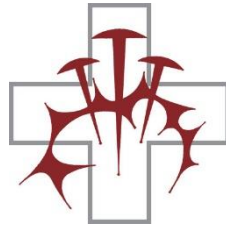


St. John's Lutheran Church (LCMS), Effingham
Good Friday Service
12:15 & 6:30



As We Gather

Good Friday is a time of somber reflection as we approach the mystery of the cross. But the austerity of the Good Friday liturgy should not obscure the fact that this is a death we celebrate -- because of the life and forgiveness that flow from the cross for us and for our salvation. Because Good Friday is not an isolated event or day but part of God's planned revelation of His love, we listen to the account of Jesus' Passion with faith.

The message of the cross is the message of the Scriptures, planned by God, proclaimed by the prophets, and fulfilled in Christ. This liturgy continues what was begun on Holy Thursday and will not be complete until Easter Sunday adds its own message of hope and triumph.

Welcome.



CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

READING: John 19:14-16

Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. Pilate said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵They cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

In obedience Christ accepted death –
even death on a cross.

(silence for reflection)

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.
Your Word has been fulfilled.**

PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners to suffer death on the cross, and thus to win the victory; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

HYMN:

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

#451 (1-3)

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

3 Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God. Text: Public domain

Sermon:

"Jesus Took Our Place"
(Isaiah 53:6)
-- Pastor Fortkamp

Hymn Response:

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" #451 (v.4)

4 Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,
Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.



THE WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

+ THE FIRST WORD +

- **SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:32-34**

It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified. Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals--one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

- **PRAYER**

- **A CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**

- **HYMN**

"Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"

#447 (1-3)

- 1 Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 2 Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 3 Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

+ THE SECOND WORD +

▪ **SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23:39-43**

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him:
"Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

▪ **PRAYER, CANDLE**

▪ **HYMN:** *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* #449 (1-2)

1 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, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace

+ THE THIRD WORD +

▪ **SCRIPTURE READING John 19:25-27**

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

▪ PRAYER, CANDLE

▪ HYMN:

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #449 (3-4)

3 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 for Thee.

4 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.

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+ THE FOURTH WORD +

▪ SCRIPTURE READING **Matthew 27:45-47**

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

▪ PRAYER, CANDLE

▪ HYMN:

"O Perfect Life of Love" #452 (1-4)

1 O 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.

(continued...)

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.

THE FIFTH WORD

▪ **SCRIPTURE READING John 19:28**

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled,
Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

▪ **PRAYER, CANDLE**

▪ **HYMN:** *"Jesus, In Your Dying Woes"* #447 (13-15)

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

+ THE SIXTH WORD +

▪ SCRIPTURE READING **John 19:29-30**

A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it,
put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.
. . . When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

▪ PRAYER, CANDLE

▪ HYMN: *"O Perfect Life of Love"* #452 (5-7)

5 In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.

6 In ev'ry time of need,
Before the judgment throne,
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,
Thy merits, not mine own.

7 Yet work, O Lord, in me
As Thou for me hast wrought;
And let my love the answer be
To grace Thy love has brought.

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+ THE SEVENTH WORD +

▪ SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 23:44-49**

Darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

▪ PRAYER, CANDLE

HYMN:

#454 "Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the
 △ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,
 time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,
 Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,
 no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,
 and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the
 Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of
 Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He
 None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the
 Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.
 true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.
 hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.
 world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!
 in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *(quietly, by all)*

In obedience Christ accepted death –
even death on a cross.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.
 Your Word has been fulfilled.**

We leave the church in silence, confident of our salvation in Christ.



(No Saturday Services April 3)

Easter Services w/Holy Communion

Sunday, April 4

6:00am

8:00am

10:30am



