

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday – April 3, 2026 – 6:30 PM

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in its entirety in this worship folder.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

DARKNESS, SILENCE, SOUND

Tenebrae means “darkness” or “shadows.” The quiet and symbolic nature of this service recalls the dread seriousness of our sin and the amazing heights of God’s love to save us! The extinguishing of candles and dimming of the lights recalls the darkness while Jesus hung on the cross. The loud sound recalls the stone at Jesus’ tomb. The candle returned and left burning anticipates Jesus’ Resurrection on Easter.

NO BLESSING TODAY

The typical blessing at the conclusion of the service is omitted, as today’s service is considered part of one continuous observance of the culmination of our Savior’s ministry which began Maundy Thursday and concludes with the blessing as we celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday at Midnight at the Vigil service (begins outside at the front church doors at 11:15 pm Saturday) as well as at Sunrise (6am) and Festival Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am.

“EASTER CHANGES EVERYTHING”

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead has always been the chief Christian Festival because it *Changes Everything*. The certainty of death and judgment that sin deserves is changed to life and forgiveness in the light of the Empty Tomb and the Risen Christ. This has sweeping implications not only for eternal life but for our life in Christ right now. This is the theme we will explore and celebrate throughout the 7 weeks of the Easter Season –

Easter Changes Everything:

<i>Darkness to Light</i>	Easter Vigil –Saturday, April 4, 11:15 pm
<i>Tears to Joy</i>	Easter Sunrise 6:00 am
<i>Death to Life</i>	Easter Day 8:00 & 10:30 am

Starting April 12- Each Sunday 8 & 10:30 am, Monday 6:30 pm

<i>Despair to Hope</i>	April 12
<i>Fear to Peace</i>	April 19
<i>Straying to Belonging</i>	April 26
<i>Stumbling to Solid Ground</i>	May 3
<i>Futility to Purpose</i>	May 10
<i>Peril to Security</i>	May 17

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Pastor Shaun Arndt
Keyboardist	Mrs. Sarah Bilitz
Vocalist.....	Silas Backhaus
Worship Assistant	Eli McCrary
Lights/Strepitus	Daniel Arndt

The minister and assistant enter the worship space in silence.

The Tenebrae candles are lighted.

Please stand when presider indicates.

OPENING HYMN *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* | CW 947:1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reign'd o'er us:



have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and
actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.**

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.**

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

HYMN RESPONSE *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* | CW 947:2



2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy | CW 947:3



3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:



your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Please be seated

LESSON

Zechariah 12:10—13:1

¹⁰I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace, who pleads for mercy. Then they will look at me, the one they have pierced.

They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child. They will grieve bitterly for him, as one grieves over his firstborn. ¹¹On that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, as great as the mourning for Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land will mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴all the families that remain, each family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

¹On that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

HYMN

Upon the Cross Extended | CW 434



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your
2 Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so
3 I caused your grief and sigh - ing by e - vils
4 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, your head with
5 Your cross I place be - fore me, its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.
sore a - bused you and caused you all your woe?
mul - ti - ply - ing as count - less as the sands.
thorns sur - round - ed, you died to ran - som me.
pow'r re - store me, sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly
We all must make con - fes - sion of sin and dire trans -
I caused the woes un - num - bered with which your soul is
The cross for me en - dur - ing, the crown for me se -
It will, when life is end - ing, be guid - ing and at -

PSALM

Psalm 22C

Refrain

Be - hold, be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
 God who takes a - way the sin of the world.

Tone

My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?
 Why are you so far from / saving me?
 I am a worm and / not a man,
 scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.
 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 de- / lights in him." *Refrain*

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.
 A pack of villains en- / circles me;
 they pierce my hands / and my feet.
 They divide my clothes a- / mong them
 and cast lots for my / garment. *Refrain*

But you, LORD, do not be / far from me.
 You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.
 I will declare your name to my / people;
 in the assembly I will / praise you.
 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn / to the LORD,
 and all the families of the nations will bow down be- / fore him.
 They will proclaim his / righteousness,
 declaring to a people yet unborn: He has / done it!

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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PSALM PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, because your hands and feet were pierced for us, because you were surrounded by taunting enemies, and because you were abandoned even by your heavenly Father, we are rescued from the lion's mouth. Be with us when we must face our own crosses, and instill in us the confidence to say, "My Savior has won the victory for me."

Amen

Silence for meditation

The second candle is extinguished.

LESSON

John 19:1-17

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ²The soldiers also twisted together a crown of thorns and placed it on his head. Then they threw a purple robe around him. ³They kept coming to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they kept hitting him in the face.

⁴Pilate went outside again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁵So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!"

⁶When the chief priests and guards saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!"

Pilate told them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

⁸When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. ⁹He went back inside the palace again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?"

But Jesus gave him no answer.

¹⁰So Pilate asked him, "Are you not talking to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to release you or to crucify you?"

¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over me at all if it had not been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

¹²From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus. But the Jews shouted, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar! Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar!"

¹³When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge's seat at a place called the Stone Pavement, or Gabbatha in Aramaic. ¹⁴It was about the sixth hour on the Preparation Day for the Passover. Pilate said to the Jews, "Here is your king!"

¹⁵They shouted, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Should I crucify your king?"

"We have no king but Caesar!" the chief priests answered.

¹⁶So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus away. ¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

HYMN *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken* | CW 432



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken
2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



that such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?
with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime have you to make con -
they give you gall to drink, they still de -
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -
the Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants



fes - sion, what dark trans - gres - sion?
cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.
her - it, this I do mer - it.
owe him, who would not know him.

- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness,
the sinful child of man may live in gladness;
we forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted; God is committed.
- 6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
to do your will shall be my sole endeavor henceforth forever.
- 7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven
to me the crown of joy at last is given,
where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you, I too
shall praise you.

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Silence for meditation

The third candle is extinguished.

Please stand when presider indicates.

LESSON

John 19:18-30

¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews."

²⁰Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

²²Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it. Instead, let's cast lots to see who gets it." This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!"

²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst."

²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Please be seated when presider indicates.

SERMON

John 19:18

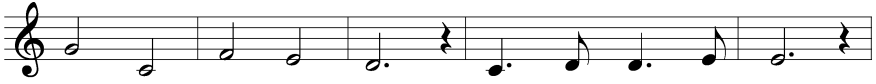
And Jesus in the Middle

HYMN

The Power of the Cross | CW 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.

4 Oh, to see my name
written in the wounds,
for through your suff'ring I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
life is mine to live,
won through your selfless love!

Final Refrain
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.

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Silence for meditation

The fourth candle is extinguished.

LESSON

Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

⁷In the days of his flesh, he offered prayers and pleas with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. ⁹After he was brought to his goal, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him.

Please stand when presider indicates.

PRAYER¹

O Christ
hear us.

God, the Father in heaven,
have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.

Be gracious to us.
Spare us, good Lord.

Be gracious to us.
Help us, good Lord.

¹ Brief Litany for Good Friday by Martin Luther

From every sin,
from every error,
from every evil,
from the devil's lies and cunning,
from eternal death,

deliver us, good Lord.

By the mystery of the holy incarnation,
by your holy birth,
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
by your agony and bloody sweat,
by your cross and suffering,
by your death and burial,
by your resurrection and ascension,
by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor,
in all times of trouble,
in all times of prosperity,
in the hour of death,

help us, good Lord.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

hear 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.

Please be seated when presider indicates.

HYMN

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle | CW 419



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle, waged in blood on
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness of th' ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, he went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, be for all the
 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; to the Fa - ther



Cal - va - ry; o'er the cross, tri - um - phant tro - phy,
 time was come, he, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; none in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, to th' e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



tell who strug - gled val - iant - ly; tell how earth's Re -
 left for us his Fa - ther's home, blazed the path of
 did his work and met his death; like a lamb he
 none in fruit your e - qual be, sym - bol of the
 now and ev - er - more be done— praise and glo - ry



deem - er con - quered— vic - tim gain - ing vic - to - ry.
 true o - be - dience, shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed on the cross his dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, for your bur - den makes us free.
 in the high - est while the time - less a - ges run.

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Silence for meditation

The fifth candle is extinguished.

THE BURIAL

John 19:31-42

³¹Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away.

³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.

³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out.

³⁵The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.

³⁶Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."

³⁷Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."

³⁸After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took Jesus' body away.

³⁹Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

⁴⁰They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

⁴¹There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

HYMN

O Perfect Life of Love | **CW 431**

- 1 O perfect life of love!
All, all is finished now,
all that he left his throne above
to do for us below.

- 2 No work is left undone
of all the Father willed;
his toil, his sorrows, one by one,
the Scriptures have fulfilled.

- 3 No pain that we can share
but he has felt its smart;
all forms of human grief and care
have pierced that tender heart.

4 And on his thorn-crowned head
and on his sinless soul
our sins in all their guilt were laid
that he might make us whole.

5 In perfect love he dies;
for me he dies, for me!
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
you died to make me free!

6 In ev'ry time of need,
before the judgment throne,
your works, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
your merits, not my own.

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Silence for meditation

The sixth candle is extinguished.



Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!

Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!

Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world!

The seventh candle is carried out.

*A loud noise (strepitus) recalls the heavy stone
of Christ's tomb.*



VOCALIST

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart | CW 817:3

*Lord, let at last thine angels come,
to Abr'ham's bosom bear me home
that I may die unfearing;
and in its narrow chamber keep
my body safe in peaceful sleep
until thy reappearing.*

*And then from death awaken me
that these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, thy glorious face,
my Savior and my fount of grace.*

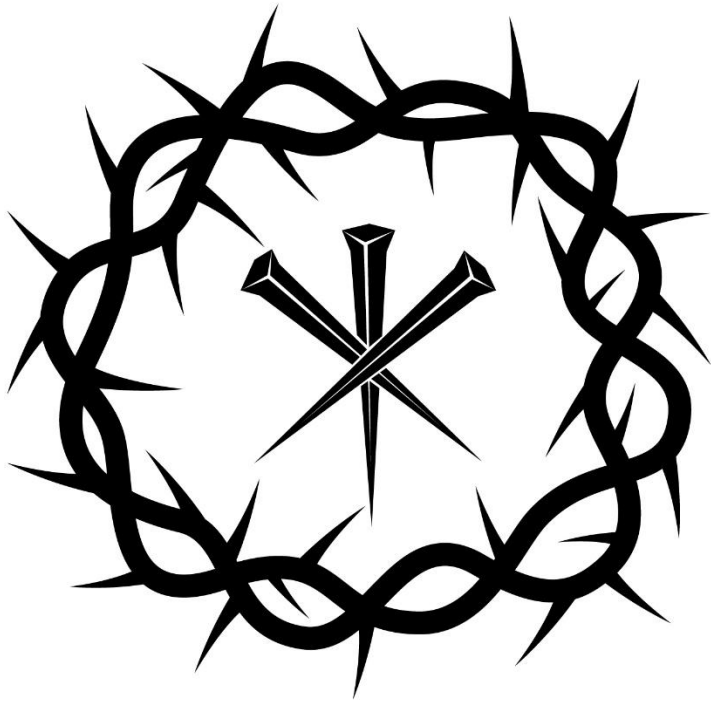
*Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my
prayer attend,
and I will praise thee without end.*

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*The seventh candle is returned to burn in
anticipation of the Resurrection.*

The minister exits the worship space.

*You are welcome to remain for prayer and
meditation as long as you desire before
leaving quietly in keeping with the solemnity
of this day.*



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