



OUR SAVIOR'S
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Good Friday

Welcome to Our Good Friday Service

We welcome you to the house of our true and living God for worship on this Good Friday of Holy Week. Today's hymns, readings and prayers emphasize both God's justice and his grace: at the same time God punishes sin and yet forgives the sinner by the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting today, we extend a special word of welcome. We ask both members and visitors to please sign the Friendship Register.

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, today we are reminded not only of your justice, but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son by gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love today and give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings. When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross where it was washed away in Jesus' blood. Amen.

Silent Dismissal

After the service is over, the worship assembly will exit the sanctuary in silence. You may remain for a few moments for prayer and meditation. Leave on your own without the assistance of an usher. Depart in peace while reflecting on the sacrifice Jesus made to make this Friday "good".

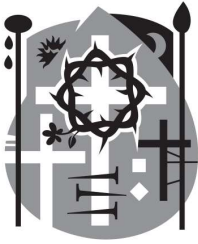
Easter Worship & Fellowship

All are invited to join us this Sunday at 9:00 am as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead as the assurance of forgiveness for our sins and the victory over death and hell.

All are welcome to join us following our worship service for a continental breakfast and fellowship as well.

Serving In Worship

- Minister ~ Pastor Jeffrey Mahnke
- Organist ~ Marie Kurth
- Ushers ~ Dan & Carrie Stelzer



Good Friday

March 29, 2024 | 1:00 pm

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.
Oh, come let us worship him.

Opening Hymn

CW 427, sts. 1-4



1 O dark - est woe! O tears, forth flow! Has
2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, up -
3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow that
4 All stained with blood the Lamb of God, the



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There his love en -
killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," your
Bride - groom, lies be - fore you, pour - ing out his



on - ly Son now is bur - ied yon - der.
liv - ened us as his life was end - ed.
con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"
life that he may to life re - store you.

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Confession of Sins and Absolution

Most holy and merciful Father,

We confess to you that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We deserve your wrath and punishment, both now and forever. Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, and for the sake of Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

On this Good Friday, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit.

May we continue to abide in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ, God's Lamb, who has taken our sins away.

Hymn Response

CW 811 st. 1

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; take all my
guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine!

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Prayer of the Day

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

The suffering and glory of the servant

¹³See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

¹⁵so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

¹Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by mankind,

a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:26–28

Christ, our high priest, was sacrificed once and for all

²⁶Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

The Response *(spoken together)*

All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Stand

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 27:38–54

Christ was forsaken on the cross

³⁸Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴²“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵²and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

CW 550

Lamb of God

1 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)

Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

2 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)

3 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.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood,
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Sermon

Hebrews 8:12

¹²For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

Erasing Sin

1. We can't.
2. God did!

Hymn

CW 568 st. 1

1 His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.
In Christ I live, for in my place he died. (Refrain)

Ref I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone.

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Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, in humble awe, in reverent silence, and in solemn trembling, your people have gathered around your cross to remember your death.

O Christ, friend of sinners, have mercy on us; O Christ, Savior and Redeemer, have mercy on us; O Christ, only hope to the lost world, have mercy on us.

At your cross let us see all the ugliness, horror, and misery that sin, death, and Satan brought into the world and that you willingly took on yourself.

Open our eyes to see that we deserved the torments of hell that you suffered for us.

But open our eyes also to see that by your death you destroyed death, by your sacrifice you reconciled us with your Father, and by the blood you shed you purchased us to belong to you forever.

Help us believe that we are worth that much to you.

Fill us with joy and peace in believing that we are truly free from condemnation and forgiven by your Father.

Help us dedicate our lives in thankful love to you, who gave yourself for us.

Special prayers and intercession may follow.

Hear us, O Lamb of God, who bore all sin for us. Amen.

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

CW 437 sts. 1-3

Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we



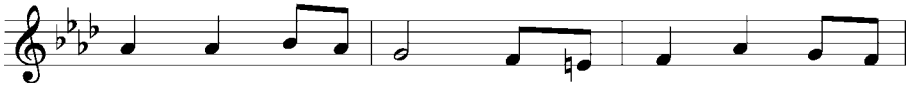
in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er
wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.
pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for
Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who
bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
guards you will not let your death be vain.
morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.

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