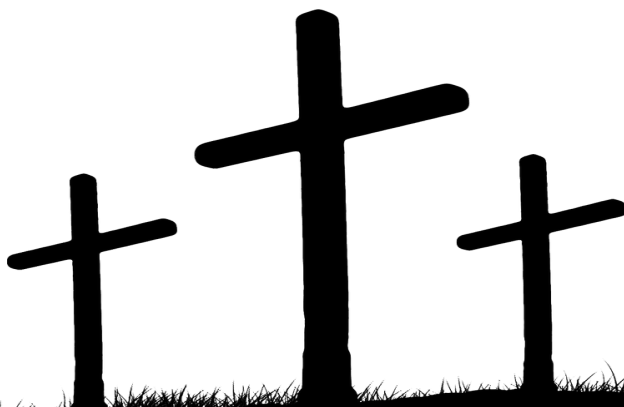


Good Friday



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Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

For Your Convenience...

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located just outside of the back of the sanctuary. **Restrooms** are located in the hallway toward the front of the sanctuary. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

Prayer before worship

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Good Friday: Service of the Cross of Christ

AS WE GATHER *we do so in silence not because this is a funeral service for Christ, but to reflect in a somber manner the significance of Christ's death . . . for us. The altar is stripped symbolizing that Jesus was abandoned by his disciples.*

ABOUT THE SERVICE: *The SERVICE OF THE CROSS comes from our Synod's official Book of Occasional Services. It is one of three different services published to help WELS parishes celebrate Good Friday. Good Friday is the most somber day of our Christian Church year. The somberness of the day is both seen by our eyes (no altar paraments, banners, or pastoral stoles) and heard with our ears (the organ plays no pre- or post-service music). The lighting is dim in the sanctuary symbolizing the three hours of darkness that fell over the earth on that first Good Friday. Following the burial of Christ, there will be a strepitus (a loud noise) symbolizing the closing of our Savior's tomb.*

Offerings *can be placed in the offering plate in the back of our sanctuary. They can also be mailed to our church office at **114 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN 56031** or made on our website under the "Donate" tab at the top of the homepage or taken to Profinium Bank in Fairmont*

To our visitors: *Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. The members of Shepherd of the Lakes have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. As our guest, please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.*

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—
¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.
For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

53 Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

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

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

HYMN: CW 127.....*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*

The History of our Lord's Suffering and Death
*According to **John 18:1-19:42***

Jesus Arrested

LEADER: When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it.

CONGREGATION:² Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus had often met there with his disciples.

WOMEN:³ So Judas came to the garden, guiding a detachment of soldiers and some officials from the chief priests and the Pharisees. They were carrying torches, lanterns and weapons.

MEN:⁴ Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?"

CONGREGATION:⁵ "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied.

LEADER: "I am he," Jesus said.

WOMEN: (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.)⁶ When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

LEADER:⁷ Again he asked them, "Who is it you want?"

CONGREGATION: "Jesus of Nazareth," they said.

MEN:⁸ Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, then let these men go."

WOMEN:⁹ This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: "I have not lost one of those you gave me."^[a]

MEN:¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

LEADER:¹¹ Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

¹² Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him ¹³ and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

Peter's First Denial

LEADER:¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard,

CONGREGATION:¹⁶ but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in.

WOMEN:¹⁷ "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter.

MEN: He replied, "I am not."

LEADER:¹⁸ It was cold, and the servants and officials stood around a fire they had made to keep warm. Peter also was standing with them, warming himself.

The High Priest Questions Jesus

WOMEN:¹⁹ Meanwhile, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.

CONGREGATION:²⁰ "I have spoken openly to the world," Jesus replied. "I always taught in synagogues or at the temple, where all the Jews come together. I said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why question me? Ask those who heard me. Surely they know what I said."

MEN:²² When Jesus said this, one of the officials nearby slapped him in the face. "Is this the way you answer the high priest?" he demanded.

LEADER:²³ "If I said something wrong," Jesus replied, "testify as to what is wrong. But if I spoke the truth, why did you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

Peter's Second and Third Denials

LEADER:²⁵ Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, "You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?"

MEN: He denied it, saying, “I am not.”

WOMEN: ²⁶ One of the high priest’s servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, “Didn’t I see you with him in the garden?” ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow.

Jesus Before Pilate

LEADER: ²⁸ Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, “What charges are you bringing against this man?”

WOMEN: ³⁰ “If he were not a criminal,” they replied, “we would not have handed him over to you.”

LEADER: ³¹ Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law.”

CONGREGATION: “But we have no right to execute anyone,” they objected. ³² This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die.

WOMEN: ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

LEADER: ³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

CONGREGATION: ³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

LEADER: ³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

MEN: ³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

LEADER: Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

MEN: ³⁸ “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.

CONGREGATION: With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.

LEADER: ³⁹ But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews?’”

CONGREGATION: ⁴⁰ They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!”

LEADER: Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.

Jesus Sentenced to Be Crucified

CONGREGATION: Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

LEADER: ² The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe ³ and went up to him again and again, saying, “Hail, king of the Jews!” And they slapped him in the face.

MEN: ⁴ Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews gathered there, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him.”

LEADER: ⁵ When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!”

CONGREGATION: ⁶ As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, “Crucify! Crucify!”

MEN: But Pilate answered, “You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him.”

WOMEN: ⁷ The Jewish leaders insisted, “We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God.”

LEADER: ⁸ When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, ⁹ and he went back inside the palace. “Where do you come from?” he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer.

MEN: ¹⁰ “Do you refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?”

LEADER: ¹¹ Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”

CONGREGATION: ¹² From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jewish leaders kept shouting, “If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar.”

LEADER: ¹³ When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴ It was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about noon.

"Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

CONGREGATION: ¹⁵ But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"

LEADER: "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

MEN: "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.

WOMEN: ¹⁶ Finally Pilate handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

PLEASE STAND

LEADER: So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. ¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

CONGREGATION: ¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

MEN: ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek.

LEADER: ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews."

MEN: ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

WOMEN: ²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

LEADER: ²⁴ "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it."

This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said,

"They divided my clothes among them
and cast lots for my garment."

MEN: So this is what the soldiers did.

WOMEN: ²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

LEADER: ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

The Death of Jesus

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

WOMEN: ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

LEADER: ³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Brief silence for meditation

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath.

CONGREGATION: Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.

MEN: ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.

WOMEN: ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs.

CONGREGATION: ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

MEN: ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.

WOMEN: ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

The Burial of Jesus

LEADER: ³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

WOMEN: Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds.

CONGREGATION: ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

LEADER: ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

CONGREGATION: ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Please be seated.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

HYMN: CW 105.....*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Sermonette

Please stand

BIDDING PRAYER *The Bidding Prayer is an ancient element of the service.*

M: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself taught us.

Continues on the Lord's Prayer insert in your worship folders

MEDITATION ON THE CROSS OF CRHIST

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

C: Oh, come, let us worship him!

Please be seated

REPROACHES

The Reproaches (Improperia) are an ancient element of the service. The Reproaches represent Christ calling his people to repentance for sin and unbelief. Christians should hear these words as a strong call to repentance addressed to each of them.

First Reproach

M: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people!

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.



Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:

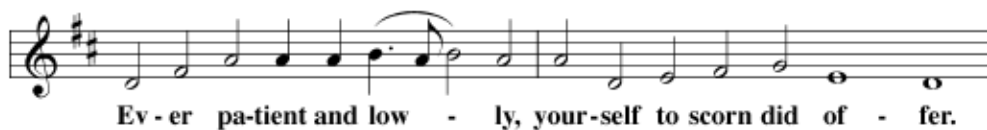
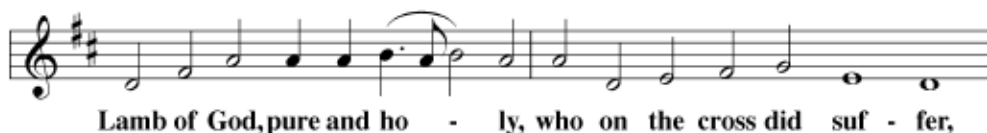


Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

Second Reproach

M: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people!

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**



Third Reproach

M: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people!

C: **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer, God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

Continues on page 16 with verse 3 of "Lam of God, Pure and Holy"

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
 Ev - er pa-tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
 All sins you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
 Your peace be with us, O Je - sus!

Silence for Mediation

HYMN: CW 129.....*Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*

BURIAL Mark 15:42-46

THE STREPITUS (*The stone is rolled in front of the tomb.*)

A book is slammed down on a hard surface as a reminder of the sealing of the tomb.

The lights are dimmed further, but the Paschal candle is lit and brought out next to the cross in anticipation of our Savior's resurrection

M: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

After the service, you may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like. When you are ready, you are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. Our Easter service are at 9:30am.