

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 2026

12:00 PM and 7:30 PM Worship Service

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—please silence your cell phones

∞ GATHERING ∞

GATHER IN SILENCE

PRELUDE (7:30 PM ONLY) “O Sacred Heart Now Wounded” Anna Kate Peed

-Greg Howlett

*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

“Kyrie Eleison”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Matt Redman, Matt Maher and Jason Ingram; © 2016 S. D. G. Publishing | Said And Done Music | sixsteps Music | sixsteps Songs | Thankyou Music Ltd | Worship Together Music | worshiptogether.com songs

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It begins with a four-measure rest, followed by a double bar line. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Hear our cry and heal our land. Let kind - ness lead us to re - pent - ance; bring us back again. For your name is great, and your heart is grace; Ky - ri - e E - lei - son! O - ver all, you reign. You a - lone can save; Ky - ri - e E - lei - son! Lord, have mer - cy;"

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1. Christ have mer-cy on us now. For your name Christ have mer-cy on us now.

Who is this God who par - dons all our sin? So read - y to for-

-give; you de-light to show your mer - cy. Who is this God who par - dons all our

sin? So read - y to for-give; You de - light to show your mer-cy. For your name

is great, and your heart is grace; Ky-ri-e E-lei son! O-ver all, you reign. You a-lone can save;

Ky - ri - e E-lei -son! For your name is great, and your heart is grace; Ky - ri - e E-lei -son! O-ver all,

you reign. You a - lone can save; Ky - ri - e E-lei - son! Lord, have mer - cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy on us now.

2.

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2. Luke 23:39-43 Paradise

Response

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW #616

3. John 19:25b-27 Relationship

Response

“Above All”

Words and Music by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche; © 1999 Integrity's Hosanna! Music | Leadworship Songs | LenSongs Publishing

Above all powers, above all kings, above all nature and all created things; above all wisdom and all the ways of man, You were here before the world began. Above all kingdoms, above all thrones, above all wonders the world has ever known; above all wealth and treasure of the earth, there's no way to measure what you're worth. Crucified, laid behind the stone; You lived to die, rejected and alone. Like a rose Tram-pled on the ground, you took the fall, and thought of me, above all.

4. Mark 15:33-34 Forsaken

Response

“Do Not Forsake Me”

Words and Music by Tom Witt, based on Psalm 27:9; © 2009 Augsburg Fortress

Do not forsake me, O God of my salvation. 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.

- Ⓘ Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.
- Ⓟ 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.**

- Ⓘ Let us pray for Yehiel and Kevin our bishops, for our pastors, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.
- Ⓟ 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.**

- Ⓘ Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.
- Ⓟ 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.**

- Ⓘ Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.
- Ⓟ 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.**

- Ⓘ Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.
- Ⓟ 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.**

- Ⓘ Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.
- Ⓟ 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.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

G **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 entering from the rear of the church.

***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.

G **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.
- G** **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.**

Exit the sanctuary following the worship assistants in silence and darkness.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
April 5th, 8:30 AM Traditional | 10:45 AM Praise
(Easter Brunch between services)

Join us for Easter Sunday when God's love in Jesus transformed the cross, an instrument of terror and death, and made it a symbol of life, hope and forgiveness.

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