



OUR SAVIOUR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship, and service to others.

Come share the joy!

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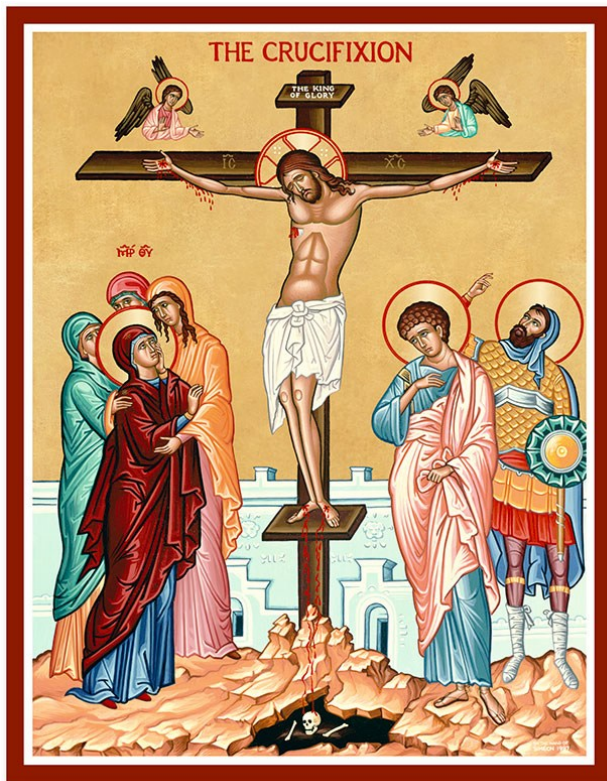
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GOOD FRIDAY

(YEAR A)

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Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith;

God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Our Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

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Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Daniel Lee

You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship

Welcome to Our Saviour's

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Please sign the attendance roster.
- If you have any prayer requests, needs, or concerns, please complete the blue card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate.

GATHERING PRAYER

A: You are invited to pray this individually and softly...

Gracious heavenly Father, the people of Your Church gather tonight in homes across the earth to remember the suffering and death of Jesus. While Your Church family is vast, relationship with Your Church is also personal. Lord, I ask that You let me feel overwhelmed tonight by the depth of Jesus' love. Let Your Holy Spirit make me sensitive to Your goodness and love. Make me grateful for His commitment to defeat evil. Give me gratitude and humility in accepting Jesus' own suffering and death on the cross on my behalf.

Jesus was despised, rejected, oppressed, and afflicted. Yet He was prepared to be wounded for my transgressions. Help me to see and understand the meaning in the terrible events of Good Friday. Keep the fire of hope alive in my heart. In response to such love and sacrifice, help me surrender to You. Help me commit myself to follow Him as His disciple. Please Lord, help me to overcome evil with good, suffering with wholeness, and oppression with justice.

I pray this in the name of Your Son Jesus, the One who lived with a great Passion for Your Way, the Lamb of God who takes away my sin who gifts me true life now and life with You for all eternity. Amen.

INVOCATION

P: We remember, we give thanks, and we worship this night in the name of the
✠ Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING MESSAGE

P: Tonight we will contemplate our Lord's Passion unfolding and ending as He submits Himself to the frailty of human flesh – even to the point of death on a Roman cross. Tonight, we hear and meditate on the words of Christ spoke from the cross. At His final moment, He speaks the words **"It is finished!"** – simple words yet words that give us unending hope. Praise be God, who loved the whole world that He gave His Son, who humbled Himself and became one of us, who lived to show the world the love of God and the Way of heaven, who healed, who set free, who rescued, who adopted, who loved, who was abandoned, was abused, was tortured, who endured hours upon the cross... for me, for you, all of creation... to come home.

OPENING HYMN

"O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED" GREEN HYMNAL #117 VERSES 1, 3, & 4

O sacred head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, thine only crown.

O sacred head, what glory,
What bliss till now was thine
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow
To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this, thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?

Oh make me thine forever,
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to thee.

Lord, be my consolation;
Shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy Passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for one who dies believing
dies safely, through thy love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Throughout these days of Lent, we have solemnly pondered Jesus example of life. We have prayerfully considered His invitation to present the Good News of His love to the world. Tonight, as we confront the culmination of Jesus' Passion, we are compelled to face the harsh reality of our sin and the brokenness that it brings.

C: Lord God, we need Your grace. We need Your holiness and presence in our lives. And Lord, we need Your forgiveness. We have failed to follow Your will. In fact, for the rest of our lives we will continue to fail to follow Your will. We have refused to obey Your law. We are unable to fulfill Your plan. We are crushed under the weight of our sin, and tonight the harsh reality of sin's horror hangs heavy around us. It is sin that made Jesus' death on the cross necessary. It is our sin that required Your beloved Son's death. Lord, in Your mercy, grant us Your grace and Your forgiveness. Heal us from the scars of sin and the shame that accompanies it. Heal us so that we can forgive others and help them know of Your love. Grant us courage and strength to victoriously reject the temptations of the world. We boldly approach You and ask these things in the name of Jesus. Amen

WORDS OF HOPE

P: We need a Savior. It was our sin that made the cross necessary, but it was love that drove Jesus to the cross and held Him there. It was love for us. Because of His love and His perfect sacrifice, our sins have been washed. The debt for our failure has been paid. The burden has been removed.

The New Covenant of His blood for us and our salvation was established on that Good Friday. We hear and experience that reality tonight. We know that we have are loved and that we have God's forgiveness. We are baptized and sealed with the sign of the Cross ✠ Father - Son - Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN. Thank You Jesus.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS

We will read the 7-last words of Jesus. After each Bible verse is read, we will sing an accompanying set of verses from the Song "Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes", offer a prayer, and witness a candle being extinguished. The light of His mortal body faded with each passing hour He hung from the cross.

THE FIRST WORD: LUKE 23:32-34A

P: The First Word is from St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "*Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.*"

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 1 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" GREEN HYMNAL #112

Verse 1 (All)

Jesus, in Thy dying woes, Even while Thy lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Thy foes; Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 2 (Women)

Savior, for our pardon sue when our sins Thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 3 (Men)

Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like Thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The first candle is extinguished)

THE SECOND PRAYER

A: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for the forgiveness of those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in Your peace.

C: Amen.

THE SECOND WORD: LUKE 23:35-43

A: The Second Word is from St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³ And he said to him *"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."*

A: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 2 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" GREEN HYMNAL #112

Verse 4 (All)

Jesus, pitying the sighs of the thief, who near Thee dies,
Promising him paradise; Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 5 (Women)

May we in our guilt and shame still Thy love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Thy name: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 6 (Men)

May our hearts to Thee incline, looking from our cross to Thine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The second candle is extinguished)

THE THIRD PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy, You heard the plea of the dying thief on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in paradise.

C: Amen.

THE THIRD WORD: JOHN 19:25-27

P: The Third Word is from John, the 19th chapter.

²⁵Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "*Woman, behold, your son!*" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "*Behold, your mother!*" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 3 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" GREEN HYMNAL #112

Verse 7 (All)

Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Thy sorrows rend,
And Thy dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 8 (Women)

May we in Thy sorrows share, for Thy sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Thy tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 9 (Men)

May we all Thy loved ones be, All one holy family,
Loving for the Love of Thee: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The third candle is extinguished)

THE FOURTH PRAYER

A: Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have gotten into trouble, or have forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children know peace and that relationships be restored.

C: Amen.

THE FOURTH WORD: MATTHEW 27:45-47

A: The Fourth Word is from St. Matthew, the 27th chapter.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" that is, "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah."

A: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 4 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" *GREEN HYMNAL #112*

Verse 10 (All)

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown, with our evil left alone.
While no light from heaven is shown: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 11 (Women)

When we seem in vain to pray and our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 12 (Men)

Though no Father seem to hear, Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The fourth candle is extinguished)

THE FIFTH PRAYER

P: Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world that Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to others. **C: Amen.**

THE FIFTH WORD: JOHN 19:28-29

P: The Fifth Word is from John, the 19th chapter.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "*I thirst.*" ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 5 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" GREEN HYMNAL #112

Verse 13 (All)

Jesus, in Thy thirst and pain,
while Thy wounds Thy lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 14 (Women)

Thirst for us in mercy still; all Thy holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Thy loving will: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 15 (Men)

May we thirst Thy love to know; Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The fifth candle is extinguished)

THE SIXTH PRAYER

A: Lord Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Bring to our minds all that You endured for us, and give us the strength to bear our burdens by the grace of Your holy example.

C: Amen.

THE SIXTH WORD: JOHN 19:29-30

A: The Sixth Word is from John, the 19th chapter.

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "*It is finished,*" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

A: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 6 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" GREEN HYMNAL #112

Verse 16 (All)

Jesus, all our ransom paid, all Thy Father's will obeyed;
By Thy sufferings perfect made: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 17 (Women)

Save us in our soul's distress; Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 18 (Men)

Brighten all our heav'nward way with an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The sixth candle is extinguished)

THE SEVENTH PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father for the sake of us and the world. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

C: Amen.

THE SEVENTH WORD: LUKE 23:44-46; MATTHEW 27:51

P: The seventh word is from St. Luke, the 23rd chapter and St. Matthew the 27th chapter.

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!*" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN PART 7 "JESUS, IN THY DYING WOES" GREEN HYMNAL #112

Verse 19 (All)

Jesus, all Thy labor vast, all Thy woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Thy soul at last: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 20 (Women)

When the death shades round us lower,
guard us from the tempter's power, keep us in that trial hour: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Verse 21 (Men)

May Thy life and death supply grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high: Hear us, holy Jesus.

(The seventh candle is extinguished)

THE CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace, that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "LAMB OF GOD"

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh wash me in His precious blood;
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,

They laughed and scorned Him as He
died;

The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

I was so lost I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

SEALING OF THE TOMB

P: Matthew 27:59- 60

⁵⁹ And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰ and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

P: The tomb was sealed.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Jesus, we wait here by Your tomb carrying our grief;
the grief of the betrayer,
the grief of the denier,
the grief of the crucifiers.
We carry the grief of the lost, and the heartbroken.

Upon You was laid the grief of us all.

It is finished!

God who entered the tomb, be with us now as we wait for the joyous
Easter morning.

C: Amen.

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

A: This evening, worshippers are invited to remain in a quiet place for a time of self-examination, reflection, and prayer.

When your time of prayer is complete, and before you depart, you are invited to come forward and put your hand on the Cross.

The offering plate is near the Cross. Your Support of the Mission and Ministry of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church is a blessing to many. The Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed. The Sacraments are administered. People are growing in faith. Those in need are cared for. Your continued participation and support is appreciated.

Rest in the Lord.

We'll See you on Sunday Morning.

8:30am Word & Prayer

9:00am Breakfast

10:00am Worship

Our Worship Servants This Morning

Greeter: Ken Pontious
Usher: Alan Cumming
Assistant & Cantor: Blaine Davis
AV Booth: Charlie Cumming and Jason Bothner

PRAYER LIST

Our Members:

Penny Eastman, Joe Coke, Vivian Altabrandt, Stephen Gibbs, Susan Walker, Ed Lucas, Earl Wruck, Limuel Norris, Glory Gopinath, Tom Criswell, Jim & Janet Anthony, Bill Thomas, John and Mary Ferguson, Sam Hough, Amber Tizcareno, Jeanine Franklin, Carol Barner, Gloria Guilfoyle, Kathleen Grant, Phyllis Guysinger, Margo Williams, Joanne Hill, Sarah Lyles, Diane Polley, Curt & Joyce Peterson

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