



St. John's Lutheran Church
Schubert, Missouri

7:00 PM
GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP
April 18, 2025

Welcome & Opening Hymn - Chief of Sinners Though I Be TLH 342

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity.
Love that found me--wondrous tho't!--Found me when I sought Him not.**

**Jesus only can impart Balm to heal the smitten heart;
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n;
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.**

**O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die. Amen.**

PSALM OF CONFESSION Psalm 51:1-9, 17

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.

People: Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

Pastor: God is merciful. Even when we are not aware of the burden of sin, God planned our salvation. He sent His only-begotten Son into this world of sin and made Him to be sin for us. It was our sin He bore to Calvary's cross. It was the penalty for our sin that He endured. And it was because of His sacrifice that our sins are forgiven.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As God's forgiven children, we pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives and live for His glory:

PSALM PRAYER Psalm 51:10-15

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13–53:7

Choir Anthem "Jesus Died for Me"

PRAYER ... petitions end "Through Jesus Christ, our Lord"

People respond: **"..who takes away the sin of the world.**

Pastor: Let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, trusting in His promises:

**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.**

Hymn Verses "Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth" *TLH 150 vs. 1-2*

(The Soul:) Lord Jesus, Thou art going forth For me Thy life to offer;
For me, a sinner from my birth, Who caused all Thou must suffer.
So be it, then, Thou Hope of men; Thee I shall follow weeping,
Tears flowing free Thy pain to see, Watch o'er Thy sorrows keeping.

(Jesus:) Soul, attend thou and behold The fruit of thy transgression!
My portion is the curse of old And for man's sin My Passion.
Now comes the night Of sin's dread might, Man's guilt I here am bearing.
Oh, weigh it, Soul; I make thee whole, No need now of despairing.

God's Commitment on Good Friday - Mark 10:38

Hymn Verses TLH 150 vs. 3-4

(The Soul:) 'Tis I, Lord Jesus, I confess, Who should have borne sin's wages
And lost the peace of heavenly bliss Through everlasting ages.
Instead 'tis Thou Who goest now My punishment to carry,
Thy death and blood Lead me to God; By grace I there may tarry.

(Jesus:) O Soul, I take upon Me now The pain thou shouldst have suffered.
Behold, with grace I thee endow, Grace freely to thee offered.
The curse I choose That thou mightst lose Sin's curse and guilt forever.
My gift of love From heaven above Will give thee blessing ever.

Our Commitment on Good Friday - Philippians 1:21-24

Hymn Verse TLH 150 v. 5

(The Soul:) What can I for such love divine To Thee, Lord Jesus, render?
No merit has this heart of mine; Yet while I live, I'll tender
Myself alone, And all I own, In love to serve before Thee;
Then when time's past, Take me at last To Thy blest home in glory.
Amen.

Offerings are brought forward during the Hymn Verse

Meditations on the 7 Last Words of Christ

THE FIRST WORD - Luke 23:32-38

Hymn Verse TLH 177 vs. 1-2 *"Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke"*

Our blessed Savior seven times spoke When on the cross our sins He took
And died lest man should perish.

Let us His last and dying words In our remembrance cherish.

"Father, forgive these men, for, lo, They truly know not what they do."
So far His love extended.

Forgive us, Lord, for we, too, have Through ignorance offended.

THE SECOND WORD - Luke 23:39-43

Hymn Verse TLH 177 vs. 3

Now to the contrite thief He cries: "Thou, verily, in paradise
Shalt meet Me ere tomorrow."

Lord, take us to Thy kingdom soon Who linger here in sorrow.

THE THIRD WORD - John 19:25-27

Hymn Verse *TLH 177 vs. 4*

To weeping Mary, standing by, "Behold thy son!" now hear him cry;
To John, "Behold thy mother!"
Provide, O Lord, for those we leave: Let each befriend the other.

THE FOURTH WORD - Matthew 27:45-46

Hymn Verse *TLH 177 vs. 5*

The Savior's fourth word was "I thirst!" O mighty Prince of Life, Thy thirst
For us and our salvation
Is truly great; do help us, then, That we escape damnation.

THE FIFTH WORD - John 19:28-29

Hymn Verse *TLH 177 vs. 6*

The fifth, "My God, My God, oh, why Forsake Me?" Hark, the awe-full cry!
Lord, Thou wast here forsaken
That we might be received on high; Let this hope not be shaken.

THE SIXTH WORD - Luke 23:44-46

Hymn Verse *TLH 177 vs. 7*

The sixth, when victory was won, "'Tis finished!" for Thy work was done.
Grant, Lord, that, onward pressing,
We may the Work Thou dost impose Fulfill with Thine own blessing.

THE SEVENTH WORD - John 19:30

Hymn Verse *TLH 177 vs. 8-10*

The last, as woe and sufferings end, "O God, My Father, I commend
Into Thy hands My spirit."
Be this, dear Lord, my dying wish; O heav'nly Father, hear it.

Whoe'er, by sense of sin opprest, Upon these words his thoughts will rest,
He Joy and hope obtaineth
And, through God's love and boundless grace A peaceful conscience gaineth.

O Jesus Christ, Thou Crucified, Who hast for our offenses died,
Grant that we e'er may ponder
Thy wounds, Thy cross, Thy bitter death, Both here below and yonder. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus' Burial - John 19:38-42

Closing of the Book

(The congregation is asked to leave in silence -
we look forward to celebrate Easter Worship on Sunday at 8:00 AM)