

## **Welcome to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** **Building up God's people through His word for His world**

**Good Friday**  
**April 7, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.**

*Since the altar is stripped and the paraments are gone, the wood of many altars, lecterns, and pulpits is fully exposed. Wood reminds you what took place on the tree of the cross, where your Lord once died. Jesus' cross brings peace, forgiveness, and salvation. By it, the lives of Christians are rescued, sweetened, and lightened. We reflect upon these familiar words of "The Old Rugged Cross" penned by American composer George Bennard in 1912:*

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

**We especially welcome our guests who are worshipping here this evening.** If you have no church home in the area, we invite you to participate in the life and ministry of Good Shepherd. For information about our congregation, visit [gslcva.org](http://gslcva.org). Also, please fill out a Welcome card, which you'll find near the hymnals, and place it in the offering plate near the doors to the sanctuary as you leave this evening.

**Our worship reflects the liturgical tradition of the Christian church.** Holy Communion is celebrated in all indoor services (8:00 and 11:00 a.m.) on the first, third, and fifth Sundays. Our informal worship service, Sunday/PRAISE, features contemporary music and is held in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Sundays of the month, with communion celebrated on fourth Sundays. Holy Communion is part of every outdoor worship service, each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**To all worshippers:** The presence of children in worship is a gift to the Body of Christ and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." Please welcome our young ones and give their parents a smile of encouragement or a helping hand, if needed.

**We offer Sunday School** and a variety of Bible studies and spiritual growth opportunities for children, youth, and adults on Sunday mornings.



yet we accounted him stricken,  
 struck down by God, and afflicted.  
<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.  
<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.  
<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.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<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.  
<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.  
<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
 and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
 because he poured out himself to death,  
 and was numbered with the transgressors;  
 yet he bore the sin of many,  
 and made intercession for the transgressors.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence*

P: Let us pray.  
Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Epistle** **Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9**

R: The Epistle is from Hebrews, the fourth and fifth chapters.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

<sup>5:7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**+ THE SEVEN LAST WORDS +**

*We reflect on the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the wooden cross.*

**Word of Pardon** **Luke 23:33-34**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

**Hymn** "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" **Hymn No. 440**  
Verses 1-2

**Word of Promise** **Luke 23:39-42**

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”</b>	<b>Hymn No. 449</b>
		Verses 1-2

<sup>25</sup>Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

**Word of Justice** **Matthew 27:45-46**

**Hymn**                      “Smitten, Stricken, and Afflicted”                      **Hymn No. 451**  
Verses 3-4

<sup>28</sup>After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.”

**Word of Triumph** **John 19:30**

**Hymn**                      “Were You There”                      **Hymn No. 456**  
Verses 1-2

<sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

Heav'n looked with breathless awe at Gethsemane  
Jesus praying all alone, kneeling there in agony  
He chose a cruel death, dying on a cross  
Death was not His only choice, but it was the path Christ chose  
He chose to die, His life He gave, the Father's will, the Son obeyed  
He chose to die, sin's ransom pay, He chose to die that all might live  
[Crucify Him!] "I find no fault with Him"  
[Release Barabbas! Crucify Him!]  
Pilate told the crowd  
[Release Barabbas!]  
Crucify Him was their cry and release Barabbas now  
He stumbled through the streets crushed down by a cross  
Scorners laughed and taunted Him but He chose to die for them  
He chose to die, His life He gave, the Father's will, the Son obeyed  
He chose to die, sin's ransom pay, He chose to die and to forgive  
He chose to die that all might live  
He chose to die that I might live

## Musical Reflection

*Please stand*

A: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole Body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

P: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

P: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

- A: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- A: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:
- P: Almighty and everlasting God, King of glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- A: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:
- P: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**
- A: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:
- P: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**



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

C: **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

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### **Concluding Collect**

P: Let us pray.  
We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**Hymn** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" **Hymn No. 425**

**Postlude** "In the Glory" W. Cassler

*All leave the church in silence.*

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### **Serving This Evening**

Worship Leader	Pastor James
Preacher	Pastor Johann
Crucifer	Matthew Huang
Acolyte	*
Scripture Reader	Geoff Lunt
Prayer Leader	Nancy McGarry
Ushers	Jim Micsan (lead) Paul Devine
Organist	Anne Lee
Choir Director	Anne Lee
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Audio Engineer	Dan LaMaestra
Livestream Manager	Matt Hardy
Greeter	Karen Kidwell (door)
Engagement	Heidi Cooper
Closer	Allen Millman

\* = unfilled as of April 4

### **Easter Sunday Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord**

8:15 a.m. (indoor); preservice music begins at 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. (outdoor)

11:30 a.m. (indoor); preservice music begins at 11:15 a.m.

### **Board of Servant Leaders**

June McGurn, chair	Paul Kasulis
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## **Core Ministry Areas**

### **Worship**

*Team Leaders: Georgia Thorstenson and Julie Schorfheide;*

*Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann*

The Worship Team encompasses music, seasonal celebrations, arts, worship schedule, Sanctuary Choir (Anne Lee), Handbell Choir (Anne Lee), traditional worship, contemporary worship (Dan LaMaestra), the worship spaces, and support personnel (e.g., ushers, greeters, acolytes).

### **Discipleship**

*Team Leader: Pastor James (temporary)*

The Discipleship Team oversees adult education, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's ministry, and youth ministry (Holly Vanderhoof).

### **Parish Life**

*Team Leader: Brian Cors; Staff Liaison: Heidi Cooper*

The Parish Life Team helps foster our community through Life Groups, member engagement, fellowship events, new member inclusion, concerts, public events, picnics, and intergenerational events, and reaches out to guests who worship at Good Shepherd.

### **Mission**

*Team Leader: Pastor Johann*

Through the Mission Team, Good Shepherd supports a variety of mission efforts: world and local (John and Deborah Linn), synod/district, social ministry and community service (Holly Vanderhoof). Evangelism, publicity, media, and social media (Jeff Donahue) support these efforts.

### **Congregational Care**

*Team Leader: Vacant; Staff Liaison: Pastor Johann*

The Congregational Care Team organizes member care visits, emergency transportation, and support for memorial services and receptions, and provides and delivers food to the infirm, pregnant, etc. It also maintains a roster of those willing to help in these capacities.

### **Administration**

*Team Leader: Pastor Johann*

This team is in charge of property (Roger Thorstenson), financing the mission (Mike DeWan), stewardship (Don Kidwell), human resources/personnel (Matt Franker), communications (Jeff Donahue), contracts, church office, calendar/program management, and technology (Gary Budzier).

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