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*HE* WAS  
DESPISED AND  
REJECTED ...  
A MAN OF  
SORROWS, AND  
FAMILIAR  
WITH SUFFERING.



**Welcome to**  
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**Welcome!**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ❖ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ❖ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ❖ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ❖ **After** the service, speak to one another.

**As We Gather:** We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

**Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.**

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

**REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Traditional Worship with Holy Communion**

8:15am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School

**Contemporary Band plays Sundays two times/month (check online calendar)**

Sundays at 10:45 AM

**BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE**

Sunday morning between services at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Mornings online at 10:00 AM

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages *anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via **Hotline: (631) 600-0271***  
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**Mission Statement**

**To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.**



**The Way of Sorrows**  
**Tenebrae Service for Good Friday**  
**April 18, 2025**  
**7:30 pm**

**PRELUDE**

"Beneath the Cross" - Emma Lou Diemer

**A Silent Procession of Choir, Deacons, and Clergy**  
**(Please rise and face the cross)**

**INTROIT: HANDBELL CHOIR**

**"Were You There?" - arr. Hal Hopson**

*<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

—Romans 8:38-39

**Pastor:** Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

**People:** Amen.

**1. JESUS IS CONDEMNED**

**Isaiah 53:8**

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

**Luke 23:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

<sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"

<sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.)

<sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged

and then release him." <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

***The first candle is extinguished.***

## **2. JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS**

### **Isaiah 53:7**

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

### **John 19:16-17a**

<sup>16</sup>Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.  
So they took Jesus; <sup>17</sup>and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.

### **Psalm 55** (*read responsively*)

**Pastor:** Hear me, God! Do not turn away!

**People:** **Listen! Answer me! Grief cuts me to the core.**

**Pastor:** See me shudder at the enemy's shouts, at the jeers of the wicked.

**People:** **Hear their twisted lies and spiteful curses.**

**Pastor:** My heart quivers, stricken by death's terrors;

**People:** **Fear has me in its grip, and I tremble.**

**Pastor:** I pray for wings like a dove to fly far, far away.

**People:** **I would flee to the wilderness and build a nest there.**

**Pastor:** There I would rest from this tempest, God,

**People:** **There, far from raging tongues.**

**Pastor:** It was my friends who turned on me, not some foe I could shrug off, but close friends.

**People:** **We used to pray together.**

**Pastor:** See their wickedness, God. See how they befriend evil.

**People:** **I cry out to you, morning, noon and night. I complain bitterly.**

**Pastor:** But you have listened, God. You have heard my case.

**People:** **You break their power over me, saving God. You give me peace.**

**Pastor:** Take my burdens, God; save me from stumbling.

**People:** **I will trust in you always.**

***The second candle is extinguished.***

### 3. JESUS FALLS BENEATH HIS CROSS

#### Isaiah 53:2b-4, 11b

<sup>2</sup>For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

***The third candle is extinguished.***

#### HYMN

#### "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" LBW 114



1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a cit - y wall,  
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,  
3 He died that we might be for - giv'n; he died to make us good,



where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all.  
but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his pre - cious blood.

#### 4. SIMON HELPS CARRY THE CROSS

##### Isaiah 53:11b

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

##### Luke 23:26

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.

##### Psalm 25 (*read responsively*)

Pastor: I worship you, my God, I trust you; save me from disgrace, from the jeers of my foes.

**People: It is those who break faith who are the fools, not the ones who wait for you.**

Pastor: Show me your path, God. Teach me, guide me, lead me in truth,

**People: For you are my God. I have waited for you all day.**

Pastor: Remember your tenderness, your endless love,

**People: And forget the sins of my youth, my frailties. Because of your goodness, remember me, God.**

Pastor: You show sinners the straight road, leading the poor to justice.

**People: Those who keep your law walk in kindness and truth. For the sake of your name, forgive me.**

Pastor: I love you, O God. Show me the way I should choose, the path of blessing.

**People: You are friend to those who love you, to those who cherish your law.**

Pastor: I fix my eyes upon you,

**People: For you will free me from the trap.**

Pastor: Look at me, God; pity me. I am sad and alone.

**People: Lighten my heart, my heavy burden. Heal my festering wounds.**

Pastor: Let me shelter in you. Give me integrity for a shield because I wait for you.

**People: Rescue me, God, from all my troubles.**

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

##### ADULT CHOIR

“Calvary” - John Carter

## 5. JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN

### Isaiah 52:14-15

<sup>4</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
— so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals —  
<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

### Luke 23:27-31

<sup>27</sup>A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>But Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

### Psalms 4 (read responsively)

Pastor: God, my justice, answer me.  
**People: Comfort me in my distress; in your kindness hear me.**  
Pastor: The narrow-hearted close me out;  
**People: Steeped in lies, they chase false gods.**  
Pastor: I say to them, "Know that God protects me; God hears when I cry out."  
**People: I say to them, "Tremble. Sin no more. Spend the night in prayer. Trust God. Make justice your sacrifice."**  
Pastor: They say, "Who will bring happiness? Let the light of God's face shine on us!"  
**People: God, you bring me richer joy than all their grain and wine. I fall asleep peacefully, secure in your love.**

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

## Bidding Prayer for Good Friday

*Deacon: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.*

*Pastor: 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 from the nations. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon: Let us pray for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.*

*Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors, professional church workers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church and help them to do faithfully the work to which You have called them. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers in other churches who share our faith in Jesus Christ.*

*Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, You 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.*

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God and to receive God's law.*

*Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, long ago You gave your promise to Abraham and your law 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.*

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Christ Jesus.*

*Pastor: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to You under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife and make us more perfect witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**



*Deacon: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.*

**Pastor:** 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.

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.*

**Pastor:** 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.

**People: Amen.**

*Deacon: Let us pray for those in need.*

**Pastor:** Almighty and eternal God, You give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. 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.

**People: Amen.**

**Pastor:** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

**All: Our Father who art in heaven...**

## **OFFERTORY**

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” - Buxtehude

## **6. JESUS IS STRIPPED**

### **Isaiah 53:6**

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

## John 19:23-24

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

## Psalm 31 (read responsively)

Pastor: I shelter in you, God; take away my shame.

**People: Save me! Set me free! Listen! Come quickly!**

Pastor: Be my rock of safety, my stronghold, my fortress.

**People: God, my rock, I call on your name! Lead me! Guide me!**

Pastor: Untangle me from the net; draw me close to you.

**People: I place myself in your hands, God, my safety. I trust you; I delight in your love, in your faithfulness, O God.**

Pastor: You saw my pain, my wounded spirit;

**People: You saved me from the cage and set me free.**

Pastor: Pity me, God. Grief grips me; misery strangles me.

**People: There is so much pain--the years are filled with sighs. I grow weak! How brittle are my bones!**

Pastor: Enemies hound me down. Neighbors scoff and scorn.

**People: My friends desert me, avoiding my gaze as though I am a corpse, one of the damned.**

Pastor: But I trust you, God; I am yours alone.

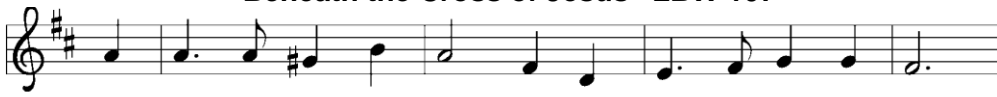
**People: Let your love shine upon me, now and always.**

Pastor: Let those who love you know your embrace. Let them see your justice.

**People: Teach them to take heart, to trust in you, O God.**

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**  
**“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” LBW 107**



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up-on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon-tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

**7. JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

**Mark 15:22-25**

<sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” And when Jesus had received the vinegar he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

We bury our sins with Jesus.

## *The seventh candle is extinguished*

### HYMN

#### **“Alas ! And Did My Savior Bleed” LBW 98**



- 1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?
- 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
- 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in
- 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,
- 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.



## **8. JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

### **Isaiah 53:5**

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

## John 19:30b-37

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed.

<sup>32</sup>Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. <sup>35</sup>(He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) <sup>36</sup>These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, "None of his bones shall be broken."

<sup>37</sup>And again another passage of scripture says, "They will look on the one whom they have pierced."

## Psalm 16 (read responsively)

Pastor: Keep me, God. You are my safety, my only happiness. I delight in fidelity.

**People: Those who chase other gods bring troubles upon themselves. When they pour out blood offerings and praise the names of idols, I will not join them.**

Pastor: You, God, are all I have; everything depends on you.

**People: You guide me; you teach my heart, O God.**

Pastor: I will bless you.

**People: I will think of you always, mindful of your presence, O God my strength.**

Pastor: You will not abandon me or leave me among the dead.

**People: No, you will lead me to life, to endless joy, at your right hand, forever.**

## *The eighth candle is extinguished*

## Isaiah 53:10a, 11a

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

## Mark 15:42-46a

<sup>42</sup>When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, <sup>43</sup>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>44</sup>Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. <sup>45</sup>When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. <sup>46</sup>Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb.

## Psalm 46 (*read responsively*)

Pastor: God of shelter, God of strength, saving God: Even if the earth shudders, even if mountains tumble into sea depths, making the waters churn and seethe, we shall not be afraid.

**People: You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob!**

Pastor: Joy streams through your city, through your sacred dwelling.

**People: You are with us, God; the city cannot fall.**

Pastor: At dawn you scatter the enemy; kingdoms topple, earth crumbles at the sound of your voice.

**People: You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob!**

Pastor: Come, let us see God's wonders, God's saving deeds!

**People: He breaks the bow, snaps the spear, burns the shield, stamps out war.**

Pastor: "Be still!" says God. "Know that I hold power over all peoples."

**People: You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob!**

*The ninth candle is extinguished*

**REFLECTION**  
**"Self-control"**

# HYMN

## "Glory Be to Jesus" LBW 95



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,  
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
 blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
 which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
 but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting  
 wafts its praise on high,  
 angel hosts rejoicing  
 make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,  
 swell the mighty flood;  
 louder still and louder  
 praise the precious blood.

## 10. JESUS IS BURIED

### Isaiah 53:9

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

### John 19:41-42

<sup>41</sup>Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

### The pastor speaks the prayer softly:

Pastor: Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; [these words are whispered:] who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

*The tenth candle is extinguished*

The congregation is seated and whispers **The Lord's Prayer**.

As the **Christ Candle** is carried from the chancel, **Isaiah 53:12** is read from the balcony.

And so I will give him a place of honor, a place among the great and powerful. He willingly gave his life and shared the fate of the evil. He took the place of many sinners and prayed that they might be forgiven.

**The sound of the *strepitus* is heard, a harsh noise signifying the closing of the tomb and the earthquake.**

*All leave in silence.*