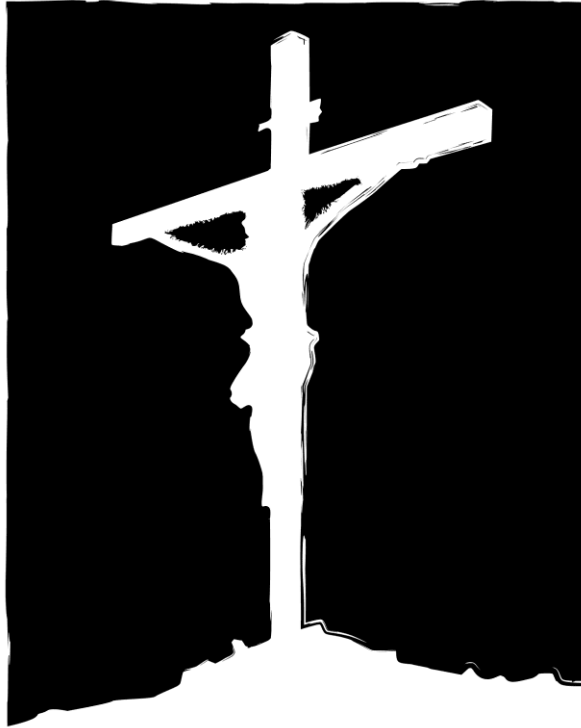




## **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A Mission & Ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod that is...  
Proclaiming Christ's Word through Truth, Innovation & Fellowship!*

**Good Friday**  
*April 3rd, 2026*



*It Is Finished!*



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### *As We Gather...*

*"Jesus Christ is the light of the world; a light no darkness can overcome."*

*(From John 1:5)*

*This day, we observe the second great act of the "holy Triduum," the death of our Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. While the name of the day may come from the phrase "God's Friday," it is, despite its horror, a Good Friday. Virtually since the very beginning of time, man's sin has infected the whole world. Sin separates us from God and one another, sin turns us inward, sin brings upon us the penalty of death. This Holy Friday, we remember the cure for sin, the self-giving sacrifice of Jesus in our place. His death is the cure for our sin, the payment of our debt. It is Good that you are here to remember His death and the prophecies fulfilled...for you!*

### *Service Notes...*

**In preparation for worship:** Please take some time to greet the people you are worshipping with! The order of worship for today is printed for you below, you may want to take a few minutes to look it over as you prepare to receive the gifts of God and sing His praises. **Reminder:** If you have a smart phone, and you're on Facebook, please "check in" at *Good Shepherd* Lutheran Church...then turn the sound off! May our Good and Gracious Shepherd bless your worship this day...this NEW day of salvation!

**To Stand or Sit:** There are certain parts of the service where you will be invited to stand. Sometimes, "wrestling" with kids, or a personal health condition makes standing uncomfortable... please know: **It is okay to either stand or sit. Both are appropriate!** So please, make yourself comfortable, receive the gifts God loves to give and **BOLDLY** sing His praises!

**Guests, Visitors & The Offering:** If you are our guest today, you are **not** expected to contribute monetarily to God's work at *Good Shepherd* ... you are our guest! Please take this service as our gift to you! If you choose to give an offering, know this: **The gifts we give back to God are used by His church to transform lives.** (The offering plate is located at the sanctuary entrance)

### *Pre-Service Meditation...*

*Please check out some of the pre-service prayers in the front of the LSB and/or meditate on one or more of the Psalms printed in the LSB (specifically **Psalm 22** today)...or just spend some time quietly in prayer before we begin...and maybe read this prayer...*

*Lord Jesus, my Good Shepherd, give me a sense of my  
wretchedness as I see You wretched on the cross.  
Crush in my heart any vestige of worthiness for the  
love You showed as You hung there unloved.  
Help me to see the blood of Your wounds cleansing  
my wounds of sin.  
Help me see Your death as the source of my life and  
the good of Your suffering as the assurance of good in  
my suffering.  
- Amen*

### *Prelude(s)...*

*12:30 pm **The Good Shepherd Choir** sings: "Holy Are You, Lord of Sorrow"  
-Patrick M. Liebergen*

*Holy, holy, holy are you, Lord of sorrow.  
Holy, holy are you, Lord of sorrow.  
O Lord, O Lord, you suffer death, upon the cross,  
You suffer death upon the cross.*

*Holy, holy are you, Lord of sorrow; we give you glory,  
we give you glory, we give you glory forevermore.  
O Lord, we give you glory, we give you glory forevermore.*

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*Cello Solo: "O Sacred Head"*

*(6:30 pm Trombone Solo: "Jesus Paid It All/O Sacred Head")*

### *Words of Welcome...*

*We Sing: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" (LSB pg. 440 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 4)*

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

**Make me see Your great distress,  
Anguish, and affliction,  
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness  
And Your crucifixion;  
Make me see how scourge and rod,  
Spear and nails did wound You  
How for them You died, O God,  
Who with thorns had crowned You.**

**Yet, O Lord, not thus alone  
Make me see Your passion,  
But its cause to me make known  
And its termination.  
Ah! I also and my sin  
Wrought Your deep affliction;  
This indeed the cause has been  
Of Your crucifixion.**

**Grant that I Your passion view  
With repentant grieving.  
Let me not bring shame to You  
By unholy living.  
How could I refuse to shun  
Every sinful pleasure  
Since for me God's only Son  
Suffered without measure?**

*Psalm of Confession* (Psalm 51:1-9, 17)

*(A time of silence is observed to call to mind the specifics of our sin and prepare for confession.)*

**All:** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 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. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. . .The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

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

*We Hear God's Forgiveness...*

*Psalm Prayer* (Psalm 51:10-15)

**All:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will return to You. Deliver me from bloodguilt, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of Your righteousness. O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise....

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, and give us direct access to You through His blood. 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.

*(12:30 pm) The Good Shepherd Choir Sings: "O Sacred Head"*

*-Joel Raeny arranged by Johann Sebastian Bach*

*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 'til now was thine;  
yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.*

*(Continued...)*

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 to thee.  
O sacred head now wounded.

(6:30 pm) *The Good Shepherd Bell Choir plays: "Were You There"*

### *The Prophecies & the Fulfillment*

#### **THE PROPHECY: Psalm 22:16-18**

*Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.*

#### **THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: Luke 23:32-38**

*Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."*

Pastor: Father, we are brought almost to tears as we stand at the foot of the cross.

**All: We find it difficult to comprehend how much Your love did for us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we stand in awe of Your forgiving those who nailed You to the cross.

**All: Help us to learn to forgive those who hurt us in the same way.**

Pastor: Open our eyes,

**All: that we may see Your love more clearly in the death of Your Son.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 1-3)*

**Jesus, in Your dying woes,  
Even while Your life-blood flows,  
Craving pardon for Your foes:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

*(Continued...)*

**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.**

*THE PROPHECY: Psalm 22:7-8*

*All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him."*

*THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: Luke 23:39-43*

*One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, open our eyes,

**All: that we, too, may glimpse the goodness of this day, even in the midst of uncertainty and sadness.**

Pastor: Guide and direct us

**All: into Your paradise which awaits us, and reveal Your perfect peace to us.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, grant us

**All: a richer awareness of the hope that You provide in Your Son Jesus.**

Pastor: Help us to cling every day to the life You have given to us,

**All: and by Your Holy Spirit, help us to glorify You in all that we do.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 4-6)*

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

*(Continued...)*

**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.**

***THE PROPHECY: Isaiah 7:10-14***

*Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."*

***THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: John 19:25-27***

*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, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home...*

Pastor: Lord God, may we learn from our Lord's example to love others as You have loved us;

**All: while seeing the worst we find in others and in ourselves, yet rejoicing in the forgiveness and acceptance we have received from You and share with others.**

Pastor: Encourage us to strive by the power of the Holy Spirit

**All: toward greater unity in our own families and toward unity in the family of believers in Christ Jesus.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 7-9)*

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

*(Continued...)*

**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.**

*THE PROPHECY: Psalm 22:1-8*

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

*THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: Matthew 27:45-46*

*Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

Pastor: Lord, we would never forsake You,

**All: but in our daily hustle and bustle, we sometimes forget You.**

Pastor: Lord, we would never condemn You, shouting "crucify!"

**All: although we have allowed evil to be done in Your name.**

Pastor: Lord, we would never deny You, saying, "I do not know the man!"

**All: but we have avoided opportunities to witness to Your love and to share the good news of salvation in Your name.**

Pastor: Lord, we would never shut You out of our lives,

**All: yet we confess that our own selfishness hides Your presence and love from us.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 10-12)*

**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,  
Through no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

***THE PROPHECY: Psalm 22:14-15***

*I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.*

***THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: John 19:28-29***

*After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." 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...*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, sometimes we forget that the pain and anguish You suffered was human pain and anguish.

**All: We often feel sorry for ourselves, without realizing what You suffered on our behalf.**

Pastor: Having given Your life on our behalf,

**All: help us to be bold in proclaiming Your name, despite the cost to us.**

Pastor: By Your suffering and death on our behalf,

**All: grant us the gift of life, life that is lived for Your glory.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 13-15)*

**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.**

***THE PROPHECY: Psalm 31:1-5***

*In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me! Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.*

***THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: Luke 23:44-46***

*It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.*

Pastor: Open our eyes, Lord;

**All: the shadow of Your Son's cross encompasses all our world.**

Pastor: Teach our hearts, O Lord,

**All: that when our last hour comes, we may confidently commit ourselves into Your loving arms.**

Pastor: Lead us, Lord,

**All: that we may follow You through the valley of the shadow of death into the place prepared for us at Your throne in Paradise.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 16-18)*

**Jesus, all our ransom paid,  
All Your Father's will obeyed;  
By Your sufferings 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.**

*THE PROPHECY: Isaiah 53:4-5*

**All: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 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.**

*THE PROPHECY FULFILLED: John 19:30*

*When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit...*

Pastor: Lord Jesus, in Your death we have life.

**All: We give You thanks that You finished the course set by the Father, that leads to our salvation.**

Pastor: By Your holy death,

**All: strengthen us to remain faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of life You have earned for us.**

Pastor: Lead and guide us, O Lord, beyond the darkness of sin into the light of Your grace,

**All: that we need not wander in the darkness forever, but may see Your glorious light.**

*We Sing: "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" (LSB pg. 447 vs. 19-21)*

**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.**

*The Message: "Unbroken Life, Broken Death"*

*(12:30 pm) Piano Duet: "Via Delorosa"*

### **The Lord's Prayer** *(Spoken softly by all.)*

**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. *(Matthew 6:9-13)* For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*The sound of the strepitus is heard, (a harsh noise signifying the earthquake at the crucifixion, the closing of the tomb, and the clash between God and Satan).*

*We Sing: "Were You There" (LSB pg. 456 vs. 1-3)*

**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?**

*You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. Or, you may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like.*

*The omission of the benediction indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter.*

*We celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday with worship at 6:30, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

*Come! And bring a friend or two!*

*Thank you for worshiping with us today... It's better with YOU here!*

*Special thanks to Cam and all the musicians and singers for sharing their gifts with us!*

*To God Alone all Glory Goes!*

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# GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of eternal life

Merciful Father,

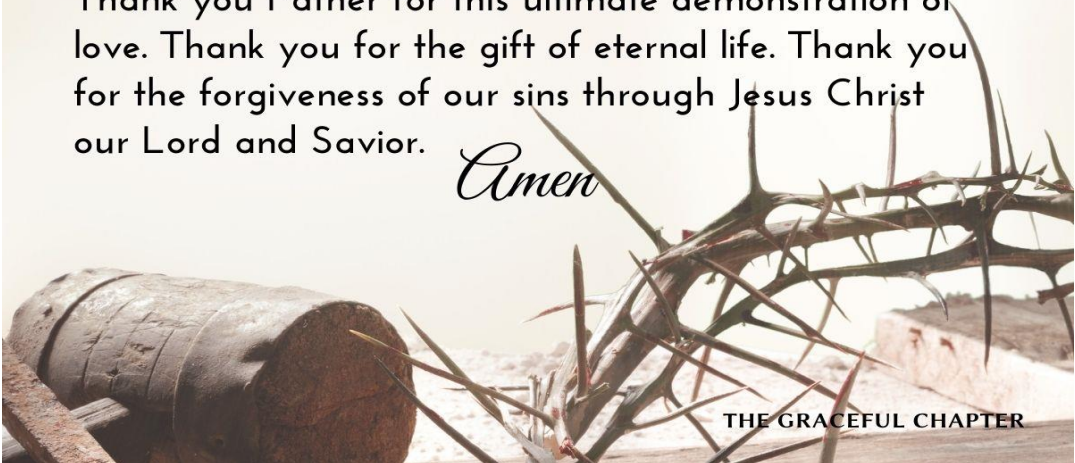
Today, we remember how your son died on the cross for us. He suffered betrayal, humiliation, and mockery for our sake.

He was beaten and wounded for our sins. He was crowned with thorns and crucified so that we may be saved. Our hearts are heavy as we remember his sufferings.

Though we mourn today, we find comfort in the hope that his death and resurrection brought to us. Because he died, we have the gift of eternal life. Because he overcame death, we know we are more than conquerors.

Thank you Father for this ultimate demonstration of love. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. Thank you for the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

*Amen*



THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

