

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

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*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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Obviously the "theology of the cross" does not mean that for a theologian the church year shrinks together into nothing but Good Friday. Rather, it means that Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost cannot be understood without Good Friday.

- Hermann Sasse, *"We Confess: Jesus Christ"*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (YEAR C)

APRIL 15, 2022 • 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND EXPLANATION

We welcome all who worship with us this evening. When Jesus hung upon the cross in the middle of the day, the sun stopped shining and darkness covered the earth. As the Lord of all creation died upon a tree, creation closed its eyes and bowed its head.

Tonight, we gather to bow our heads at this great wonder: God's way of salvation within the world. Greater than all earthly temples, God forgives us in the temple of His Son. Greater than all of creation, God creates new life through the death of His Son. Greater than all earthly miracles, God restores all things in the destruction of the cross.

Come now to sing, pray, listen, and meditate upon this great wonder. When His people were lost in sin, God opened for them the way of salvation, turning the horror of the crucifixion into a place of wonder, love, and praise.

This is a time for prayerful reflection on the part of God's children, though you may find it difficult to see and read by the end of the service. This serves to remind us of our spiritual blindness apart from the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen.

HYMN: "WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS" *LBW #482*

1 When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain, I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did ever such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose, so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

THE LESSON: ISAIAH 53:1-12

P: Who has believed our message, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

C: 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,

P: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrow, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised and we esteemed Him not.

C: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted.

P: But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

C: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way. And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

P: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth, He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as sheep before the shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

- C: By oppression and judgment, He was taken away; and who can speak of His descendants? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people, He was stricken.**
- P: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.
- C: Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand.**
- P: After the suffering of His soul, 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.
- C: 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.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:1-19:42

(Please remain seated for the readings)

HYMN: "WERE YOU THERE?" LBW #93 (VSS. 1-3)

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

2 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?

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

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION: PASTOR MARTIN MOORE

HYMN: "BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS" LBW #107

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat And the burdens of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus, Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One Who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears, These wonders I confess
The wonder of his glorious love, and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.

The congregation is invited to **STAND**

P: We pray:

C: Lord Jesus, through life may we rest in Your hand, and in death may we commit ourselves also to Your care. We trust that it was for our eternal life that You died. Now, Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: 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

The congregation may be **SEATED**

HYMN: "JESUS, REMEMBER ME" WOV #740

(Sing through four times, each stanza is softer than the one before it)

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
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CLOSING REFLECTIONS

P: We will close this evening by placing nails in the container that is at the foot of the cross in the front of the church. This is a reminder that it is for our sin that Jesus died. Please come forward by the center aisle, and put your nail in the container. Then leave the worship area in silence by the side aisle. If you wish, you may remain for individual meditation and prayers.



“Whoever meditates thus upon God's sufferings for a day, an hour, yea, for a quarter of an hour, we wish to say freely and publicly, that it is better than if he fasts a whole year, prays the Psalter every day, yea, than if he hears a hundred masses. For such a meditation changes our character and almost as in baptism we are born again, anew. Then Christ's suffering accomplishes its true, natural and noble work, it slays the old Adam, banishes all lust, pleasure and security that we may obtain from God's creatures; just like Christ was forsaken by all, even by God.”

-Martin Luther

A Good Friday Sermon on How to Contemplate Christ's Holy Sufferings (1519)

