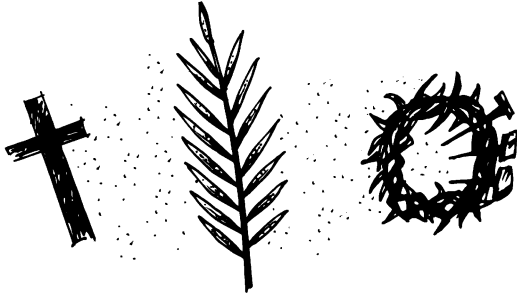


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**Visitors . . .** Please help us by signing the guest book in the narthex. A visitor information packet is available near the guest register. Please introduce yourself to one of the pastors. We sincerely hope to have you worship with us again.

**THE REPROACHES** - The Reproaches included in this service are the words of the Lord and His righteous judgment against our sin, for which we have no excuse and to which we can reply only with a plea for mercy. First recorded in the 9th Century AD, these Reproaches are rooted in Scripture: the 1st and 3rd Reproaches are taken directly from Micah 6:3-4 and Isaiah 5:2-4, while the 2nd is inspired by Jeremiah 2:6-7.



**NOTE: Good Friday and it's worship services are reflective and somber occasions. It is a time for quiet reflection on the sacrifice of our Savior. Please respect that quiet time by refraining from conversation before and after the service.**

In case your child is having trouble staying quiet during the service, you can take them downstairs to our Fellowship Hall. Speakers will be turned on in Fellowship Hall so you are able to follow along with the worship service. Thank you!

# Good Friday

April 18, 2025; 12:05 p.m.

## “The Wonderful Exchange”

**AS WE GATHER . . .** As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. “By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s, and the righteousness of Christ is ours,” Luther writes. “He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness” (Select Works). Let us give Jesus glory for the “wonderful exchange” He has made with us at the cross!

**Before worship prayer** - O Lord God, Heavenly Father, You gave Your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification. By Your Holy Spirit grant us newness of life that through the power of Christ’s resurrection we may dwell with Him forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

### Ring of the Bells

*(The Pastors enters the church in silence)*

### We’re So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

### Opening Hymn: “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

LSB, hymn #437

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sov’reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died  
For His own creatures’ sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne’er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
’Tis all that I can do.

Stand (as you are able)

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. . . Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary,

C: **help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy and solemn day, the Friday we call good, we are confronted with the serious nature of our sin, which made this day necessary. It is right and proper for us to reflect on and confess our sinfulness. Let us take a moment of silence to reflect on our sins and our gracious God.

*(A time of silence is observed for reflection.)*

**PSALM OF CONFESSION - Psalm 51:1-9, 17**

- P: We join the woman caught in adultery, the tax collector in the temple, and King David, and say *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner."*
- C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. . . . The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**
- P: Children of God, be assured this day that God is merciful. Even before we were aware of the burden of our sin, God planned our salvation. He sent His only-begotten Son into this world of sin and made Him to be sin for us. It was our sin that He bore to Calvary's cross. It was the penalty for our sin that He endured. And it was because of His sacrifice that our sins are forgiven. As your called and ordained pastor, and at the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

**PSALM PRAYER - Psalm 51:10-15**

- P: Just as King David did, as God's forgiven children, we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives so that we may live for His glory. Let us pray,
- C: **Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will turn back to You. Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves**

**me, and my tongue will sing of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**Hymn: "Were You There"**

*LSB, hymn #456*

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?

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?  
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12**     *(Jesus is the Suffering Servant)*

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him - his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness - so will he 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? 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. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 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. 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. 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 her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

**New Testament Reading:** Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9 (*Jesus the great high priest*)

"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need . . . . During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

**Gospel Reading:** John 19:16-30

(*The King of the Jews*)

So [Pilate] delivered him over to them to be crucified. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others - one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 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. 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." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." 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. "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 which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 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. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Sermon Hymn:** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

*LSB, hymn #449*

O sacred Head, now wounded,	With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded	With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,	What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,	I joy to call Thee mine.
What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered	Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,	But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!	'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,	And grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow      To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
     For this Thy dying sorrow,      Thy pity without end?  
     O make me Thine forever!      And should I fainting be,  
     Lord, let me never, never,      Outlive my love for Thee.

Be Thou my consolation,      My shield, when I must die;  
     Remind me of Thy passion      When my last hour draws nigh.  
     Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,      Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
     My heart by faith enfold Thee.      Who dieth thus dies well.

**Sermon: “Come To The Cross”**

*John 19:16-18a*

Stand (as you are able)

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

- P: Let us confess our faith using Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.
- C: [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P: What does this mean?
- C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**Offering & Attendance Cards**

**Special Music: “Without His Cross”**

*Sanctuary Singers*

**BIDDING PRAYER**

*(On this day we remember Jesus' words, “If I be lifted up, I will draw all people to me.” The cross draws all people together in Christ. For this reason it is fitting that we remember the whole family of God in our prayers.)*

- P: Let us pray, . . . Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, we ask that You keep in safety the works of Your mercy so that your Church, spread throughout all nations,
- C: may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the requests and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church
- C: that every member of the same may truly serve You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of those who study Your Word that, recalling the new birth by the water of Holy Baptism,
- C: they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants,
- C: especially all those who make, administer, and judge our laws that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, You console those who grieve and You give strength to those who labor. May the prayers of those in any tribulation or distress cry to You,



- C:** so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P:** Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You,
- C:** free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P:** O Almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us.
- C:** We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and of one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P:** O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You still continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ,
- C:** that He may dwell in our hearts and we may, by your grace, be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and those things that pertain to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P:** Almighty God, Everlasting Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- All:** 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.

#### MEDITATION ON THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST

- P:** Dear friends in Christ, let us come before our great and gracious God and ponder the mystery and wonder of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.
- C:** Oh come, let us worship Him.

**Response: “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”** *LSB hymn #447 Part I & II (st.1-6)*

#### **Part I:**

Jesus, in your dying woes, Even while Your lifeblood flows,  
Craving pardon from Your foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Savior, for our pardon sue When our sins Your pangs renew,  
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.

Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like You in heart and deed,  
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### **Part II:**

Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief, who near You dies,  
Promising him paradise: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim,  
Calling humbly on Your name: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our hearts to You incline And their thoughts Your cross entwine.  
Cheer our souls with hope divine: Hear us, holy Jesus.

#### **REPROACHES (Based on Micah 6 and Isaiah 5)**

- P:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people.
- C:** Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, leave us not to bitter death, O Lord, have mercy.

**Response: “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”** *LSB hymn #447 Part III (st.7-9)*

#### **Part III:**

Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,  
And Your dearest human friend: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we in Your sorrows share, For Your sake all peril dare,  
And enjoy Your tender care: Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we all Your loved ones be,      All one holy family,  
Loving, since Your love we see:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

**Response: “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**      *LSB hymn #447 Part VI (st.10-12)*

**Part IV:**

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,      With our evil left alone,  
While no light from heav’n is shown:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

When we seem in vain to pray      And our hope seems far away,  
In the darkness be our stay:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

Though no Father seem to hear,      Though no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

**Response: “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**      *LSB hymn #447 Part V (st.13-15)*

**Part V:**

Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,      While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

Thirst for us in mercy still;      All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

May we thirst Your love to know.      Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C: **By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.**

**Response: “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”**      *LSB hymn #447 Part VI-VII (st.16-21)*

**Part VI:**

Jesus, all our ransom paid,      All Your Father’s will obeyed;  
By Your suff’rings perfect made:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

Save us in our soul’s distress;      Be our help to cheer and bless  
While we grow in holiness:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

Brighten all our heav’nward way      With an ever holier ray  
Till we pass to perfect day:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

**Part VII:**

Jesus, all Your labor vast,      All Your woe and conflict past,  
Yielding up Your soul at last:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

When the death shades round us low’r,      Guard us from the tempter’s pow’r,  
Keep us in that trial hour:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

May Your life and death supply      Grace to live and grace to die,  
Grace to reach the home on high:      Hear us, holy Jesus.

*(leave in silence)*

**See You In Worship Tonight.**

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*(Holy Week devotion continues tonight with our Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.)*

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY - TENEBRAE - SERVICE OF DARKNESS</b>	
Friday, April 18th - 7:00 p.m. . . . . (Downtown Church Campus)	
<b>SATURDAY - NO WORSHIP SERVICE - April 19th</b>	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY - JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD FOR US!!</b>	
Sunday, April 20th	6:00 a.m. Communion . . . (Downtown Church Campus)
	9:00 a.m. Communion . . . (Downtown Church Campus)
	11:00 a.m. Communion . . . (Downtown Church Campus)



### Serving In God's House Today

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