

# GOOD FRIDAY



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**APRIL 18, 2025 | NOON | 7:30 PM**

*“Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you.”*

*Romans 15:7*

**E**nglish-speaking Christians call this day “Good”. It is a day, not of unmitigated mourning, as if Jesus were dead, dead, dead, but of profound contemplation at the mystery that, from the cross of death, God grants the world new life. The waters of baptism flow from the cross, and our gathering is contained by Christ’s crown of thorns. Held together in the passion of Christ, we hold out our hands in prayer for all the world. The service is a continuation of yesterday’s Maundy Thursday worship and it begins in silence.

As you enter the sanctuary, you will be given a small sheet of paper and a nail. Feel free to write onto the paper your sin(s) that you would like to bring before God. At the appropriate time in the service, the congregation may come forward and reverence the cross by hammering your sins into the cross. If you prefer, you may reverence the cross by dropping your nail/paper into the metal container, bowing, kneeling, offering prayer, or touching the cross. The papers/sins will later be removed and burned, unread.

A nursery room is available with an audio/visual of the service. Please consult with an usher if you need assistance.

The noon service is being recorded and livestreamed to our Facebook page.

The service will also be uploaded to our YouTube channel.

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18, 2025

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church warmly welcomes people of any age, race, nationality, sexual orientation, life circumstance, and physical or mental capability.*

*\*You are invited to stand.*

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### GATHER IN SILENCE

#### SPECIAL MUSIC (7:30)

“Were You There?”

Bells of Good Shepherd

-arr. Lyod Larson

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. ☞ **Amen.**

### WORD

### SEVEN LAST WORDS

#### 1. Luke 23:33-34 Forgive

*Response*

“Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive”

ELW #605

#### 2. Luke 23:39-43 Paradise

*Response*

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW #616

#### 3. John 19:25b-27 Relationship

*Response*

“Good Friday Hymn”

Text: st 1 Alexander Means, St. 2-3 Marty Haugen  
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##### Verse 1

What wondrous love is this O my soul  
O my soul

What wondrous love is this O my soul

What wondrous love is this

That caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul  
for my soul

To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

##### Verse 2

As you have shown the way let us love  
let us love

As you have shown the way let us love

As you have shown the way

So teach us ev'ry day

To simply be the way of your love of your love

To simply be the way of your love

##### Verse 3

Wherever you are found may we be  
may we be

Wherever you are found may we be

Wherever you are found

In souls and bodies bound

Where suffering is found may we be  
may we be

Where suffering is found may we be

#### 4. Mark 15:33-34 Forsaken

Response

“Do Not Forsake Me”

Words and Music by Tom Witt, based on Psalm 27:9;  
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Do not for - sake me, O God of my sal - va - tion.  
Do not hide your face from me.

#### 5. John 19:28-30 Finished

Response

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ELW 347 vs 1-3

#### 6. Luke 23:44-49 Reunion

Response

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW 349  
vs. 1-2

#### 7. John 19:31-42 Burial

Response

“Were You There?”

ELW 353

**BIDDING PRAYER**—Please kneel or sit as you prefer.

- L** Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for Elizabeth and Kevin our bishops, for our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- L** Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you from other faiths. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for God's creation.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for those who serve in public office.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
- L** Let us pray for those in need.
- P** Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- P** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.
- 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.**

*Stand and face the cross*

### **\*PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

*The empty cross will be carried in, stopping 3 times and repeating the following:*

- P** Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
- C** **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

### **REVERENCING THE CROSS AND THE NAILING OF OUR SINS**

*Please come forward and reverence the cross by hammering your sins into the cross. If you prefer, you may reverence the cross by dropping your nail/paper into the metal container, bowing, kneeling, offering prayer, or touching the cross. The papers/sins will later be removed and burned, unread.*

### **SOLEMN REPROACHES—Please kneel or sit as you prefer.**

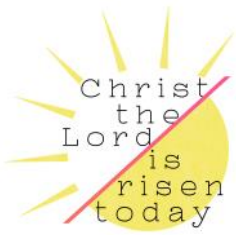
- P** O my people, O my Church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**
- P** O my people, O my Church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*A brief silence*

- P** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C** **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

***Leave after the worship assistants in silence and darkness.***



April 20

Easter Festival Worship Services With Holy Communion

8:30 AM - Traditional Worship
9:45 -10:30 AM Easter Brunch
10:45 AM - Praise Service

Livestream at 8:30 AM:
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Table with 2 columns: Name and Role. Includes staff members like Rev. Karen Boda (Pastor), Chase Petersen (Organist), Pam Weinelt (Praise Team Coordinator), Alissa Wells (Office Coordinator), Donna Garges (Media Coordinator), Carrie Escamilla (Bookkeeper), and Aaron Frink (Custodian).

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