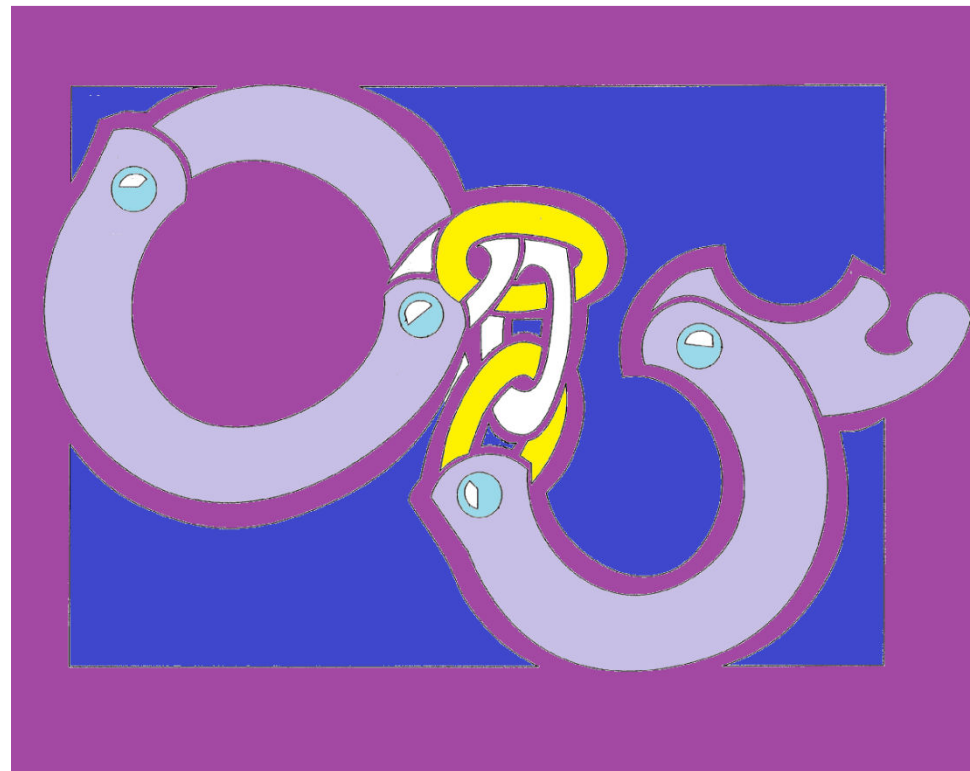


2018 LENTEN SERIES – WHO WANTS CHRIST TO DIE?



PART 3 – “BARABBAS 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”

**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!

**AS WE GATHER:** We gather at the cross to witness the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His passion-journey Christ encountered many people and situations, in order that He might eternally make known His love for us. As Christians we do not stand aloof, but rather in the very shadow of the cross, witnessing Christ’s pain and suffering, hearing His voice, and marveling at His sacrificial love.

**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 #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.

**Pianist:** Sylvia Frenzel

**Duty Elder:** Devin Jackson

**Acolyte:** Jessica Bowden

**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.*

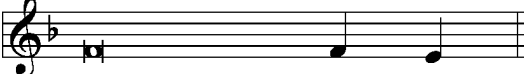
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✝ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT ✝

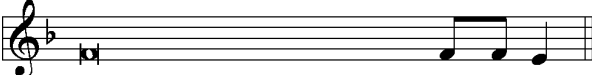
Greeting

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

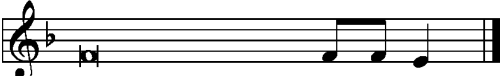
Versicles (for Lent)

**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.

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Psalm of the Day..... Psalm 1

**P** Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
**C** nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
**P** but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
**C** and on his law he meditates day and night.  
**P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
**C** And its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**P** The wicked are not so,  
**C** but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
**P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
**C** nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
**P** for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
**C** but the way of the wicked will perish.  
**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, I Will Ponder Now” #440

✝ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ✝

Part 2 – Gethsemane

*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..... “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus” #531

Sermon ..... “Barabbas Wants Christ to Die” St. Mark 15:6-15

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Silent Prayer

Announcements and Sending:

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