

**WELCOME TO BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!** We extend a most joyous welcome to all who are worshipping today. We are confident the Lord will reveal Himself to you through this Divine Service so that you may know the joy of His presence in your life. To our guests: If you have any questions about the Christian faith or about Lutheran worship and practice, please ask the Pastor, one of our Elders, or any of our members. God bless you in Christ Jesus!

**2018 LENTEN THEME – “WHO WANTS CHRIST TO DIE?”** - This year we will focus on characters in the Passion narrative of Christ, who by word and deed indicated their desire to have Jesus put to death.

Midweek #3 (2/28): **Barabbas Wants Christ to Die**, St. Mark 15:6-15

Midweek #4 (3/7): **The High Priest Wants Christ to Die**, St. John 18:12-14

Midweek #5 (3/14): **Pilate Wants Christ to Die**, St. John 19:10-16

Midweek #6 (3/21): **Judas Wants Christ to Die**, St. John 12:4-6

**Plan to worship each Wednesday as we journey toward Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter!**

**OUR LENTEN SERVICES** are preceded by a fellowship meal. Your assistance in helping to provide food for next week’s meal is appreciated! A sign up page for Lenten meals is on the narthex bulletin board.

**OUR THANKS** to everyone who provided food for tonight’s supper.

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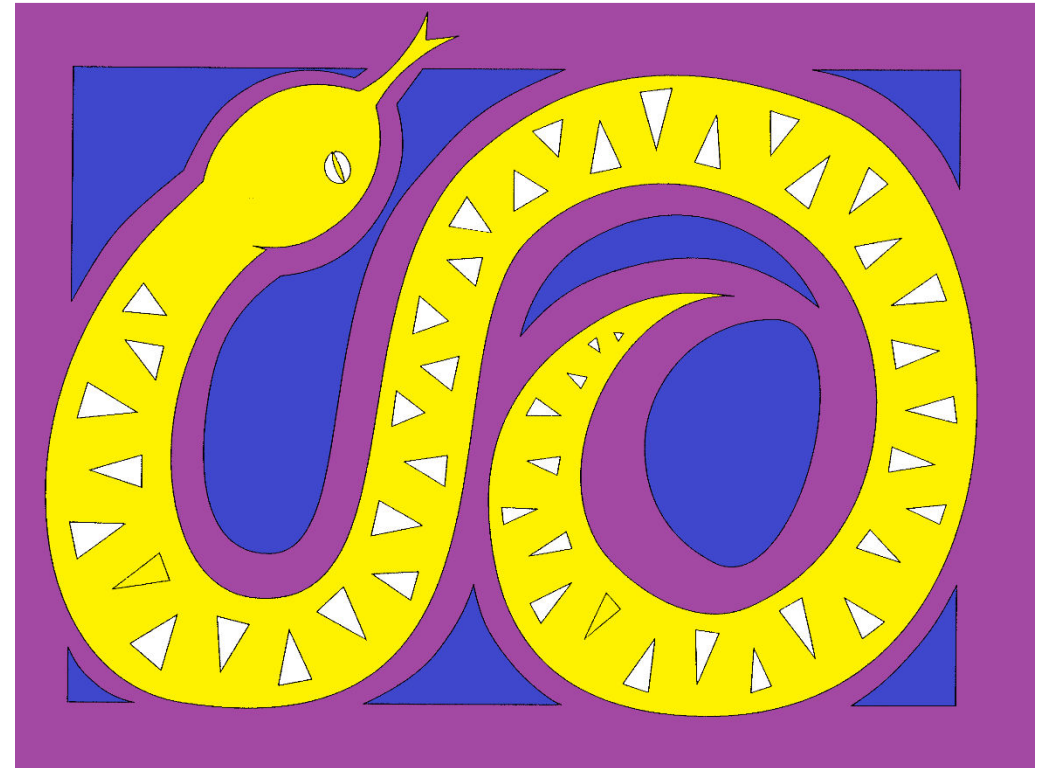
**Duty Elder:** Devin Jackson  
**Altar Guild:** Lana Bowden & Kelly Lawson

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *Steadfast in the Word, Bethlehem Lutheran Church shares Christ and serves people with friendship in His love in all of God’s world.*

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MIDWEEK LENT II ..... FEBRUARY 21, 2018

## 2018 LENTEN SERIES – WHO WANTS CHRIST TO DIE?



### PART 2 – “SATAN WANTS CHRIST TO DIE”

## BETHLEHEM EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES.....10:15 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASSES.....9:00 A.M.

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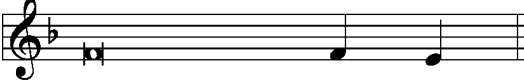
**“TO GIVE LIGHT TO THOSE WHO SIT IN DARKNESS”**

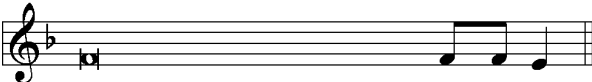
✠ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

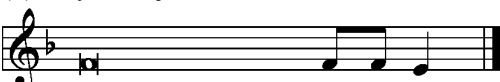
Greeting

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

Versicles (for Lent)

**P** (♪) Now is the time of God’s favor;  
  
**C** now is the day of sal-va - tion.

**P** (♪) Turn us again, O God of our salvation,  
  
**C** that the light of Your face may shine on us.

**P** (♪) May Your justice shine like the sun;  
  
**C** and may the poor be lift - ed up.

Phos Hilaron ~ Hymn of Light.....Page 244

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✠ PSALMODY ✠

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Psalm of the Day.....Psalm 36

**P** Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart;  
**C** there is no fear of God before his eyes.  
**P** For he flatters himself in his own eyes  
**C** that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.  
**P** The words of his mouth are trouble and deceit;  
**C** he has ceased to act wisely and do good.  
**P** He plots trouble while on his bed;  
**C** he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not reject evil.  
**P** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,  
**C** your faithfulness to the clouds.

**P** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
**C** your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.  
**P** How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
**C** The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
**P** They feast on the abundance of your house,  
**C** and you give them drink from the river of your delights.  
**P** For with you is the fountain of life;  
**C** in your light do we see light.  
**P** Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
**C** and your righteousness to the upright of heart!  
**P** Let not the foot of arrogance come upon me,  
**C** nor the hand of the wicked drive me away.  
**P** There the evildoers lie fallen;  
**C** they are thrust down, unable to rise.  
**All** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Office Hymn ..... “Jesus Refuge of the Weary” #423

✠ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ✠

Part 1 – The Lord’s Supper

*after the reading:*

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.  
**C** But now in these last days, he has spoken to us by His Son. (Hebrews 1:1-2a)

Hymn..... “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #449

Sermon..... “Satan Wants Christ to Die” St. Matthew 4:1-11

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Hymn of Departure..... “Abide, O Dearest Jesus” #919

Silent Prayer

Announcements and Sending:

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God!