



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
APRIL 7TH

Welcome!

A warm welcome is extended to ALL who are gathered today. May we all know the love and mercy of God through His gifts of Word and Sacrament. **Please take the time to fill out one of the NEW attendance cards.** If you are 'visiting' Faith Lutheran today, please introduce yourself to Pastor Krueger. As our 'special guest,' please do not feel obligated to contribute to today's offering.

Restrooms are located down the hallway to the right as you exit the sanctuary. The nursery is located through the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to use our nursery, please ask an usher who will help you. Hearing assistance devices are available. If you need anything, please ask an elder or an usher. We are happy to help you.

PRESERVICE MUSIC – *please use this time to prepare yourself for worship.*

OPENING SONG – **LSB 451** "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (all verses)

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING (*portions of Psalm 22*)

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, far from the words of My groaning?

All who see Me mock Me; they smirk at me; they shake their heads saying; "He trusts in the Lord; let Him deliver Him; let Him rescue Him, for He delights in Him!"

They have pierced My hands and feet — I can count all My bones — they stare and gloat over Me;

They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

For kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Let us confess our sins to God our Father, asking His forgiveness in the name of Jesus, Who was pierced by nails, mocked, and forsaken for us.

Almighty God, we confess that we do not always obey Your commandments. We daily turn away from Your Word. By our sinful nature, we are prone to reject Your holy will for our lives and follow our own desires. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior, Who carried our sins in His own body to the cross.

(silence is observed for personal confession of sins to God our Father)

On the cross Jesus willingly suffered the punishment we deserve for our sins. Through faith in His sacrificial death we are washed clean in His blood shed "for us." Therefore, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 53:4-6*

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one of us — to our own way; and the LORD laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING *Romans 5:6-11*

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to

God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:23-30*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED *(inside back cover of the hymnal)*

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN - LSB 453 "Upon the Cross Extended" (all verses)

SERMON "At the CROSSroad"

Text: Isaiah 53:4-6

Adult Choir "In the Praetorium" by Joseph M. Martin

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, on the cross You suffered the punishment and the penalty that we deserve for our sins.

As heaven touched earth on that hill outside of Jerusalem, You received the sentence of death for us, and we were set free from the curse of sin, death, and the devil.

Lord Jesus, we lift up in prayer from our hearts those who do not believe, and have not experienced the blood-bought freedom you have won for all sinners ... we pray from our hearts for those in need of Your healing touch ... and also for those now named ... Savior Jesus, comfort them all with Your love and healing touch,

Teach us to not only pray for them according to their needs of body and soul, but lead us by the Holy Spirit to reach out to them in witness and loving service in Your 'blood-bought' saving name.

Lord Jesus, through Your death and resurrection, we have been declared "Not guilty" of our sins.

Help us not only to carry in our hearts, but to joyfully share with our lips the 'good news' of forgiveness and life in Your name – to those we meet in the world who are still lost in the darkness and condemnation of their sin. Amen.

*(The "Light of Christ" is removed –
signifying the death of Jesus on the cross.
As it is carried out of our midst,
we whisper the "Lord's Prayer.")*

***Please leave in silence after the "stepitus" is heard
– the sound signifying that the tomb is closed.***

***You are invited to return for our
Easter Sunday service at 9:00AM.***