



# First Lutheran Church

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Friday, March 29, 2024 • 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

*Nocturne—Bob Moore*

Peggy Hammerling & Karen Bimberg

## SILENT INVOCATION

## RESPONSIVE READING

**P:** You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the almighty, call upon the Lord for the day is far gone and darkness advances.

**C:** **God is our refuge and strength, our shield from the arrow that flies by day, our fortress against the terrors of the night, our herald of hope in the morning.**

**P:** The cross casts its shadow upon the earth, but the dimly burning wick still flickers out of the darkness.

**C:** **A light that shatters the darkness. A light that no night can overcome.**

## CROSS VERSE

## 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.

## THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

### LAST WORD

### SCRIPTURE

**TENEBRAE VERSE: We live beneath  
the Cross of Christ.  
Our hope lies in  
the Shadow of the Almighty.**

## SERMON

*Were You There*

Pr. Roy Hammerling

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ELW #338

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.
- 2 Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.
- 3 I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

**SOLEMN REPROACHES**

Pastor Joe Skogmo & Pastor Roy Hammerling

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded—Mary McDonald*

Jubilate Choir

**SOLEMN REPROACHES CONTINUE**

Pastor Joe Skogmo & Pastor Roy Hammerling

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Gnossienne—arr Trevor Wye*

Peggy Hammerling & Karen Bimberg

**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?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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?

**SENDING**

P: The cross casts its shadow upon the earth, but the dimly burning wick still flickers out of the darkness.

**C: A light that shatters the darkness. A light that no night can overcome.**

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. In your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



**Join Us for Easter Worship**  
*Sunday, March 31st*

8:30 AM & 9:30 AM —Traditional Worship Service

10:45 AM—Contemporary Worship Service

*All services will also be available via livestream.*

**Welcome Visitor!**

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*State*

*Zip Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I'm a guest of: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in learning more about First Lutheran Church.