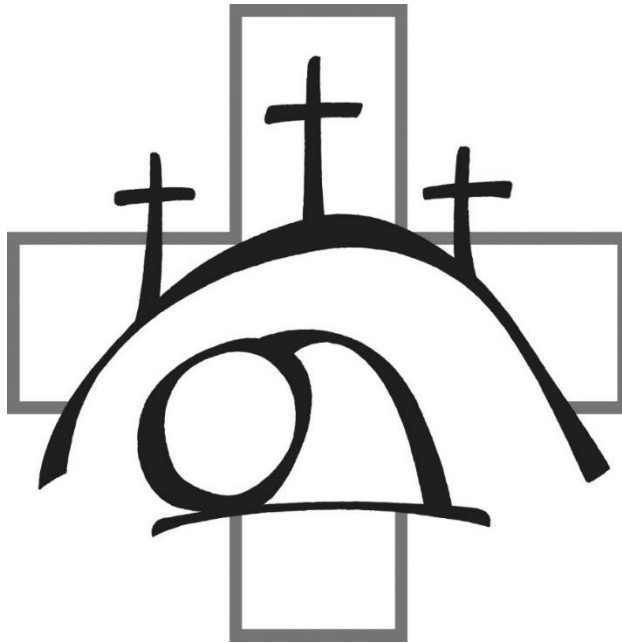


**IT IS FINISHED ...
FOR YOU
HE WALKED THE PATH TO CALVARY**

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**GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
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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:

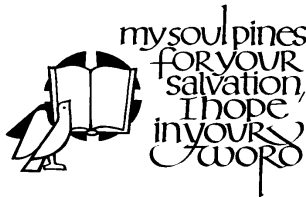
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We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

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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.

**We welcome the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus
and the opportunity to worship our Lord together in this place.**

*Please use this time before the Service for silent reflection.
After the Bells ring, please stand.*

Reading from Holy Scripture --- Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, 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.

Be seated

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

CW Blue 422

- 1 **A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
 our guilt and evil bearing
 and, laden with the sins of earth,
 none else the burden sharing,
 goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
 to slaughter led without complaint,
 that spotless life to offer;
bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
 anguish and mockery and saith,
 “Willing all this I suffer.”**
- 2 **This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend,
 the Lamb of God, our Savior;
 him God the Father chose to send
 to gain for us his favor.
 “Go forth, my Son,” the Father said,
 “and free my children from their dread
 of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
 but by your passion they will share
 the fruit of your salvation.”**
- 3 **“Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
 I’ll bear what you command me.
 My will conforms to your decree;
 I’ll do what you have asked me.”
O wondrous Love, what have you done!
 The Father offers up his Son,
 desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong you are to save!
 You make his bed within the grave
 who built the earth’s foundation.**

4 **From morn till eve, in all I do,
I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
To sacrifice myself for you
shall be my aim and pleasure.
My stream of life shall ever be
a current flowing ceaselessly,
your constant praise outpouring.
I'll treasure in my memory,
O Lord, all you have done for me,
your gracious love adoring.**

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First Word *Luke 23:32–34*

Prof. Aaron Christie

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;
They pierce my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

He bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle One – Silence for Meditation

Musical Response (Choir) *A Hymn to God the Father*

Text: John Donne
Music: John Ness Beck

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,
Which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run,
And do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou has not done,
For I have more.*

*Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
A year or two, but wallow'd in, a score?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
For I have more.*

*I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;
And, having done that, thou hast done;
I fear no more.*

Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

Benjamin Bitter

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

All who see me mock me;

They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

Come to my aid when you save them.

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle Two – Silence for Meditation

Musical Response (Choir) *Peace*

by Peter Hallock

*My soul, there is a country
far beyond the stars,
where stands a winged sentry
all skillful in the wars:*

*There, above noise and danger,
sweet Peace sits crown'd with smiles,
and One born in a manger
commands the beauteous files.*

*He is thy gracious Friend,
and---O my soul, awake! --
did in pure love descend
to die here for thy sake.*

*If thou canst get but thither,
there grows the flower of Peace,
the Rose that cannot wither,
thy fortress, and thy ease.*

*Leave then thy foolish ranges;
for none can thee secure
but One who never changes --
thy God, thy life, thy cure.*

*Qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Third Word *John 19:25-27*

Silas Dose

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

And a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle Three – Silence for Meditation

The Seven Words

CW Blue 436

**3 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.**

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Fourth Word *Matthew 27:45, 46*

Clayton Fury

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, lemasabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest.

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.”

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle Four – Silence for Meditation

Musical Response (Choir) What God Ordains Is Always Good

by Daniel Forrest

Text: Samuel Rodigast (1649-1708)

Tune: Servus Gastorius (1646-1682)

J.S. Bach (BWV 250), ca. 1730

Arr: Dan Forrest (ASCAP)

What God ordains is always good:

His will is just and holy.

As he directs my life for me,

I follow meek and lowly.

My God indeed

In ev'ry need

Knows well how he will shield me;

To him, then, I will yield me.

What God ordains is always good:

He is my friend and Father;

He suffers naught to do me harm

Though many storms may gather.

Now I may know

Both joy and woe;

Someday I shall see clearly

That he has loved me dearly.

What God ordains is always good:

This truth remains unshaken.

Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,

I shall not be forsaken.

I fear no harm,

For with his arm,

He shall embrace and shield me.

So to my God I yield me.

Fifth Word John 19:28, 29

Nathan Holz

²⁸After this, when he knew that all things necessary for the Scripture to be fulfilled had now been accomplished, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A 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.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.

They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle Five – Silence for Meditation

The Seven Words

CW Blue 436

**5 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.**

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Sixth Word *John 19:30*

Micah Otto

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.
**I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.**

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle Six – Silence for Meditation

Musical Response (Choir) *Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt*

by Heinrich Schutz

*Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt,
dass er seinen eignebornen Sohn gab,
auf dass alle, die an ihn glauben,
nicht verloren werden,
sondern das ewige Leben haben.*

*For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him
shall not perish
but have eternal life.*

Text: John 3:16

Music: Heinrich Schütz (1585–1672)

“Geistliche Chormusik,” 1648

Edited by Gerald Custer

Seventh Word

Luke 23:44–46

Pastor Jonathan Kolander

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.
He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

Amen.

Extinguish Candle Seven – Silence for Meditation

Musical Response (Choir) Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Stand

Reading *John 19:31–42*

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

³⁸Later, 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. ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At 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. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Be seated & Silence for meditation

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.

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.**

A loud sound may now be heard in the sanctuary. Known as the *Streptitus*, this sound represents the rending of Jesus' tomb. A **candle is relit** as it foreshadows Christ's return to life.

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart* 1: All 2: Chorus 3: All
 (The famous closing hymn of Bach's 'Passion According to St. John' –
 written for Good Friday, 1723)



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,
 3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's



ne'er from me de - part, with ten - der mer - cy cheer me.
 soul, and all I have in this poor life of la - bor.
 bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;



Earth has no plea - sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -
 Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place may glo - ri -
 and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y



self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.
 fy thy lav - ish grace and help and serve my neigh - bor.
 safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor - row break, my trust in thee can
 Let no false doc - trine me be - guile; let Sa - tan not my
 And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with



noth - ing shake. Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious
 soul de - file. Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my
 joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior

blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -

Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

Text: Martin Schalling (1532-1608)

Translation: Catherine Winkworth (1827-78), alt.

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