



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: SEVEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS
MARCH 29TH, 2024

OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text. Christ Lutheran Church is a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation that welcomes all.

During your time at church today we ask that you please wear a mask and practice social distancing, even if you have been vaccinated. Hand sanitizer is available for all who wish to use it.

INTRODUCTION

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death.

Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all.

We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life.

We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

BIDDING PRAYERS

The assembly kneels or sits. The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.

Siblings, let us pray for the holy church throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you have made your love known in all places through 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.

Amen.

Let us pray for Elizabeth and Megan, our bishops, all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, 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 do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for our siblings throughout the world who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with kindness on all who follow your Child, Jesus. 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.

Amen.

Let us pray for our siblings of many faiths throughout the world.

Silent prayer.

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 Child. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's creation.

Silent prayer.

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

Amen.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Let us pray for those in need.

Silent prayer.

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.

Amen.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the prayer that you taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

SEVEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Matthew 16:24)

ONE: JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS.

Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus; ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” (John 19:16-22)

Silence for meditation.

Jesus I Will Ponder Now—ELW 345

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,
 of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.

TWO: THEN SIMON CARRIES JESUS' CROSS FOR HIM.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. It was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. (Mark 15: 21)

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. (Luke 23:26)

Silence for meditation

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining—ELW 340

1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.
He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.
He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -
out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,
the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,
and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.



THREE: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN.

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. ²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ 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.’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” (Luke 23:27-31)

Silence for meditation

Savior, When in Dust to You—ELW 601

1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due;
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,
when, re-pen-tant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes;
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,
oh, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh; hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!



FOUR: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of the skull) and they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it; and they crucified him. (Mark 15: 24)

Silence for meditation

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded—ELW 351



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,

4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;

re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



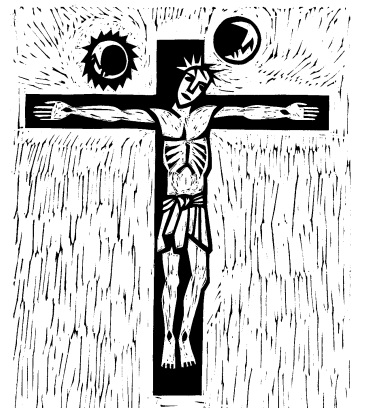
O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!

These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.

for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

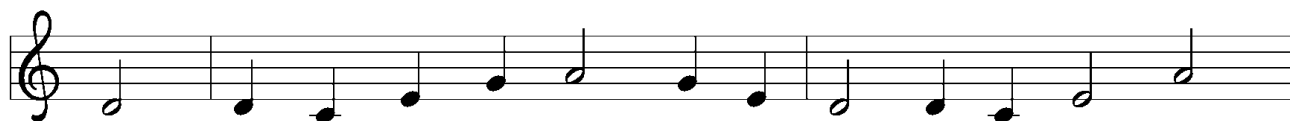


FIVE: JESUS DIES.

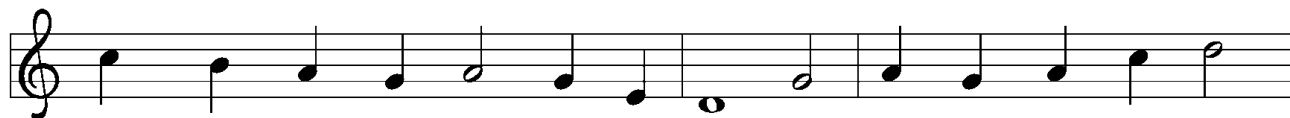
When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he^l breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15: 33-39)

Silence for meditation

What Wondrous of Love is This?—ELW 666



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.

SIX: JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS.

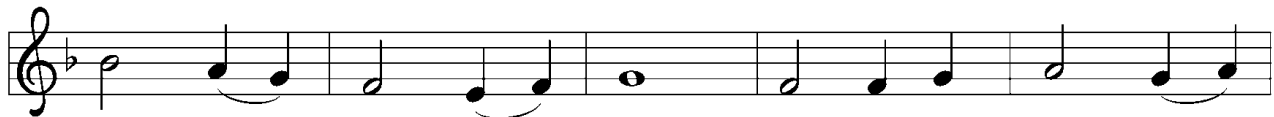
When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. (Mark 15:42-45)

Silence for meditation

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross—ELW 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.



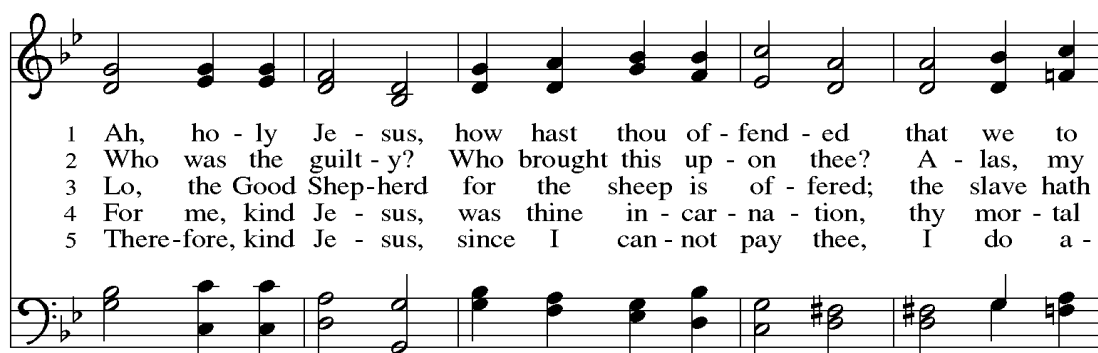
SEVEN: JESUS IS BURIED.

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. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid. (Mark 15:45-47)

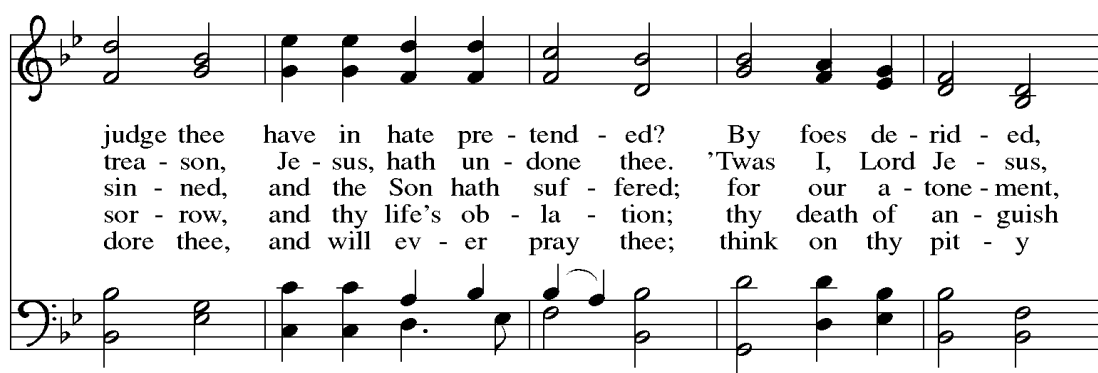
Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. ⁴⁰ They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:39-42)

Silence for meditation

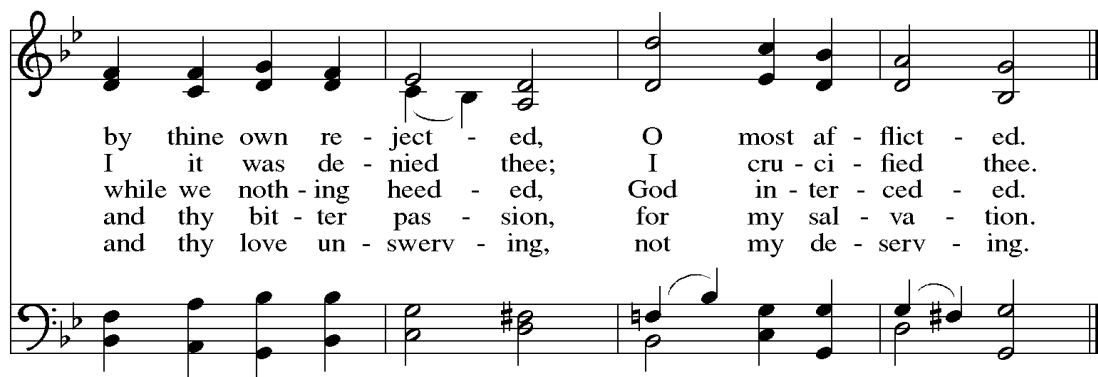
Ah, Holy Jesus—ELW 349



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

WORSHIP FROM HOME!

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

Facebook Livestream: Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook page](#).

Online Bulletins: Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

Sunday

8:30 AM Easter Breakfast

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

7:00 PM Al-Anon

Monday

9:00-3:00 Senior Center

6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

Tuesday

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

Thursday

7:00 PM Hand bell Ensemble Practice

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Dee Emmert

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius

Lector:

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant:

Flowers:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 30th—Easter Vigil @ Uni Lu

March 31st—8:30am Easter Breakfast @CLC

April 20th—Church Clean Up/ Library Closing, please take books home with you

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Julie D.	Marty S.	Duwayne
Mike and Liz S.	Molly B.	Joan
Chad B.	Scott & Carol F.	Pastor Doris Ng
TJ Baar	Mark M.	Evie D.
The Vale Community	Ted & Jacque E.	Dee
Robin & Wendy	George G.	Anna
Sandy Z.	Philip Y.	Brooke
Carolina S.	Maryann H.	Elsa-Jennie B.
Orlando G.	Michael H.	and the family and friends of
Karen H.	Heidi	Robertta B.
Laurie P.	Jan	The family and friends of Shirley C.
Fred	Roz	

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