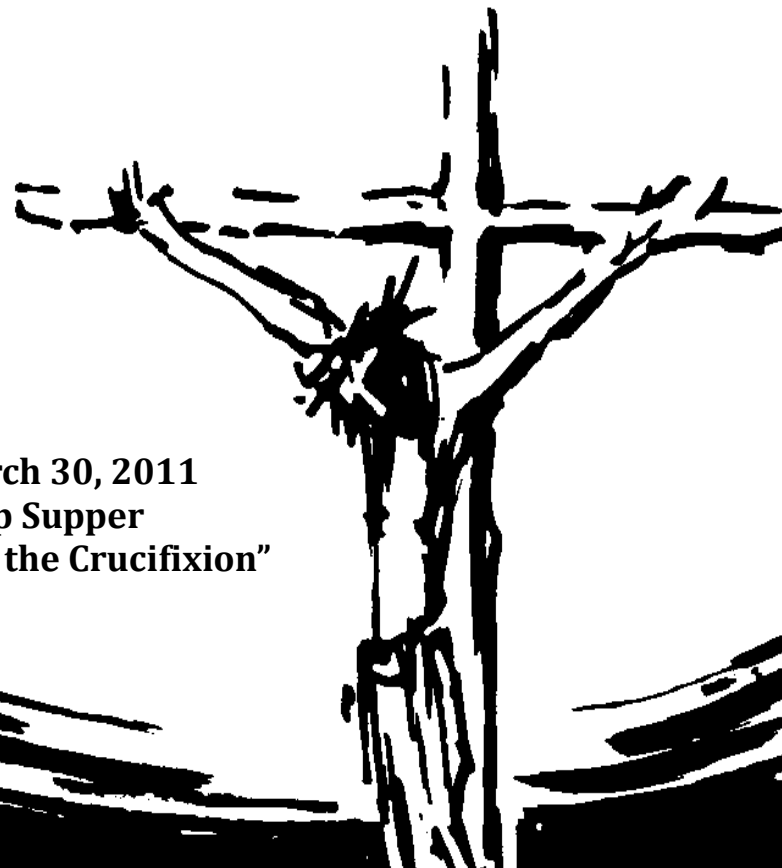


**BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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



**Wednesday, March 30, 2011
5:30 pm Soup Supper
6:30 pm "Artisans of the Crucifixion"**

**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE III
"Testimony of the Carpenter"**

"He himself bore our sins"
in his body on the cross,
so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness;
"by his wounds you have been healed."

1 Peter 2:24

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 & 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 3

He claimed to be from heaven,

so we had hung Him high.

In rage I slammed the hammer down,

then stood to watch Him die.

I listened for His final word,

some weak or bitter cry.

He prayed for those tormenting Him.

The name He spoke was mine.

▲ **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 16-21**

Let us responsively read Psalm 22, verses 16-21

¹⁶ Dogs surround me,
a pack of villains encircles me;
they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷ All my bones are on display;
people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸ They divide my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹ But you, LORD, do not be far from me.
You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰ Deliver me from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;
save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

▼ **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 Mark, Chapter 15, verses 21-32

A certain man from Cyrene, Simon, the father of Alexander and Rufus, was passing by on his way in from the country, and they forced him to carry the cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means “the place of the skull”). Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

It was nine in the morning when they crucified him. The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS.

They crucified two rebels with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save yourself!” In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Messiah, this king of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

▼ **Testimony of the Carpenter**

“John Wilkinson”

Silence is kept by all

▼ **Song of the Carpenter’s Testimony**

“Were You There?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

▲ **Prayers**

Let us pray.

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, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns . . .	save us.
Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross . . .	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 . . .	spare us, O Lord.
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 . . .	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**

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord has taught us.

**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 wood cross keep sake token in your hand
during a brief silence*

▲ **This Cross**

This cross I hold reminds me
on one such Jesus sighed -
for three long hours one Friday he gasped for breath, then died.

This cross I hold reminds me
of the sorrow and grief he bore
for all our earthly failures which death could claim us for.

This cross I hold reminds me
of God's love's uncompromised
by our grave lack of judgment in the ways we live our lives.

This cross I hold reminds me
that we're freed now from our sin
for by Christ's crucifixion our hope's restored in him.

This cross I hold reminds me
of the hope we now possess
that when this life is over we will rest as heaven's guest.

This cross I hold reminds me
of all struggles we now can bear
for with Jesus as our strength we know we will get there.

This cross I hold reminds me
of the way we must concede
as Christ's love grows inside us we shall reach toward others' need.

This cross I hold reminds me
there's a lot of work to be done
in this old world which is hurting for the peace and hope of One.

This cross I hold reminds me
of the promise we will exchange
with people whom we encounter for by love our lives are changed.

This cross I hold reminds me
there is nothing that can tear us apart
not disease, nor hate, nor evil from the Passion of Christ -God' s heart.

**For I am convinced that nothing can separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

(Romans 8:38-39)

▲ ***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 Churches invite you to participate in five Lent Midweek Preparations, beginning with Soup Supper Fellowship at 5:30pm and Worship Service at 6:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church at 130 Odill Drive, Norway, which will include special Litany, Canticle, Thanksgiving of Light, Psalmody, Gospel, Song, Prayer, and Artisan Testimony with Poetic Response pertaining to the weekly keepsake.

- 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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