

***St. Luke Lutheran Church***  
***1400 Market Street***  
***Williamsport, PA 17701***

***Good Friday***  
***March 29, 2024***  
***7:00 pm***

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*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*  
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**GATHERING**

*Stand*

P Let us pray

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**READING: Hebrew 10:16-25** (*Sandy Strother*)

*In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is worked and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather together for worship and when we love others we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death.*

<sup>16</sup>"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup>he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,

<sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),

<sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

**ANTHEM** *Ave Verum*, W. A. Mozart

**THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN:**

John 18:1-11(Wilma Reeder)

**Hymn green LBW 123** *Ah, Holy Jesus (stanza 1)*

John 18:12-27 (Sue Duchman)

**Hymn green LBW 123** *Ah, Holy Jesus (stanzas 2-5)*

John 18:28-40 (Dave Byerly)

**Hymn green LBW 97** *Christ, the Life of All the Living (stanzas 1,2)*

John 19:1-11(Mary Lou Byerly)

**Hymn green LBW 103** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

John 19:12-27(Brad Nason)

**Hymn green LBW 117** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (stanzas 1,2)*

John 19:28-37(Melanie Taormina)

**Hymn green LBW 117** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (stanza 3)

John 19:38-42 (Sue Beidler)

**Hymn blue WOV 668** *There in God's Garden*

*(Silence is kept by all)*

## **THE BIDDING PRAYERS**

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God.....

*After each portion of the prayers:*

P ...We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

*The prayers conclude:*

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

*stand*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

## **HYMN LBW 92** *Where You There* (stanzas 1-3)

*(The congregation departs in silence.)*

## **SERVING TONIGHT**

Lector - Sandy Strother

Assisting - Minister Deb Smith

Readers - Wilma Reeder, Sue Duchman, Dave Byerly, Mary Lou Byerly,  
Brad Nason, Melanie Taormina, Sue Beidler

## **NEXT SUNDAY: March 31<sup>st</sup>, The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter**

8:00AM In-person Service

9:15AM Easter Breakfast in Bell Hall

No Adult & Children's Sunday School

10:30AM In-person Service & Livestream



*The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, for all staff. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care during this time, please call Pastor LeCrone at 570-220-3631.*

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Spectrum deadline – **15<sup>th</sup> of each month**

Council Pack 9:00AM due – Friday 9:00AM before Mtg.

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