



+ Good Friday Service +
At Redeemer Lutheran Church
Noon April 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

All gather in silence. Stand at the sounding of the chimes.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Let us pray.
 Almighty God,
 look with loving mercy on your family,
 for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
 was willing to be betrayed,
 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.**
Please be seated.

+ The Word +

The First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-9

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

Reader Word of God, word of life.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-8, 25-31

Congregation reads words in bold print.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

**My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;
by night, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**Our ancestors put their trust in you,
they trusted, and you rescued them.**

They cried out to you and were delivered;
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

**But as for me, I am a worm and not human,
scorned by all and despised by the people.**

All who see me laugh me to scorn;
they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

**"Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;
let God rescue him if God so delights in him."**

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.

**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

Anthem

"The Crucifixion" by Samuel Barber, solo



The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:16–25

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader
People

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor Look to Jesus,
**People Who for the sake of the joy that was set before him
 endured the cross,
 disregarding its shame,
 and has taken his seat at the right hand
 of the throne of God.**

Gospel: John 19:16b-30

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." 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. 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."

And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

*Selections from Jesus, The Son of Man
by Khalil Gibran*

“Caiaphas”

“Barabbas”

“Claudius, A Roman Sentinel”

“Simon the Cyrene”

Hymn: #666
All stand and sing.

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.
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The Bidding Prayer
Please kneel or sit.

Asst. Min. Let us pray, siblings in Christ, for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

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 throughout the world. 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 Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Asst. Min.

Let us pray for Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry and Bishop Philip Hirsch, for all pastors, deacons, and lay leaders, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Pastor

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to faithfully do the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Asst. Min.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

Pastor

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Asst. Min.

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

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.

Asst. Min.

Let us pray for the Jewish community, the first to hear the word of God.

Silent prayer.

Pastor

Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching 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.

Asst. Min.
Silent prayer.
Pastor

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

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 faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Asst. Min.
Silent prayer.
Pastor

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

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.

Asst. Min.
Silent prayer.
Pastor

Let us pray for God's creation.

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the world in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

Asst. Min.
Silent prayer.
Pastor

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

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.

Asst. Min.
Silent prayer.
Pastor

Let us pray for those in need.

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. 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.

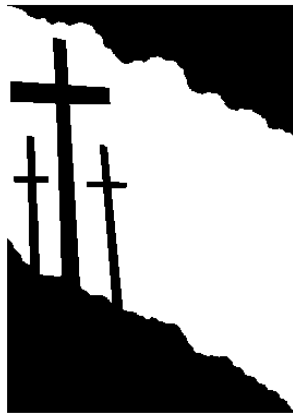
Asst. Min.
Silent prayer.
People

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

People **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.**



Procession of the Cross

As followers of Jesus Christ we invite you to face the cross at the back of the church (as you are comfortable) and to follow it as it moves to the front of the sanctuary. The cross will move forward in three different stages.

Pastor Behold, the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

People **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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Apostles' Creed

Pastor With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.
May God be merciful and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

People **We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

Pastor Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

People **We glory in your cross, O Lord,
and we praise your holy resurrection,
for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

Pastor We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

People **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

Hymn: #353
All sing.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual
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Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

Meditation

“Were You There” - Verse 5 of Hymn, Solo

Please depart in silence.

The readings for today's service come from *Jesus, the Son of Man* by Kahlil Gibran. Gibran was a Lebanese-American poet, writer, and philosopher who is best known for his book *The Prophet*. *Jesus, the Son of Man* was first published in 1928 and is a fictionalized account of the life of Jesus Christ, exploring his teachings, philosophy, and the impact of his message on the people around him. Jesus is portrayed through the words of 77 contemporaries who knew him--enemies and friends: Syrians, Romans, Jews, priests, and poets.

*An offering plate is available as you enter the worship space.
Please give as you are able to the mission and ministry of Redeemer.*