



SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AT LOST ISLAND and BETHANY IS:

Maundy Thursday Services— 7:00 pm at Lost Island with Communion.

Come and experience the Hand Washing and the Stripping of the Altar in preparation for Good Friday.

Community Good Friday Service 12 noon at the Trinity Episcopal Church .

Area pastors participating are: Peter Morlock, Father Currans, Roberta Biddle, Judy DePue, Melanie Flynn, Tom Summerfield, Kris Hackbart, Hojn Shin, Vicar Sarah Schilcher

Good Friday Services—7:00 pm at Bethany

Holy Saturday Vigil—5—7 pm @ Lost Island, Potluck

Easter Services—Sunrise Service (6:30 am) Bethany—Breakfast to follow

- 8:45 am Lost Island Worship w/Communion
- 10:15 am Sunday School at Lost Island
- 9:30 am **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL—BETHANY**
- 10:30 am Bethany Worship w/Communion

The Youth at Bethany will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday following the Sunrise Service. Scrambled Eggs, muffins and rolls will be served. A free will offering will be taken to go to the Youth fund for Recharges and other youth activities.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary for food or monetary donations. We have always appreciated everything this Congregation does for our Youth!!

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

Rev. F Peter Morlock and Vicar Sarah Schilcher
We welcome you to worship today
March 25 2018

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM

The first and second readings and psalm are the same this Sunday every year: Christ emptying himself of divine power and protection, willingly becoming vulnerable to those who struck him and put him to death. With Christ we lament his suffering and all human suffering, but expect God's final vindication. Mark's passion story begins with an unnamed woman anointing his head, perhaps to proclaim him Messiah, and Jesus saying she has anointed him beforehand for burial. Mark's Easter story will begin with women going to anoint Jesus for burial, only to find that he has been raised, God's living Anointed One.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 56 (green hymnal)

*Please stand if you are able

Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

BETHANY

Organist Janis Campbell
Altar Guild for April Pam & Mike Hermansen

TODAY, March 25

Lector: Sarah Schilcher

Greeters: Angie Hetrick, Frank & Marit Veltri

*Dan & Michelle Theesfeld & family

Ushers: Phil Andreasen, *Chuck Duhn
Heidi & Matt Malm

Communion Asst: Pat Vician 6:30 am Mark & Darca Saxton, Dianne Hough
Kim Campbell, Kristin Rienhardt 10:30 am John & Stephanie Larson, Joe Neary

Acolytes: Isaac Janssen 6:30 am Carsen Fjetland, Conner Fjetland
Emma Foxhoven 10:30 am Miriam Hackbart-Morlock, Kelsey Petersen

TODAY, March 25

Organist

Altar Guild for April

Reader: Kyle Norris

Communion Asst: Alaire Nielsen

Acolytes: Olivia Sorenson

LOST ISLAND

Tim Nielsen

Karen Thu, Kari Sorenson, Karyn Leininger

Tom Mason

Karyn Leininger

Kate Sorenson

NEXT SUNDAY, April 1 - EASTER

Volunteer 6:30 am

Volunteer 10:30 am

Volunteers

**Volunteers*

Michael Jacobson, Steve Finer

OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, March 26

9 am Quilting

Tuesday, March 27

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, March 28

10 am Assemble Newsletter

12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch

3:30-5:00 Bible Game Day for 2nd-8th grade

5:30 PM Adult Bible Study

7:00 Praise band practice (All are welcome to join)

8:00 mime practice for LIFE/Mission Trip Youth

Thursday, March 29

7 pm Maundy Thursday Service at Lost Island

Fri., March 30

12 noon Community Good Friday service at Trinity Episcopal

7 pm Good Friday service at Bethany

Saturday, March 31

9 am Youth crack eggs & set-up for Easter breakfast

5-7 pm "**Holy Saturday**" @ Lost Island w/Potluck

Sunday, April 1

6:30 am Sunrise Service at Bethany followed by

breakfast served by the youth, free will offering to go to youth fund

8:45 am Lost Island Worship

10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School

No Bethany Sunday School



IN OUR PRAYERS: We remember those in special need of God's love and care including: Linda Umbrell, Fiona Millican, Janis Campbell, Marilyn Eglund, Deb Zanfes, Curt Ackerman, Kort Freeman, Jim & Bonnie Anderson, Fern Schmidt, Heide Rienhardt, Bill Ortman, Margaret Sloan, Garwin

Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Rod Snavelly, Nancy Zeigler, Bob & Janet Mortenson, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, Lost Island's companion and the Evangelical Lutheran Church Laz-Paz Parish in Chile, Bethany's companion.

Wed, April 11th and 18th at 7 PM The Youth of Bethany will present "**RESTORED**" - a MIME Drama portraying the restoration found through Christ and his life. They will have a free will offering for their Mission Trip to St. Louis, MO in June, 2018.

Today we will be sharing First Communion with the following students:

Tate Carter, son of Joe and Lisa Carter
Hannah Sanders, daughter of Jason & Nichole Sanders
Nick Saxton, son of Mark & Darca Saxton
Bryleigh Youngstrom, daughter of Bryan & Kandice



These students prepared the bread that you will receive today as part of their instruction class.

We ask that the First Communicants and their families come forward first to receive the bread and wine.

The Altar Guild would appreciate any Easter lilies you might want to share to enhance our celebration of Easter. Please put your name on your lily if you want to take it home. If you would like recognition in the bulletin of loved ones, please let the office know.



Processional Gospel: Mark 11:1-11 (cont'd.)

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

***GATHERING HYMN:** LBW #108 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*
(procession of palms)

***GREETING AND KYRIE:** Pg. 57

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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray together.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors but trusts in God's steadfast love.

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

PSALM 31:9-16 Please read responsively

Into your hands, O LORD, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

¹¹I am the scorn of my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

PSALM 31:9-16 (Cont'd.)

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

¹⁵My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Christ did not act to attain status and glory but was obedient to God even to the point of death. Following Christ's example, we do not seek personal status or glory but care for others as God cared for us in Christ's death.

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

HERE ENDS THE READING-You may remain seated for the Lenten response and reading of the gospel

LENTEN RESPONSE: LBW Pg. 63 **Return to the Lord, your God...**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCED: Pg. 63 **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

GOSPEL: MARK 14:1-15:47 (see booklet or screen)

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

HERE ENDS THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE/SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS ARE SINGING (BETHANY)
RECOGNITION OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS**

HYMN OF THE DAY: LBW #117 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

***THE PRAYERS**-respond with "Hear Our Prayer"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW Pg. 66 **Let the vineyards be fruitful...**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 67

Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Pg. 68

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** Pg. 69

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Pg. 71

HOLY COMMUNION: Pg. 72 "**Lamb Of God...**"

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: LBW (green) #235, 107, 95

***BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen**

***POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 73 **Lord, now you let your servant...**

***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:** Pg. 74

***SENDING HYMN:** LBW #109, *Go To Dark Gethsemane*

***DISMISSAL:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please return the Passion reading booklet today to the ushers as you leave



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. Grape juice is present in the center of the tray. Gluten free wafers are also available.