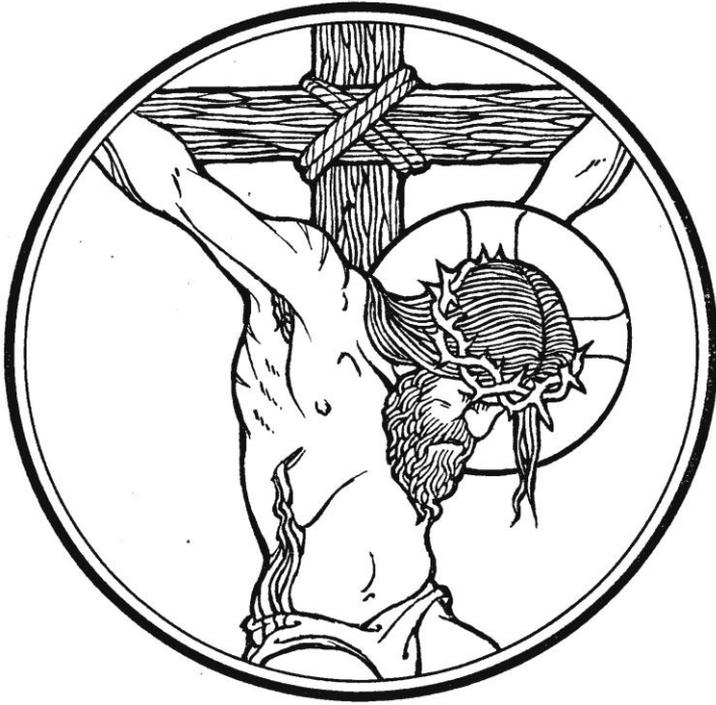


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Service of Darkness



Good Friday

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

Triduum Paschale

The paschal triduum is one long service composed of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil that celebrates our Lord's passion. Since it is one long service, we do not end with a blessing on Maundy Thursday. That blessing comes on the third part of the service on Easter Vigil. The Good Friday service has neither a beginning nor an end since it is in the middle of the three services. This also explains why we leave Maundy Thursday service in silence and also why we begin and end Good Friday service with silence. We are starting a Holy Saturday service here at Grace. It will begin at 7:00 p.m.

May God bless your Easter celebration!

Easter Weekend

Saturday	Easter Vigil	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sunrise Service	7:00 a.m.
	Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
	Divine Service	9:00 a.m.

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Stand

Opening Versicles

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Sit

Psalmody - *responsively*

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of
my groaning?
²**O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.**
³Yet You are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴**In You our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and You delivered them.**
⁵To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
⁶**But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**
⁷All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
⁸**"He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him;
let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"**

⁹Yet You are He who took me from the womb;
You made me trust You at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰**On You was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb You have been my God.**

¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.

¹²**Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of
joint;**

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue
sticks to my jaws;

You lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶**For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles
me;**

they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸**they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

¹⁹But You, O LORD, do not be far off!

O You my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰**Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!**

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!

You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²²**I will tell of Your name to my brothers;**

in the midst of the congregation I will praise You:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,

and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴**For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from Him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.**

²⁵From You comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

²⁶**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!**

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

²⁸**For kingship belongs to the LORD, and He rules over the nations.**

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the One who could not keep Himself alive.

³⁰**Posterity shall serve Him;**

it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,

that He has done it.

¹⁹**But You, O LORD, do not be far off!**

O You my help, come quickly to my aid!

A pair of candles is extinguished.

A moment's silence for meditation.

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
 And grant to me Thy grace.

Reading

John 18:28-40

*A pair of candles is extinguished.
A moment's silence for meditation.*

Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* 450, stanza 4

4 My Shepherd, now receive me;
 My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst 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 heav'nly joys above.

Reading

John 19:1-16a

Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* 450, stanza 5

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

Reading

John 19:16b-24

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

450, stanza 6

6

My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me.
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

Reading

John 19:25-30

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

450, stanza 7

7

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.

Reading

John 19:31-42

*A pair of candles is extinguished.
A moment's silence for meditation.*

O Lord, have mercy on us.

Thanks be to God.

Responsory

We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

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Office Hymn *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* 438

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
 The guilt of all men bearing;
And, laden with the sins of earth,
 None else the burden sharing;
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
 To slaughter led without complaint,
That spotless life to offer;
 He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,
The mockery, and yet replies,
 "All this I gladly suffer."

- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great Friend,
 The Lamb of God, our Savior,
Whom God the Father chose to send
 To gain for us His favor.

"Go forth, My Son!" the Father said,
 "And free My children from their dread
Of guilt and condemnation.

 The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
But by Your passion they will share
 The fruit of Your salvation."

3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
 I'll bear what You command me
My will conforms to Your decree,
 I'll do what You have asked Me."
O wondrous Love, what have You done!
 The Father offers up His Son,
Desiring our salvation,
 O Love, how strong You are to save!
You lay the One into the grave
 Who built the earth's foundation.

4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see
 And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
 My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before Your throne,
 Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
 And there, in garments richly wrought,
As Your own bride shall we be brought
 To stand in joy beside You.

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Canticle *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* 454

- 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 thine equal be;

Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

△5 Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor,
Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

*A pair of candles is extinguished.
A moment's silence for meditation.*

Prayers

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Bidding Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come to You.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The final pair of candles is extinguished.

The congregation and pastor leave in silence with minimal light.

For your personal devotion and prayers:

The Severity of Divine Wrath Against Sin Considered in The Passion and Death of Christ¹

O Holy God, just Judge, I see Your Son hanging on the cross, streams of blood flowing freely. I look at Him and, behold, I become weak with terror. Those cruel nails are my sins with which I have pierced His hands and feet. Those horrible thorns are my sins with which I have crowned His holy head, the head worshiped and honored by angelic powers. Those sharply pointed lashes are my sins with which I have scourged His faultless body, the permanent temple of divinity. A terrible beast tore to pieces this heavenly Joseph and stained His robe with blood (Genesis 37:33). I, a wretched sinner, am that terrible beast because my sins rushed en masse against this Your beloved Son (Isaiah 53:6).

If this, Your obedient Son, suffers in anguish because of the sins of another, what will be meted out to disobedient and wayward children because of their sins? Truly, the wounds of my soul must be great and deadly if they can only be healed because Your only begotten Son is so wretchedly struck down. Truly, the disease of my soul must be great and deadly if it can only be cured because the heavenly Physician, Life itself, dies on a cross.

I see the torment of my Savior. I hear His wretched wailings on the cross (Matthew 27:46). He is tormented because of me. He complains loudly that His Father has forsaken Him because of my sins. If the weight of another's

¹ Meditations on Divine Mercy, Johann Gerhard, tr. Matthew Harrison, CPH.

sins strikes down the all-powerful Son of God, how unbearable will the wrath of God and His inestimable furor be against the unprofitable servant (Luke 17:10)? O dry and unfruitful wood, sold to the fires of eternal hell, what will be your lot if this is what happens to the green wood (Luke 23:31)? Christ is the green tree of life. Christ is a vigorous tree, rooted in divinity, part and parcel of humanity, famed for His virtues, possessing leaves of holy words, and yielding the fruit of good works. He is the cedar of modesty and the vine of peace, the palm of patience and the olive of mercy.

But if the fire of divine wrath burned against this green wood, the tree of life, because of the sins of others, how much more will it completely consume the sinner as a dry tree because of unfruitful works? How great and bloody the letters of my sin appear when written on the body of Christ. How striking, O most righteous God, is Your wrath against my iniquity. How tightly I must have been held in captivity because so precious a ransom was given to release me. How great the stains of my sin must have been because streams of blood from the body of Christ flowed to wash them away (Luke 22:44).

O most righteous God, yet most kind Father, behold how unjustly Your Son suffered for me. Forget how unworthily I, Your wretched servant, have acted. Look to Christ's deep wounds and plunge my sins into the deepest depths of the sea of Your mercy (Micah 7:19).

Amen.

Serving Today

Elder – *Mike Miller*

Organist - *Gail James*



**The following evening service will
meet at church and be online at 7:00p.m.**

April - Holy Week

3rd - Easter Vigil Service

EASTER SERVICES – Sunday Morning

4th – Sunrise Service – 7 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast – 8 a.m.

Divine Service – 9 a.m.