

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15, 2022

Noon & 7:00 PM

Pastor: “The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, We celebrate with one accord” (*LSB* 634:1). Those words of a Swedish hymn written in the 1600s may seem difficult for us to comprehend. What is there to celebrate? Why is today good? In Old English, the word *good* meant “sacred” or “holy”—so it would be proper to refer to this day as “Holy Friday.” And yet the great goodness of God in Jesus Christ is most fully on display at the cross. Without the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord, on this day, there would be no basis for His glorious resurrection in three days. Today is the good day that leads us to the great day of Easter yet to come!

(Please stand)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” *LSB* 440 vs. 1,2,3

**Jesus I will ponder now
On Your holy passion
With your Spirit me endow
For such meditation
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish**

**Make me see Your great distress
Anguish and affliction
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion
Make me see how scourge and rod
Spear and nails did wound You
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns and crowned You**

**Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
Make me see Your passion
But its cause to me make known
And its termination
Ah I also and my sin
Wrought Your deep affliction
This indeed the cause has been
Of Your crucifixion**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Philippians 2:5,8; 1 John 2:1–2; Isaiah 53:4

Pastor: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours
in Christ Jesus,

**People: He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to
the point of death, even death on a cross.**

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is
the propitiation for our sins.

**People: He was delivered up to death; He was
delivered for the sins of the people.**

**Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and
whose sin is put away.**

**People: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our
sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten
by God, and afflicted.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” LSB 449 vs 1& 2

**O sacred Head now wounded
With grief and shame weighed down
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown
O sacred Head what glory
What bliss till now was Thine
Yet though despised and gory
I joy to call Thee mine**

**What Thou my Lord hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain
Mine mine was the transgression
But Thine the deadly pain
Lo here I fall my Savior
'Tis I deserve Thy place
Look on me with Thy favor
And grant to me Thy grace**

Pastor: The holy death of our Lord Jesus Christ on this good day was for You. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN

“Glory Be to Jesus” *LSB* 433

**Glory be to Jesus
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood
From His sacred veins

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find
Blest be His compassion
Infinitely kind

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem

Abel’s blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries

Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply**

**Lift we then our voices
Swell the mighty flood
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 52:13–53:12 ESV*

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For 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, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be

accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 31*

Lector: We read Psalm 31 together as divided and labeled---

People: **In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!**

Women: *Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!*

Men: *For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me; You take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for You are my refuge.*

People: **Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

Pastor: I hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in the LORD.

People: I will rejoice and be glad in Your steadfast love, because You have seen my affliction; You have known the distress of my soul, and You have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; You have set my feet in a broad place.

Women: *Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.*

Men: *Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.*

Pastor: I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. For I hear the whispering of many—terror on every side!—as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

People: **But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, ‘You are my God.’ My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!**

Women: *O LORD, let me not be put to shame, for I call upon You; let the wicked be put to shame; let them go silently to Sheol.*

Men: Let the lying lips be mute, which speak insolently against the righteous in pride and contempt.

People: Oh, how abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!

Pastor: In the cover of Your presence You hide them from the plots of men; You store them in Your shelter from the strife of tongues.

People: Blessed be the LORD, for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.

Women: I had said in my alarm, 'I am cut off from Your sight.' But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.

Men: Love the LORD, all you His saints! The LORD preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts in pride.

Pastor: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Green Hill Far Away"

Duet by: Marie & Dave Brown

EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9 ESV*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

People: (spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:1–30 ESV*

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know

that I find no guilt in him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” When the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has made himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid. He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. So Pilate said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you and authority to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered me over to you has the greater sin.” From then on Pilate sought to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.” So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing

his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his other, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a

hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (spoken) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

"Were You There" *LSB 456 vs 1 & 2*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the Tree?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the Tree?

Oh...

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they nailed Him to the Tree?

++ SERMON ++

With Those Words, "**It Is Finished**" We Have Comfort and Certainty of Our Salvation.

I. Joseph's brothers lacked comfort and certainty of their forgiveness from Joseph, as we also try to craft our own comfort and certainty when doubt assails us.

II. But like Joseph's forgiveness to his brothers, forgiveness is God's gift to us, made certain in Christ's words, "**It is finished.**"

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *LSB 449 vs 3*

**What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest friend
For this Thy dying sorrow
Thy pity without end
O make me Thine forever
And should I fainting be
Lord let me never never
Outlive my love for Thee**

BIDDING PRAYER

Lector: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” *LSB 423 vs 1*

**Jesus refuge of the weary
Blest Redeemer whom we love
Fountain in life’s desert dreary
Savior from the world above
Often have Your eyes offended
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall
Yet upon the cross extended
You have borne the pain of all**

Lector: Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

Pastor: Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy

Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

Pastor: O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially Mr. Joseph Biden, our President; the Congress of the United States; Mrs. Gretchen Whitmer, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or

distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” *LSB 423 vs 2*

**Do we pass that cross unheeding
Breathing no repentant vow
Though we see You wounded bleeding
See Your thornen-circled brow
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal peace and rest
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress**

Lector: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

Pastor: O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

Pastor: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

Lector: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

People: 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

“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” LSB 423 vs 3

**Jesus may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory parted never
From the blessed Savior’s side
Graven in our hearts forever
Dwell the cross the Crucified**

TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

(An acolyte should extinguish the candles as indicated. As the candles are extinguished, the lights in the church may be dimmed gradually. As the CHRIST candle is removed from the altar area, all the lights in the church should be turned off. After the last candle has returned, enough light should be turned on to allow people to leave the sanctuary in safety.)

FIRST WORD *John 19:14–16a; Luke 23:32–34a*

Lector: Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified. Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one

on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said,
**“Father, forgive them, for they know not what
they do.”**

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

**People: By Your cross and precious death, You have
redeemed the world.**

Pastor: God forbid that I should glory

People: except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus.

Pastor: Almighty God, Your dear Son, our Lord, did not
go up to joy before first He suffered pain; He did
not enter into glory before He was crucified.
Mercifully grant that we in faith may walk the way
of His cross and find in it the way of life and
peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs. 1-3

**Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your life blood flows
Craving pardon for Your foes
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew
For we know not what we do
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**Oh, my we, who mercy need
Be like You in heart and deed
When with wrong our spirits bleed
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

The first candle is extinguished.

SECOND WORD *Luke 23:35–43*

Lector: And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”**

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Surely He has borne out griefs

People: and carried our sorrows.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, while You hung on the cross, You showed mercy to the dying thief. With that mercy, look on us also, we pray, and at our last hour, comfort us with Your promise that we will dwell forever in paradise with You.

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs 4-6

**Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim
Calling humbly on Your name
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross entwine
Cheer our souls with hope divine
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

The second candle is extinguished.

THIRD WORD *John 19:25–27*

Lector: Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "**Woman, behold, your son!**" Then He said to the disciple, "**Behold, your mother!**" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Bind us to one another with bonds of charity and love

People: that we ever reflect the great and sacrificial love that You have showed to us through Your suffering, pain, and death on the cross.

Pastor: O God, You know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature, we cannot always stand upright. Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs 7-9

**Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend
And Your dearest human friend
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**May we in Your sorrows share
For Your sake all peril dare
And enjoy Your tender care
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**May we all Your loved ones be
All one holy family
Loving, since Your love we see
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH WORD *Matthew 27:45–47*

Lector: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world

Pastor: Keep us mindful of Your abiding presence with us
**People: that our witness to the love You have shown us
may never falter or fail.**

Pastor: Grant, we pray, merciful Lord, to Your faithful
people pardon and peace. Cleanse us from all our
sins, that we may serve You with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs 10-12

Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown

With our evil left alone

While no light from heav’n is shown

Hear us, Holy Jesus

When we seem in vain to pray

And our hope seems far away

In the darkness be our stay

Hear us, Holy Jesus

Through no Father seem to hear

Though no light our spirits cheer

May we know that God is near

Hear us, Holy Jesus

The fourth candle is extinguished.

FIFTH WORD *Matthew 10:38–42, John 19:28–29*

Lector: [Jesus said to His disciples,] “Whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Grant us peace and patience under all trials.

People: Keep us mindful of the great sacrifice You willingly made for us to pay the price of our sins.

Pastor: O God, for our redemption, You gave Your only Son to die the death of the cross, and by His resurrection, You have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs 13-15

**Jesus, in Your thirst and pain
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain
Thirsting more our love to gain
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**Thirst for us in mercy still
All Your holy work fulfill
Satisfy Your loving will
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**May we thirst Your love to know
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH WORD *Hebrews 9:11–12, 15, 27–28; John 19:30a*

Lector: But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished.”**

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Help us begin all our works of charity and love in
Your name

**People: and find Your blessing in their completion to
Your glory.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, You set the boundaries of our lives and grant us tasks to do in Your name. In Your great love, You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, lead us to complete all You intend for us to do in this world until that time when we share in Your eternal presence in the world to come.

People: (spoken) **Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs 16-18

**Jesus, all our ransom paid
All Your Father’s will obeyed
By Your suff’rings perfect made
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**Save us in our soul’s distress
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**Brighten all our heav’nward way
Whit an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH WORD *Luke 23:44–46; Matthew 27:54*

Lector: It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!”** And having said this He breathed his last.

Pause for meditation.

Lector: When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

Pastor: We praise You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By Your cross and precious death, You have redeemed the world.

Pastor: Preserve and defend us, gracious Lord,

People: so that when our last hour comes, we may know Your abiding care.

Pastor: Almighty God, we ask You to look with mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over to the hands of sinful men to suffer death on the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

People: (spoken) Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” LSB 447 vs 19-21

**Jesus, all Your labor vast
All Your woe and conflict past
Yielding up Your soul at last
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**When the death shades round us low’r
Guard us from the tempter’s pow’r
Keep us in that trial hour
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

**May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die
Grace to reach the home on high
Hear us, Holy Jesus**

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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.**

The Christ candle is taken out of the sanctuary as the lights are completely turned off. After a brief time, a loud noise (strepitus) symbolizes the closing of the tomb, the earthquake at the time of Christ's death, and the "closing of the book" on Jesus' sacrifice. After the loud noise, the candle is returned to its place at the altar, symbolizing that our redemption is complete.

The congregation leaves the church in silence.

THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

12:00 pm Service

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Volunteers, Ushers

7:00 pm Service

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers