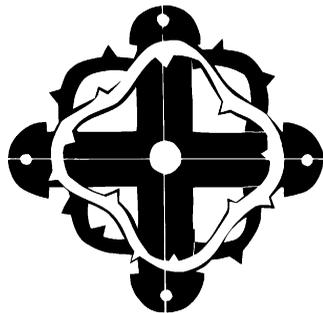


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***Easter Worship***

***Grace at 8:45 AM***

***Bethel at 10:30 AM (breakfast at 9:30 AM)***



**SERVICE OF THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

# Good Friday

**The Seven Words:** Scripture tells us of seven things Jesus said from the cross. All seven are short. All seven are profound, showing the depth of his love for us.

**The Reproach Prophecies:** A reproach is a strong expression of disapproval. Often it involves discrediting someone, proving that an accusation they made against you was false. In the reproach prophecies, the Lord himself does just that. The people of Israel, in their worldly problems, would have the audacity to claim that God was at fault. God makes it clear to Israel that when life fell apart, it was never because *he* left *them*. It was *always* the other way around. We utilize these prophecies in our confession of sins.

**Symbolic Silence:** The mood of the service is most solemn, encouraging the worshipers to reflect deeply upon their own life in the light of the Passion of our Lord.

## Communion

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Scripture tells us that we need to examine ourselves before we receive the Lord's Supper so that we do not take it in a harmful manner. (1 Cor. 11:27-29) For help in preparation see page 156 in the front of the hymnal.

**Visitors:** Because we do not want you to receive the Lord's Supper in a harmful manner we ask that you do not come forward for the Lord's Supper today if you are not members of a WELS or ELS church. The pastor will be happy to share with you the Biblical basis for this practice

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## Serving Today

Organist

Worship Leader

Pastor Mark A. Haefner

1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor;  
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish,  
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath  
4 As through part - ing Red Sea wa - ters

Sleep with - in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have  
Wounds in hands and feet and side. En - e -  
As we wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark  
Is - rael marched to lib - er - ty, So we

cru - ci - fied and bound you Fast with -  
mies no long - er mock you, Scourged, a -  
night of sin is pass - ing; Death's long  
pass through bap - tism's wa - ter, Washed by

in death's nar - row room. Pi - late's  
ban - doned, cru - ci - fied. Faith - ful  
reign will soon be gone. Christ, in  
grace, from sin set free. Je - sus,

guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing Where they rolled the  
wom - en gath - er spic - es, Weep for you whom  
whom the new cre - a - tion Ris - es bright - er  
ris - en, liv - ing, reign - ing Now and through e -

seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er  
sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who  
than the sun: May we, as we watch for  
ter - ni - ty: Grant that, through your life un -

watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.  
guards you Will not let your death be vain.  
morn - ing, Trust the vic - t'ry you have won.  
dy - ing, We may live vic - tor - ious - ly.

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## SONG OF SIMEON



**G** In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser-vant now de -  
part ac - cord-ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal-  
va - tion, which you have pre-pared for ev - 'ry peo-ple, a  
light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo-ry of your peo-ple  
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

**M** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

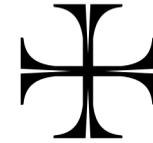
## BLESSING

**M** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor | 718*



## ORDER OF SERVICE

### PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**M** Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**C** Amen.

### THE WORD

#### LESSON

*Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

*Silence for prayer and meditation*

#### HYMN

*O Sacred Head | 105*

**1 O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,  
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.**

**2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,  
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.  
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!**

**3 Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;  
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.  
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;  
Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.**

**4 My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,  
For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary.  
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.  
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!**

**5 What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,  
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?  
Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true;  
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.**

**6 My Savior, then be near me When death is at my door,  
And let your presence cheer me; Forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish, Oh, leave me not alone,  
But take away my anguish By virtue of your own!**

**7 Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I must die;  
Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
My eyes will then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell;  
My heart will then enfold you—Who dies in faith dies well!**

### GOSPEL -THE SEVEN WORDS

**First Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

*Luke 23:26-34*

**Second Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

*Luke 23:38-43*

**Third Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

*John 19:25-27*

**Fourth Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

*Matthew 27:45-49*

**Fifth Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

*John 19:28,29*

forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord | 309*

**1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Offered was he for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.**

**2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields  
To all believers life eternal yields,  
With heav’nly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.**

**3 Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;  
In this your feast of love be with us now.**

*Oh, Perfect Life of Love | 138*

**1 Oh, perfect life of love! All, all is finished now,  
All that he left his throne above To do for us below.**

**2 No work is left undone Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, his sorrows, one by one, The Scriptures have fulfilled.**

**3 No pain that we can share But he has felt its smart;  
All forms of human grief and care Have pierced that tender heart.**

**4 And on his thorn-crowned head And on his sinless soul  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That he might make us whole.**

**5 In perfect love he dies; For me he dies, for me!  
O all-atoning Sacrifice, You died to make me free!**

**6 In ev’ry time of need, Before the judgment throne,  
Your works, O Lamb of God, I’ll plead, Your merits, not my own.**

**C** Amen.

**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN**

*A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth | 100*

**1** A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil 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, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer."

**2** This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;  
Him 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."

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *Matthew 26:26-28, 1Corinthians 11:24,25*

*(As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.)*

**M** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the

**Sixth Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

**John 19:30**

**Seventh Word**

*Prayer and meditation*

**Luke 23:44-46**

**HYMN**

*God Was There on Calvary | 140*

**1** God was there on Calvary, God the Father's only Son,  
Dying that the world might live, There on Calvary.

**2** All the world on Calvary, Crucified the Prince of life,  
Pierced the hands of God's own Son, There on Calvary.

**3** Sin was there on Calvary, All the sins of ev'ryone,  
Laid upon God's sinless Lamb There on Calvary.

**4** Love was there on Calvary, Streaming from the heart of God,  
Reaching out for ev'ryone There on Calvary.

**5** Life was there on Calvary, Flowing from his wounded side,  
Spent that death itself might die There on Calvary.

**6** We were there on Calvary; We were pardoned, saved, set free,  
Saved to live eternally—Blessed Calvary!

**SERMON**

*Luke 23:32-34*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

**RESPONSES**

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

**C** Oh, come, let us worship him.

*Silence for meditation*

**REPROACHES**

*The Reproaches (Improperia) are said or sung.*

### First Reproach

**M** 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.

**C** ♪ **Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

### Second Reproach

**M** 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.

**C** ♪ **Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

### Third Reproach

**M** 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.

**C** ♪ **Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Your peace be with us, O Jesus!**

### ABSOLUTION

Because Jesus lived perfectly under the law as your substitute; Because Jesus suffered the punishment you deserve for your sins; Because Jesus promised that if we forgive anyone their sins they are forgiven; I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### HYMN 114 V 1

**Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe—  
Through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*(Jesus took bread and gave thanks [Matthew 26:26].)*

**M** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.