

**Good Friday**  
**March 29, 2024 7:00 p.m. Service**



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and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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***'HEARING, SHARING, AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'***

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### BE GRACIOUS TO ME!

Nothing could be more natural than seeking revenge against one who has wronged you. Even an unseasoned and inexperienced child has a sense of fairness and payback – you hurt me, I hurt you.

Jesus does not come to get revenge. Jesus comes to reconcile you and me to God, and to reconcile you and me to our enemies. King David seeks vengeance. Jesus seeks mercy. On the cross, Jesus pays the debt of our sin and wins us pardon and peace with God. From the cross, Jesus says “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do” and “Today you will be in paradise with me.”

## GOOD FRIDAY

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

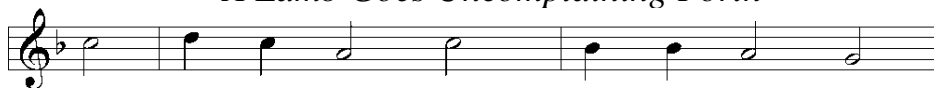
***Enter the sanctuary in silence. Meditate and pray:***

O Christ, dear Lamb of God, slain for the sin of the world, I come to your Cross to receive Your mercy and forgiveness. My sins have added to the burden of Your suffering and for my sin You are nailed to the Cross. For me You tasted the darkness and condemnation that was due me so that I would not perish but have eternal life. Have mercy upon me.

O Christ, dear Lamb of God, embrace me with Your love, and forgive me all my sins. Your death brings healing and peace to my soul, peace to my mind, and cleansing to my life. If you kept a record of sin, I could not come. But clinging to your Cross, I come to be forgiven by You who are despised for my sake, bleeding, dying, pierced, and forsaken.

O Christ, dear Lamb of God, grant that I may hate my sin and love You more. I have nothing to give to You in return except my thanks, and my new life made holy by You. My comfort is in You and Your finished work on the Cross, by which You have overcome sin and death for me. I surrender myself to You, and ask that by your Spirit You would guide me in a new life that is pleasing to You and to Your Father in heaven. Amen.

*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”*



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



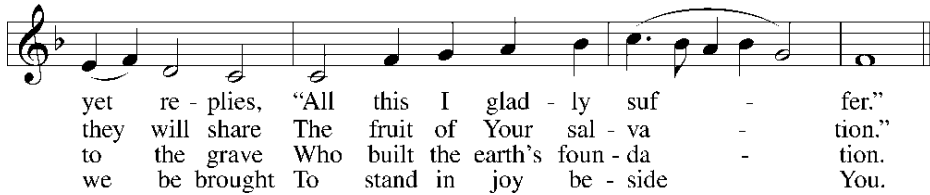
pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall



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*Stand*

PSALM (*in unison*)

*Psalm 51:1-12*

- P C** 51 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, we bow before you. By the nurture of your Holy Spirit, we offer nothing but humble and heartfelt thanksgiving. Grant to us the transforming work of your grace and renew our lives by the Passion of your Son, Jesus. Deliver us from ourselves and our sin, and grant to us your Holy Spirit that we would live new and hopeful lives as your children. Renew in us the joy and hope that are ours through Jesus' death. Manifest your will in our lives so that our lives would abound with love and joy, peace and patience, kindness and goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. In the name of Jesus, the Christ who was crucified for our sin, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Be seated*

*Hymn*

*LSB 451 sts. 1-4*

### *“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”*



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the

soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners

Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall

see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 53:2-5*

**P** The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-third chapters.

- 1 Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2 For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.
- 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

PSALM

“Be Gracious to Me”

*Psalm 41:9–10*

**R** – reader; **C** – congregation

**R** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.

**C** **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.**

**R** Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me. But You, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

**C** **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.**

EPISTLE READING

*Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

**P** The Epistle reading is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . .

7 In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. 8 Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. 9 And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.



“O Perfect Life of Love”



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,  
 2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
 3 No pain that we can share But He has felt its smart;  
 4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul  
 5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
 His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
 All forms of hu - man grief and care Have pierced that ten - der heart.  
 Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.  
 O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.

6 In ev'ry time of need, Before the judgment throne, Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, Thy merits, not mine own.	7 Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought; And let my love the answer be To grace Thy love has brought.
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## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

*John 19:16b–30*

16b So they took Jesus, 17 and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. 18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. 19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 20 Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided My garments among them,  
and for My clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things,

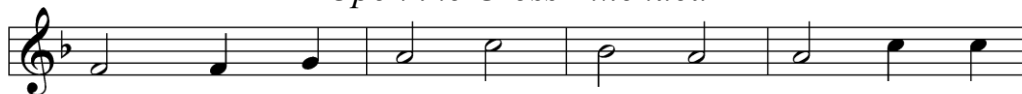
25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

*Hymn*

*LSB 453 sts. 1-7*

*“Upon the Cross Extended”*



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
 fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
 sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
 Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
 flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
 Your head with thorns surrounded,  
 You died to ransom me.  
 The cross for me enduring,  
 The crown for me securing,  
 You healed my wounds and set me free.

7 Your cross I place before me;  
 Its saving pow'r restore me,  
 Sustain me in the test.  
 It will, when life is ending,  
 Be guiding and attending  
 My way to Your eternal rest.

6 Your cords of love, my Savior,  
 Bind me to You forever,  
 I am no longer mine.  
 To You I gladly tender  
 All that my life can render  
 And all I have to You resign.

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Jeffrey Sippy**

**“Be Gracious To Me”**

***Sermon Text***

***Psalm 41:10***

*“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”*



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,  
3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.  
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:  
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!  
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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PRAYER

**P** Dearest Lord Jesus, You are the suffering servant. Like a lamb who before her shearers is silent, You open not Your mouth but gladly and willingly You lay down Your life in atonement for our sin and the redemption of our souls. By Your wounds we are healed and made holy.

**C** Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.

**P** Jesus, You came not to abolish the law of God but to fulfill the law of God for us and in us. We ask, dear Jesus, that You would unite Your people on earth, and remove from us all that separates – our anger and our pride, prejudice and bigotry, division, hatred, and judgement. Your blood shed on Calvary purifies us from all sin.

**C** Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.

**P** Jesus, You are our Great High Priest and the Word made flesh. In Your wisdom, You place authority in our lives, and You place in service those who are foolish and the weak in the eyes of the world so that when we boast we boast solely in you. Deliver us from judgement and disappointment, criticism and complaint. Give us a pure love for Your Word and the people You have called into our lives to speak it. Grant that we would live our lives quietly and peaceably, honoring those in authority, and living as good citizens.

**C** Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.

**P** Jesus, You sit with sinners and eat with them. You come to the home of Zacchaeus the tax collector and Simon the Pharisee. You instruct Nicodemus in the dark hours of the night. You commend Mary for sitting at Your feet and listening to You. And You, Yourself, sat at the feet of rabbis and listened to them. Grant each of us open, willing, and humble hearts to sit at Your feet and with each other, to listen to your Word, and to learn from You.

**C** Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.

**P** Jesus, You are King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You are Sovereign and the Creator of all things and all people. You are equal to God in every way, yet You humble Yourself and take on the form of a servant. Like a lamb before her shearers is silent, You open not Your mouth. You do not complain. You do not point the accusing finger.

**C** Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.

**P** Jesus, You take the little children into Your arms and bless them; You feed the hungry; You heal the sick; You comfort the broken-hearted; You dry the tears of those who weep; You calm the hearts of those who are anxious and afraid; You visit those in prison, and in the hospital, and in long-term care facilities; You come to the aid of those who are depressed and suffer mental illness, and those who are addicted in any way. Grant grace that is sufficient for all things, and peace that passes all understanding. When it is Your will, grant Your healing deliverance. And bless us to be ambassadors of Your compassion and kindness to those in need.

**C Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.**

**P** Jesus, You desire not the death of anyone, but that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. You are the Good Shepherd who searches for lost sheep until You find them. Bless each of us with a passion for each other and all people, and for the next person we meet, and that all would be saved and come to know You. Bless Zion Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church to be places of Your mercy, grace, and acceptance for those who come here to learn of You.

**C Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.**

**P** Jesus, You love Your enemies. You pray for those who mistreat You. You bless those who curse You. You forgive our sin. You turn the other cheek. You go the extra mile. You put the needs of others before Your own. You call us by name and to follow You. By your humble death on Calvary, transform us by your grace.

**C Lord Jesus, we praise you, and we pray your will in our lives.**

**P** Finally, dear Jesus, we pray for all for which you 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.**

*Hymn*

*LSB 537 sts. 1-4*

*“Beautiful Savior”*



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd  
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is  
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines  
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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*(All leave in silence.)*

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