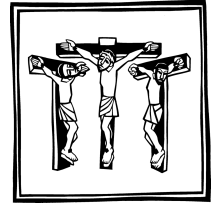


**Good Friday**  
**April 3, 2026**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**



**SILENCE IS KEPT**

**HYMN**

*Stay with Me*

Repeat three times

#348

Reader: Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.' At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Congregation: **'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed him.**

Reader: Jesus said to him, 'Friend, do what you are here to do.' Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?' At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.' Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

*The first candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

vss. 2-3

#347

Reader: Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, '

Congregation: **This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."**

Reader: The high priest stood up and said,

Congregation: **'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?'**

Reader: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

Congregation: **'I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.'**

Reader: Jesus said to him, 'You have said so. But I tell you,  
From now on you will see the Son of Man  
seated at the right hand of Power

and coming on the clouds of heaven.' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?' They answered,

Congregation: **'He deserves death.'**

Reader: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Congregation: **‘Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?’**

*The second candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

vss. 1 - 2

#349

Reader: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Congregation: **‘You also were with Jesus the Galilean.’**

Reader: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Congregation: **‘I do not know what you are talking about.’**

Reader: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, ‘This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.’ Again he denied it with an oath,

Congregation: **‘I do not know the man.’**

Reader: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, ‘Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.’ Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Congregation: **‘I do not know the man!’**

Reader: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: ‘Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.

*The third candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

vss. 1-2

#351

Reader: Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus said,

Congregation: **‘You say so.’**

Reader: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, ‘Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?’ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Congregation: **‘Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?’**

Reader: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, ‘Which of the two do you want me to release for you?’ And they said

Congregation: **‘Barabbas.’**

Reader: Pilate said to them, ‘Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?’ All of them said,

Congregation: **‘Let him be crucified!’**

Reader: Then he asked, ‘Why, what evil has he done?’ But they shouted all the more,

Congregation: **‘Let him be crucified!’**

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

vss. 3-5

#349

Reader: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation: **‘His blood be on us and on our children!’**

Reader: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Congregation: **‘Hail, King of the Jews!’**

Reader: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

Repeat three times

#616

Reader: As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, ‘This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.’ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Congregation: **‘You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.’**

Reader: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Congregation **‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.’** <sup>43</sup> **He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, “I am God’s Son.”**

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

**HYMN**

*Were You There*

vss. 1, 2 & 4

#353

Reader: From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Congregation: **'This man is calling for Elijah.'**

Reader: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Congregation: **'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'**

Reader: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split.

**MUSIC**

*Beethoven Piano Sonata Op. 10 No. 3 "Largo e mesto"*

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