

Historic Zion Lutheran Church

DIVINE SERVICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 pm Friday, April 3, 2026

RECEIVING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT ZION

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- (a) who have been **baptized** in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- (b) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran faith, and who now confess the same doctrines that are taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod;
- (c) who **believe that in this sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them**, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services, before receiving the sacrament, are requested to affirm these facts with one of our pastors. Thank you for honoring our practice. If you are looking for a church home, would like to be a member of Zion, or would like to learn more about the Christian Faith, please speak to one of our pastors about our membership classes.

**✠ = appropriate to make the baptismal sign of the cross
When "rise" or "kneel" is indicated, it is appropriate to sit if needed**

The congregation assembles in silence.

[Rise]

The Office of Confession of Sins and Absolution

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father; beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Kneel] *Our help is in the name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord. And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Collect of the Day

Let us pray: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever: Amen!

[Be Seated] **Old Testament Reading..... Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Let us pray: Merciful and everlasting God, who did not spare Your only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Epistle of the Day Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

[After the reading] *This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that You might remove from us the power of the adversary, help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.

[See Insert]

[Be Seated] **Sermon**

Offerings

Choral Voluntary O Savior of the World G. Palestrina

[Kneel] **Bidding Prayer for Good Friday**

Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, 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.

Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

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, especially Donald, our President; the Congress of the United States; Mike, our Governor; and 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.

Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

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, 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.

Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

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. 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 one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; for these and all those things for which our Lord has bid us to pray, we ask through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

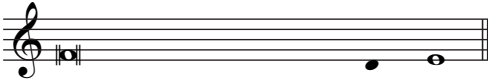
[Be Seated]

Hymn O Darkest Woe Burgundy Hymn 448

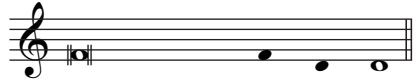
[Sing stanzas 1 & 2; SKIP stanzas 3, 4, & 5; Sing stanzas 6 & 7.]

[Rise] **The Reproaches**

[The veiled cross is processed from Chapel of Beatitudes to altar.]



Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the . . . whole world.



Oh, come, let us wor- ship Him.

[Kneel or Sit] [The cross is progressively unveiled as the reproaches are sung.]

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.

Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (Burgundy Hymn 434:1)



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.



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

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

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.

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.

Hymn Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (Burgundy Hymn 434:2)

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.

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

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

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 that 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.

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.

Hymn Lamb of God, Pure and Holy (Burgundy Hymn 434:3)

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.

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

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

[Rise]

We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world. God be merciful to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us. We adore You, O Lord, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection. For behold, by the wood of Your cross joy has come into all the world.

Hymn Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle Burgundy Hymn 454
[Sing stanzas 1, 2, 3, and 4.]

+ The Office of the Sacrament of the Altar +

Preface

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

Proper Preface for Good Friday

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome, through Christ our Lord.

Lord’s Prayer

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 pow’r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always! **Amen.**

[Be Seated]

Distribution Hymns Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted Burgundy Hymn 451
Upon the Cross Extended Burgundy Hymn 453

[Rise] **Eucharistic Benediction**

The Body and Blood of your Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting! ✠ Depart in Peace! **Amen!**

Post-Communion Collect

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people, who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

Hymn We Sing the Praise of Him Burgundy Hymn 429

The Pastors and congregation leave in silence, to re-assemble tomorrow evening for the Great Vigil of Easter.

Easter Schedule

**Part III: Holy Saturday, April 4
The Great Vigil of Easter
Divine Service 7:00 p.m.**

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**The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord
Sunday, April 5**

Easter Breakfast 7:45 a.m.

Festival Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

(No Sunday School and Adult Bible Class this Sunday)

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Readings for Good Friday

The Old Testament Reading is Isaiah 52:13–53:12

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
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.
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.

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

The Epistle is Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

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. 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. 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. ...

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. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

The Passion of Our Lord according to St. John

Chapters 18–19 English Standard Version

Hymn.....Jesus, I Will Ponder Now.....(BURGUNDY Hymn 440:1)

**Jesus, I will ponder now On Your holy Passion
With Your Spirit me in endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

1. The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus (18:1-11)

EVANGELIST: When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them,

Jesus: “Whom do you seek?”

EVANGELIST: They answered him,

Soldiers: “**Jesus of Nazareth.**”

EVANGELIST: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “I am he.”

EVANGELIST: Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. So he asked them again,

Jesus: “Whom do you seek?”

EVANGELIST: And they said,

Soldiers: “**Jesus of Nazareth.**”

EVANGELIST: Jesus answered,

Jesus: “I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go.”

EVANGELIST: This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.” Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter,

Jesus: “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

Hymn..... **O Sacred Head Now Wounded**(RED Hymn 172:1)

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**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.**

2. Jesus Before the High Priest (18:12-14)

EVANGELIST: So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. It was

Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

3. Peter Denies Jesus (18:15-18)

EVANGELIST: Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. The servant girl at the door said to Peter,

Servant Girl: “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?”

EVANGELIST: He said,

Peter: “I am not.”

EVANGELIST: Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

4. The High Priest Questions Jesus (18:19-24)

EVANGELIST: The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered him,

Jesus: “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”

EVANGELIST: When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying,

Officer: “Is that how you answer the high priest?”

EVANGELIST: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?”

EVANGELIST: Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

5. Peter Denies Jesus Again (18:25-27)

EVANGELIST: Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him,

Servants: “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?”

EVANGELIST: He denied it and said,

Peter: “I am not.”

EVANGELIST: One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,

High Priest’s Servant: “Did I not see you in the garden with him?”

EVANGELIST: Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

Hymn..... O Sacred Head Now Wounded(RED Hymn 172:2)

**Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee, Thou noble countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee, And flee before Thy glance.
How art Thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish That once was bright as morn.**

6. Jesus Before Pilate (18:28-40)

EVANGELIST: Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. So Pilate went outside to them and said,

Pilate: "What accusation do you bring against this man?"

EVANGELIST: They answered him,

Jews: "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you."

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law."

EVANGELIST: The Jews said to him,

Jews: "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death."

EVANGELIST: This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

EVANGELIST: So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him,

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

EVANGELIST: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?"

EVANGELIST: Pilate answered,

Pilate: "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?"

EVANGELIST: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

EVANGELIST: Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: "So you are a king?"

EVANGELIST: Jesus answered,

Jesus: "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to him,

Pilate: "What is truth?"

EVANGELIST: After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them,

Pilate: "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

EVANGELIST: They cried out again,

Jews: "Not this man, but Barabbas!"

EVANGELIST: Now Barabbas was a robber.

Now from Thy cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished The splendor that was there.
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

7. Jesus Is Delivered to Be Crucified (19:1-16)

EVANGELIST: Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying,

Soldiers: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

EVANGELIST: and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them,

Pilate: “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.”

EVANGELIST: So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Behold the man!”

EVANGELIST: When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out,

Chief Priests: “Crucify him, crucify him!”

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.”

EVANGELIST: The Jews answered him,

Jews: “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.”

EVANGELIST: When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus,

Pilate: “Where are you from?”

EVANGELIST: But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him,

Pilate: “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?”

EVANGELIST: Jesus answered him,

Jesus: “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.”

EVANGELIST: From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out,

Jews: “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”

EVANGELIST: So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews,

Pilate: “Behold your King!”

EVANGELIST: They cried out,

Jews: “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!”

EVANGELIST: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: “Shall I crucify your King?”

EVANGELIST: The chief priests answered,

Chief Priests: “We have no king but Caesar.”

EVANGELIST: So he delivered him over to them to be crucified.

Hymn..... O Sacred Head Now Wounded(RED Hymn 172:4)

**My burden is Thy passion, Lord, Thou hast borne for me.
For it was my transgression Which brought this woe on Thee.
I cast me down before Thee; Wrath were my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore Thee; Redeemer, spurn me not!**

8. The Crucifixion and Jesus’ Mother (19:17-27)

EVANGELIST: So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 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. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate,

Chief Priests: “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’”

EVANGELIST: Pilate answered,

Pilate: “What I have written I have written.”

EVANGELIST: 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, so they said to one another,

Soldiers: “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.”

EVANGELIST: This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

EVANGELIST: So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother,

Jesus: “Woman, behold, your son!”

EVANGELIST: Then he said to the disciple,

Jesus: “Behold, your mother!”

EVANGELIST: And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Hymn..... O Sacred Head Now Wounded (RED Hymn 172:5)

**My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings didst Thou give me, O Source of gifts divine.
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heavenly joys above.**

9. The Death of Jesus (19:28-30)

EVANGELIST: After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture),

Jesus: “I thirst.”

EVANGELIST: 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said,

Jesus: “It is finished.”

EVANGELIST: and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

[*Kneel (if able) in silent reflection as the bell tolls 33 times. Then be seated.]*

Hymn..... O Sacred Head Now Wounded(RED Hymn 172:6)

**Here I will stand beside Thee, From Thee I will not part;
O Savior, do not chide me! When breaks Thy loving heart,
When soul and body languish In death’s cold, cruel grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish, Thee in mine arms I’ll clasp.**

10. Jesus’ Side is Pierced (19:31-37)

EVANGELIST: Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

Hymn..... O Sacred Head Now Wounded(RED Hymn 172:7)

**The joy can ne’er be spoken, Above all joys beside,
When in Thy body broken I thus with safety hide.
O Lord of Life, desiring Thy glory now to see,
Beside Thy cross expiring, I’d breathe my soul to Thee.**

11. Jesus Is Buried (19:38-42)

EVANGELIST: After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Hymns for Good Friday

LSB448 O Darkest Woe

Friedrich von Spee, st. 1; Johann Rist, sts. 2–7

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1. O darkest woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has earth so sad a wonder?
God the Father's only Son Now is buried yonder.
2. O sorrow dread! Our God is dead, Upon the cross extended.
There His love enlivened us As His life was ended.
6. O Virgin's Son, What Thou hast won Is far beyond all telling:
How our God, detested, died, Hell and devil felling.
7. O Jesus Christ, Who sacrificed Thy life for lifeless mortals:
Be my life in death and bring Me to heaven's portals!

LSB434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Nicolaus Decius

Included in Service Bulletin.

LSB454 Sing My Tongue

Venantius Honorius Fortunatus

1. Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy, Sound the loud triumphant lay:
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer, As a victim won the day.
2. Tell how, when at length the fullness Of the appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman, Left for us His Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience, Shone as light amidst the gloom.
3. Thus, with thirty years accomplished, He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing, Did His work, and met His death;
Like a lamb He humbly yielded On the cross His dying breath.
4. Faithful cross, true sign of triumph, Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom, None in fruit your equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption, For the weight that hung on thee!

LSB451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

Thomas Kelly

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would interpose to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast:
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

LSB453 Upon the Cross Extended

Paul Gerhardt

1. Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath.
The Prince of Life from heaven Himself has freely given
To shame and blows and bitter death.
2. Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder
As blood streams from each pore.
Through grief beyond all knowing From His great heart came flowing
Sighs welling from its deepest core.
3. Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You
And caused You all Your woe?
We all must make confession Of sin and dire transgression
While You no ways of evil know.
4. I caused Your grief and sighing By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands
I caused the woes unnumbered With which Your soul is cumbered,
Your sorrows raised by wicked 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.
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.

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.

LSB429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Thomas Kelly

1. We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who died upon the cross.
The sinner's hope let all deride; For this we count the world but loss.
2. Inscribed upon the cross we see In shining letters, "God is love."
He bears our sins upon the tree; He brings us mercy from above.
3. The cross! It takes our guilt away; It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day And sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.
4. It makes the coward spirit brave And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes the terror from the grave And gilds the bed of death with light;
5. The balm of life, the cure of woe, The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below, The angels' theme in heav'n above.
6. To Christ, who won for sinners grace By bitter grief and anguish sore,
Be praise from all the ransomed race Forever and forevermore.



What Doctor Luther Says:

About Real Christians: Full of Sin and Without It

4. *For my iniquities have gone over my head.*

That is, they have subdued me altogether and are greater and stronger than I am. This is due to the arrows which make sins so manifold, so great, and so strong that man can neither help nor counsel himself but lies there utterly helpless.

They weigh like a burden too heavy for me.

That is, heavier than I can bear, as is written in Ps. 65:3: "Lord God, the deed of our sin has overwhelmed us; be gracious toward our iniquity." Thus our sin treads us underfoot until grace comes, treads sin underfoot, and raises our head above it so that we become master and rule over sin, not sin over us. Those, however, who lie in sin, who are either dead or too holy, do not sense these things. Therefore it is an amazing thing: He who has no sin feels and has it, and he who has sin does not feel it and has none. For it would be impossible for him to complain about and against sin if he did not live in righteousness and grace. One devil does not drive out the other (Luke 11:18); sin does not accuse its kind; and one wolf does not cry out against the other. And yet it is impossible for him who cries out against sin to be without it, for he dare not speak to God in fiction. It must be true that he has sin, as he says, and yet also true that he is without sin. Just as Christ was at the same time truly alive and dead, so also those who are real Christians must be full of sin and without sin at the same time.

Luther's Works, 14:157-8.