

Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH @ 7PM



ST. JOHN'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

This evening's hymns appear in order of singing beginning on page 7.

April 18, 2025

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Calkins/Wilson

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

*Once the Announcements have concluded, please pause for a moment of silence.
The assembly stands when the ministers stand.*

GATHERING

We gather in the name of the Father **✝** and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

“A Green Hill Far Away”

Chancel Choir

THE WORD

(Please note that all of this evening’s hymns are included on the last 4 pages of this bulletin.)

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

PART ONE: John 18:1–11 *(Jesus is Arrested)*

HYMN

*“Ah, Holy Jesus”
(verses 1 & 2)*

ELW 349

The first candle is extinguished

PART TWO: John 18:12–27 *(Jesus Before the High Priest/Peter’s Denial)*

HYMN

*“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
(verses 1 & 2)*

ELW 347

The second candle is extinguished.

PART THREE: John 18:28–40 *(Jesus Before Pilate and the Crowd)*

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

Men's Choir

The third candle is extinguished

PART FOUR: John 19:1–7 *(The Soldiers Mock Jesus)*

HYMN

“Lamb of God”

ELW 336

(verses 1 & 2)

The fourth candle is extinguished

PART FIVE: John 19:8–16a *(They Hand Him Over to be Crucified)*

HYMN

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

ELW 337

(verses 1 & 2)

The fifth candle is extinguished.

PART SIX: John 19:16b-22 *(Golgotha)*

HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW 338

(verses 1 & 2)

The sixth candle is extinguished.

PART SEVEN: John 19:23-30 *(It is Finished)*

During this reading, please prepare yourself for a loud sound symbolizing the death of Christ.

“And No Bird Sang”

Chancel Choir

The seventh candle is extinguished.

PART EIGHT: John 19:31-42 *(Blood and Water/The Burial)*

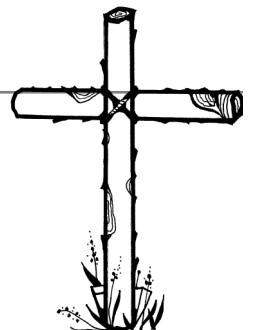
HYMN

“Were You There”

ELW 353

(verses 1, 2, 3, & 5)

The eighth candle is extinguished



***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

***THE 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.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

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Oh, come, let us worship him.

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, delivered and saved humankind: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

SENDING HYMN

ELW 335

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" vs. 1 & 4

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



PSALM 22 & REVERENCING THE CROSS

As the organist plays and a Lector reads the solemn prayer, all are welcome to come forward, light a candle, pray, give thanks for the gift of Christ's sacrifice, and otherwise adore the one whose life was given for us.

Worshippers may remain in the sanctuary as long as they wish for silent reflection and meditation. As you leave, please depart in peace and quietness.

PSALM 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? ²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest. ³Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame. ⁶But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

⁸"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him." ⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,

and kept me safe on my mother's breast. ¹⁰I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

¹²Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

¹³They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. ¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death. ¹⁶Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. ²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel. ²⁴For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them. ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God. ²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.

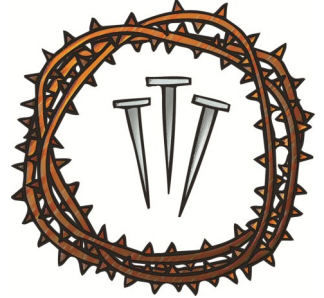
²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD. ³⁰Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Serving St. John's - March 29

Head Usher..... Barb Colandreo

Greeters..... Shively Family

We would like to thank the members of our confirmation class for reading the passion narrative this evening.



Please note:

- *the Chancel Choir* will rehearse at 7:40 and 9:50am on Easter Sunday.
- *the Junior Choir* will rehearse at 9:40am on Easter Sunday.

EASTER SUNDAY



SUNDAY, APRIL 20



8am - Worship

9am - Breakfast (benefiting our diaper ministry)

9:30am - Egg Hunt

10:15am - Worship

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Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Go to Dark Gethsemane



1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - raigned;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Lamb of God (Your Only Son)



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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YOUR ONLY SON

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

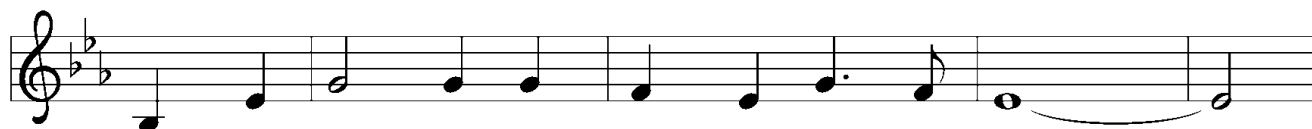


from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Were You There



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

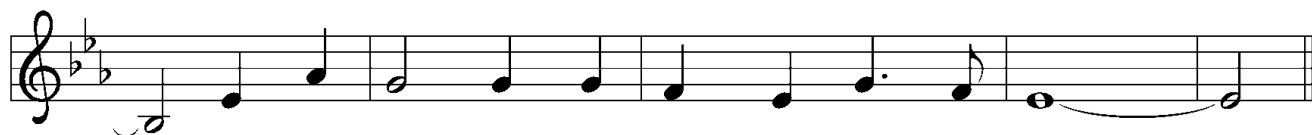


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Refrain



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

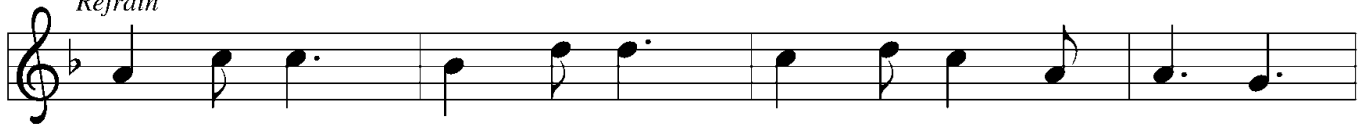


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915