

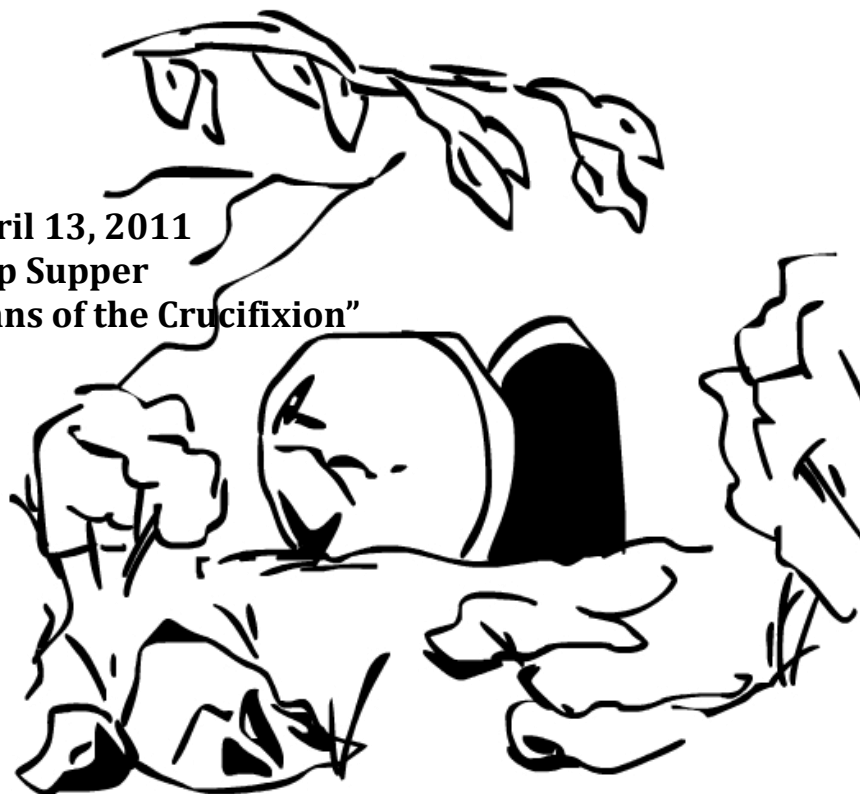
**BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**  
**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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

**Wednesday, April 13, 2011**

**5:30 pm Soup Supper**

**6:30 pm "Artisans of the Crucifixion"**



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE V**  
**"Testimony of the Stone Mason"**

Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence,  
they asked Pilate to have him executed.  
When they had carried out all that was written about him,  
they took him down from the cross  
and laid him in a tomb.

Acts 13:28-29

*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 5*

I take, O cross, your shadow

for my abiding place;

I ask no other sunshine

than the sunshine of His face;

content to let the world go by,

to know no gain nor loss,

my sinful self my only shame,

my glory all, the cross.

▲ **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 27-31**

Let us responsively read Psalm 22, verses 27-31

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD,  
**and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,**

<sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the LORD  
**and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
**those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

<sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
**future generations will be told about the Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
**He has done it!**

▼ **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 Matthew, Chapter 27, verses 57-66

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. “Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and

posting the guard.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

▼ **Testimony of the Stone Mason**

*"Bill Rice"*

*Silence is kept by all*

▼ **Song of the Stone Mason's Testimony**

*"Were You There?"*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

▲ **Prayers**

Let us pray.

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| Blood of Christ, only-begotten Son of the eternal Father . . .   | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God . . .                     | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, falling upon the earth in agony . . .           | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, shed profusely in the Scourging . . .           | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, flowing forth in the Crowning with Thorns . . . | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, poured out on the Cross . . .                   | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, dripping from Nail driven wounds . . .          | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, stained on rock of the Tomb . . .               | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, price of our salvation . . .                    | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, without which there is no forgiveness . . .     | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, pledge of eternal life . . .                    | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Blood of Christ, most worthy of all glory and honor . . .        | <b>save us.</b>                  |
| Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world . . .          | <b>hear us, O Lord.</b>          |
| Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world . . .          | <b>spare us, O Lord.</b>         |
| Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world . . .          | <b>have mercy on us, O Lord.</b> |

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 stone keep sake token in your hand  
during a brief silence*

▲ **A Stone So Mighty**

**A stone so mighty  
was hewn to seal our Lord up in a tomb  
taken down off the cross and wrapped in linen  
his body lay in death 's womb.**

**A stone so mighty  
was placed and they made it secure in haste  
for the day was near over, the Sabbath begun  
of time there was little to waste.**

**A stone so mighty  
was made making certain his body stayed  
for before his life ended he told them he'd rise  
to walk back out of his grave.**

**A stone so mighty  
was cut and rolled to shut life out.**  
Then soldiers were summoned to guard the tomb  
his power they did not doubt.

**A stone so mighty  
was not able to do what they thought.**

It couldn't defeat the love of our Lord  
whom Death, in our place, for us fought.

**A stone so mighty  
was rolled a time in history so bold.**

They found the tomb empty, the stone rolled away  
the third day—so the story is told.

**A stone so mighty  
was found with an angel who wore a white gown**  
saying, "Women, fear not, for the Lord has been raised.  
Now go tell his brothers in town."

**A stone so mighty  
was given to display the power of heaven**  
that death has no sting, we will live again  
in our Lord Jesus Christ's resurrection.

**For if we have been united with him in a death like his,  
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

*(Romans 6:5)*

▲ ***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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