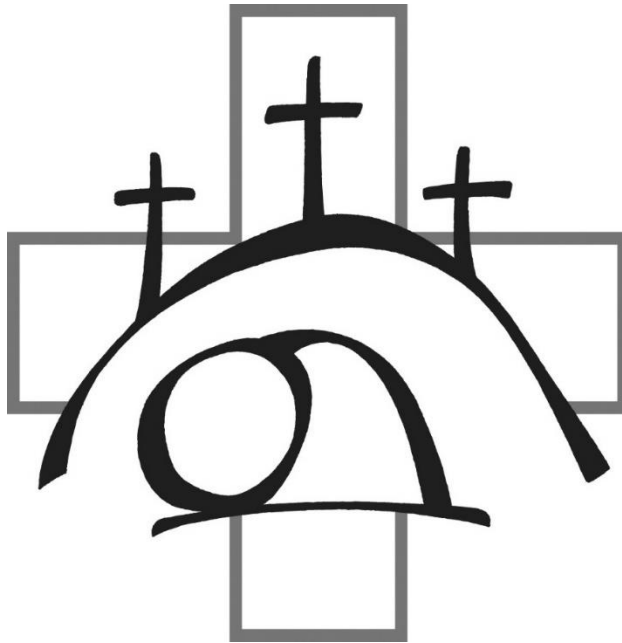


**IT IS FINISHED ...
FOR YOU
HE WALKED THE PATH TO CALVARY**

March 29, 2024 ... 1:00 PM



**GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

We are St. Mark's Church & School

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Good Friday --- Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven

March 29, 2024

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

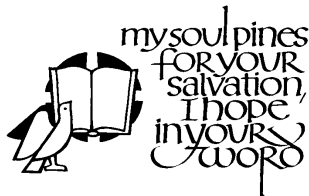
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /
'Christian Worship Supplement' (soft blue cover)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: For the past six weeks we have been talking about a love story, the greatest love story. It is the one God wrote and acted on. Today we see the high point of this love story ... which is more than just 'a story' as it deals with and impacts our life whether one believes it to be true or not. The church Season of Lent provides the perfect setting to see and hear God's love for *you*, even if we have heard it countless times. In response, the Holy Spirit prompts us and directs us on how to show our love for God. We can rightly say, then, that what is before us in no ordinary love story.

PRELUDE

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: LORD, your mercies

Congregation: are new every morning.

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

M: Who has known the mind of the Lord?

C: Or who has been His counselor?

M: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?

C: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

ALL: To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Musical Introduction

Upon the Cross Extended

Christian Worship Blue # 434

**Upon the cross extended, see, world, your Lord suspended;
your Savior yields his breath. The Prince of life from heaven
himself has freely given to shame and blows and bitter death.**

**Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so sore abused you
and caused you all your woe? We all must make confession
of sin and dire transgression, while you no ways of evil know.**

**I caused your grief and sighing by evils multiplying
as countless as the sands. I caused the woes unnumbered
with which your soul is cumbered, your sorrows raised by wicked hands.**

M: We confess our sins –

ALL: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

(sing, intro) ***Your soul in griefs unbounded, your head with thorns surrounded,
434 you died to ransom me. The cross for me enduring,
 the crown for me securing, you healed my wounds and set me free.***

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

(sing, intro) ***Your cross I place before me, its saving pow’r restore me,
434 sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,
 be guiding and attending my way to your eternal rest.***

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Read aloud when we come to the bold print

Prophecy fulfilled in the Christ who hung from the cross

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. ¹⁴ Just 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— ¹⁵ so 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. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² He 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. ³ He 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.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. ⁵ But 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. ⁶ We 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.

⁷ He 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. ⁸ By 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. ⁹ He 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. ¹⁰ Yet 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. ¹¹ After 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. ¹² Therefore 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: God have mercy on us.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

The Power of the Cross

Christian Worship Blue # 423



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the
 2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the
 3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.
 dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.

Refrain



1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be -



came sin for us. Took the blame,



bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

M: Why would God in heaven have a need to send His One and Only Son to earth to serve as our Substitute? We turn to Ephesians 2 for an answer.

Men: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

ALL: All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Women: But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.

(sing, intro # 423)

*Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through your selfless love!
This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 7:26-28

*Read aloud when we come to the **bold print***

Only one sacrifice would do, and only One could offer the needed all-atoning sacrifice.

Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike 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.** ²⁸ For 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.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy on us.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

The Seven Words

Christian Worship Blue # 436

**Their nails were freshly driven, their hatred clearly shown,
when, “Let them be forgiven,” was heard at heaven’s throne.
Your enemies, O Jesus, you loved beyond degree,
a love so pure and precious it even pardoned me.**

**On you, my King, depending, I'm rid of all my sins!
My final day here ending, my first in heav'n begins.
As you have truly spoken, in paradise I'll be,
with you in bliss unbroken—you will remember me.**

**A Savior like no other, all self-concern denied,
you served your grieving mother while you were crucified.
My sin had made me filthy, but you, the perfect child,
were designated guilty, and I am reconciled.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 19:17-30

*Read aloud when we come to the **bold print***

The crucifixion of our Lord.

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” So this is what the soldiers did. ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷ and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips. ³⁰ **When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.**

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: God have mercy on us.

(sing intro)
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**Condemned, cut off, forsaken, outside the Father’s care,
by terror overtaken, no ear would hear your prayer.
On you God’s wrath was vented, on you his fury fell,
when, on the cross tormented, you took my place in hell.**

**My Lord, in death's dark valley, both soul and body drained,
one drink would help you rally what little strength remained
to raise your voice in vict'ry, to sound your foe's defeat—
the highest point in hist'ry—my rescue was complete.**

**Though sin's most lethal wages to me, O Christ, were due,
the guilt of all the ages came crashing down on you.
Most surely, "It is finished"— my debt is fully paid;
my joy is undiminished; my heart is unafraid.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on 1 John 2:1-2

"The Greatest Love Story --- The Atoning Sacrifice"

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

(sing, intro)
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**My death will be triumphant no matter how I die;
Lord Jesus, in that instant escort my soul on high
into my Father's keeping, all-blameless and all-blest,
like waking up from sleeping, his hands my place of rest.**

OUR THANK OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you are a just God who accepts nothing less than perfection. All too often we fail to realize how much our sins offend you. We forget that the wages of sin truly is death. We forget that there actually is a hell. Lead us to recognize the seriousness of our sinfulness. Lead us also to admit our inability to make things right with you.

C: Teach us to look to you as the only one who can make us just and right.

M: Today we are reminded not only of your justice but also of your love. You did not spare your own Son but gave him as a ransom for each one of us. Comfort us with the knowledge of this great love. Give us the peace that the forgiveness of sins brings.

C: When we feel our guilt, point us to the cross, where our guilt was washed away in Jesus' blood.

M: Lord Jesus, we thank you for paying the debt that we could not pay. We thank you for coming

to earth so that we could be with you forever in heaven.

C: For being our perfect substitute, we thank you, Lord Jesus.

M: Son of God, you offered up your body as an unblemished sacrifice for sin and commended your spirit into the hands of your Father. Teach us to cast the cares of this brief life on our heavenly Father and commit our bodies and souls to his love.

C: Give us the courage to face death, knowing that it is the gate to our home in heaven.

M: The cross was once an instrument of death. It is now a sign of life.

C: Dear Savior, we humbly focus on the cross in awe of your power and of your love. Amen.

And we also pray ...

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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Not All the Blood of Beasts

Christian Worship Blue # 398

**Not all the blood of beasts on Israel's altars slain
could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.**

**In faith I place my hand on that dear head divine,
as penitently here I stand and lay on him my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see the burden you did bear
when hanging on the cursèd tree; I know my guilt was there!**

**Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing his bleeding love.**

M: What is one truth, of many, that we heard today which we ought to reflect on as we leave this house of worship? Romans 5 says:

C: But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Were You There

Christian Worship Blue # 426

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 19:38-42

The Burial of Jesus

³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

SLAMMING OF THE TOMB ...
ONE CANDLE REMAINS LIT TO REMIND US OF THE EASTER VICTORY!

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