

***The Lord's Prayer**

***PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

A large cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

The following dialogue is sung. (Repeated three times)

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the whole world. **Oh, come let us worship him.**

Solemn Reproaches

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

***Hymn** *Sing, My Tongue (vs. 1,2,6,7)*

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Worshipers may come to the cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer or touching it.

All Depart in Silence.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday, April 5th

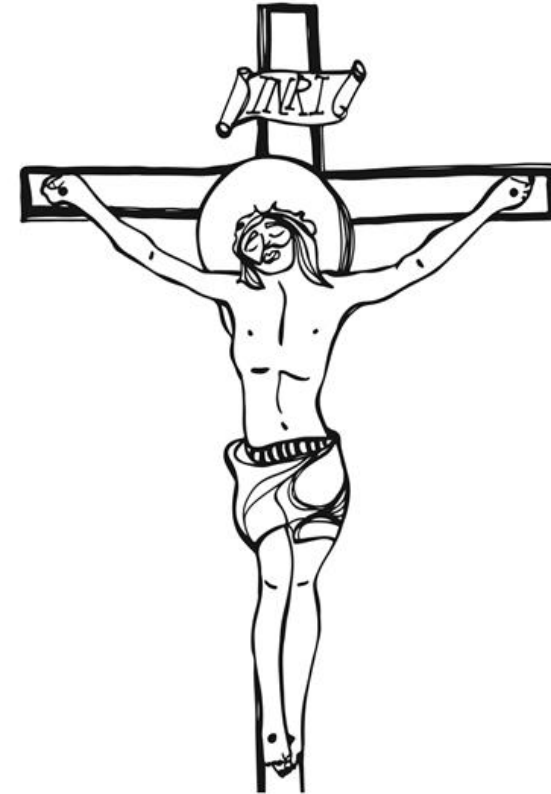
9:00 a.m.

All are Welcome!

**THE SOLEMN OBSERVANCE OF
GOOD FRIDAY**

April 3, 2026

3PM



Saint John Lutheran Church

Fairfield, Pennsylvania

Our Mission is to make Christ known.

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Seen as a part of the larger celebration of the mystery of salvation, it is appropriate for Good Friday to be an austere time of reflection and intercession, as well as of the adoration of Christ, our sacrificial lamb. However, the note of austerity does not preclude the note of triumph. The church gathers to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength in the tree of life.

Please stand at asterisk as able.*

Gathering

All gather in silence.

***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.

Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.¹⁴Just as there were many who were astonished at him—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—⁵so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.^{53:1}Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. ⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.⁵But 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.⁶All 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.

⁷He 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.⁸By 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.⁹They 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.¹⁰Yet 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.¹¹Out 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.¹²Therefore 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

Look to Jesus, 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. (*Heb. 12:2*)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John...Glory to You O Lord

Gospel: John 18:1—19:42 (SEE INSERT)

The Message

***Hymn** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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Bidding Prayer

*Each petition will end with "through Christ our Lord," the assembly responds **Amen.***