



# First Lutheran Church

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Friday, April 7, 2023 · 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM · Good Friday

# WELCOME

*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

P: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: In your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.**

## GATHERING HYMN

*Ah Holy Jesus*

ELW # 349, vs. 1, 2 & 4

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
- 4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*You are welcome to come forward and place nails at the foot of the cross. In so doing we acknowledge the evil we commit and allow, and the sin that brought our Savior to the cross. Simultaneously, in releasing the nails we remember that Jesus took the sin of the world and put it to death on the cross.*

*Through the grace of God displayed at the crucifixion, you need not take these 'nails' home.*

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*What Wondrous Love is This—Jack Schrader*

Jubilate Choir

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P:/C: Merciful God, **your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

*Psalms 22:1, 11-18*

## GOSPEL

*John 18-19*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

ELW #351, vs. 1-3

- 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 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

**SOLEMN REPROACHES**

Pastor Joe Skogmo & Pastor Lauryl Ivers

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Were You There*

ELW #353

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 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?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?
- 5 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?

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Carla Hanson

**SENDING**

***\*\*Please depart in silence\*\****



**Join Us for Easter Worship**  
*Sunday, April 9th*

8:30 AM — Traditional Worship Service  
9:30 AM — Traditional Worship Service  
10:45 AM — Contemporary Worship Service

*All services will be offered in-person & online.*