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February 9, & 12, 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Special music "With a Heart of Praise" by the Choir (Sunday)

Being Bethany in a Jerusalem World

Facts About Bethany

- Some scholars suggest that Mary and Martha were the two most prominent women in Jesus' life after His mother.
- The Bethany family (Lazarus, Mary, Martha, and Simon) appears to have been well-off financially. The following features indicate their financial status: the size of Martha's house (the house seated Jesus, twelve disciples, and others); the type of tomb that was used for Lazarus (similar to the one that belonged to Joseph of Arimathea); the fact that Lazarus was wrapped in linen (the finest textile then used for shrouds); and the ultra-costly perfume that Mary poured upon Jesus' head and feet. While the family was well-to-do, they didn't appear to be rich. Martha cooked and served, and there is no mention of household servants.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.
Amen.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!**
**Forgive us and turn us again to you.
Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
Amen.

Hymn ELW # 582 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THE KYRIE SUNG ELW # 147 (Sunday)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**C: Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,**

**only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special music "Sing a New Song" by the Choir (Sunday)

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

16 Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
20 The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 21 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm: Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

C: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

L: The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**C: Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

L: Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**C: Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

[Paul writes:] 4b If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The holy gospel according to John the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 12:1-11

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

1Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5“Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?” 6(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.” 9When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, 11since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn ELW # 726 “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition is concluded with the words, God of grace:

The congregation responds: **hear our prayer.**

Offering Prayer

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Emmanuel is grateful for ALL of your gifts of tithes and offerings. If you are new to Emmanuel and would like to offer a financial gift, these can be placed in the brown box located on the table next to Door A. Thank you for sharing your gifts.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

HYMN ELW # 818 “O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

Blessing

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel! If this is your first time at Worship with us, We are grateful for you and hope you will Worship with us again. Emmanuel has a *Family Room* sitting area located just off the sanctuary with couch seating and a television that shows a livestream of today's Worship. This area is for those who might want to calm down, get the wiggles out, or regain a sense of security before rejoining the group. Please feel welcomed and invited to enjoy this area. The *Family Room* can be reached by going through the doorway with the letter "B" above it.

Christ in Our Home devotionals and Parish Visitors are available at the church just outside the glass front door. If you need it mailed to you, please call the church office.

BINGO for Emmanuel's Community Inclusive Park February 19-2:00-6:00pm. Come and have a fun night out playing bingo, play anytime, 50/50 drawings. Kelsey's Country Kitchen will be serving from 2-6pm. Bingo cards are 50 cents each per game. Youth are welcome with parents.

Hope for the Homeless Hygiene Drive is Feb.12-March 5. Donate hygiene supplies to local Seymour area programs, Community 2000, St. Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army Outagamie County Service Extension Unit. If you would like to donate item's there is a box in the narthex. The item's most needed are cleaning supplies, Feminine needs, bathroom tissue, diapers/baby care, hair care, deodorant, dental care, body lotion, laundry soap, kitchen trash bags, paper towels, face/bath soap. Donations remain in the communities where they are collected.

Bethel Lutheran Church 1350 Bond Street, Green Bay will be hosting **Aebleskiver Fest on Saturday, February 25 from 9-2:00pm.** The menu will consist of aebleskiver (Danish pancake), sausage, cheese, applesauce, dessert & beverage. The cost is \$10.00 for 12 yrs. thru adult, \$5.00 kids 4-11, and under 4 will be free. Proceeds will go to Crossways Camping Ministries, Ecumenical

Partnership for Housing, Feed My Starving Children, and Lutheran Social Services. There will also be a basket raffle/bake sale & craft booth.

Used Tennis Shoe Drive- The park team is collecting tennis shoes, clean (no mud or manure please). Please tie the pair of shoes strings together or heavy rubber band them together. Please place in collection box in lobby. Thank you to Deb Maas for coordinating this fundraiser.

The Altar Circle Ministry Team is encouraging contributions toward the Beautification Fund to provide enhancements to our church and monies toward new paraments and banners.

Have you noticed Emmanuel's **Wall of Teams (Together Everyone Achieves More)**? Want to learn more about the teams--please take a Ministry Booklet. Would you like to join a team--please contact the church office. Are you already serving on a team--please let Sandy in the church office know. How would you like to share your talents? What area of serving would bring you joy? Thank you for participating. Thank you for considering. Thank you for sharing.

Next Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Faith Connections
10:30 AM Worship
2-6:00PM Bingo
2-6:00PM Kelsey's Country Kitchen

Monday, Feb. 20, 2023

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023

1:30 PM Circle Bible Studies
6:00 PM Choir
6:00 PM Council

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023

1:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship
7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023

4:30 PM Bells
7:30 PM Book Study

Friday, Feb. 24, 2023

Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

8:00 AM Worship
9:15 AM Faith Connections
10:30 AM Worship

Worship Schedule
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, Feb. 12— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am

Thursday, Feb.16—6:30pm Worship

Sunday, Feb. 19— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am Worship, Bingo 2-6pm

Ash Wednesday, Feb.22—1:30pm & 7:00pm Worship

Sunday, Feb. 26— 8:00am Worship and 10:30am Worship