

**GOOD FRIDAY  
SERVICE**

**APRIL 10, 2020  
IMMANUEL  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Missouri Synod**



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***Sunday*  
9:00 AM  
Worship Service**

**10:30 am  
Adult Bible Class  
Sunday School**

**Holy Communion:  
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**He said, "It is finished!"  
And bowing His head,  
He gave up His spirit.  
John 19:30**

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**WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this evening. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon.

**A Prayer Upon Entering Church** - God of mercy, Your love for me is so deep that Your Son gave His life in my place on the cross. I am forgiven through the blood of Jesus. Lead me to love You with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbors as myself; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**AS WE GATHER** - It seems strange to call this day “good.” After all, on this day, Jesus, our Savior and Lord, was tortured, beaten, spit upon, and brutally crucified on a cross. What is good about that? Actually, the goodness of this day is extensive and amazing. At the cross, God’s plan to redeem the world came to full fruition. Rather than ignore our sin, pretend it away, or eternally turn away from us, God became one of us, and in an act of pure self-sacrifice and love, Jesus willingly suffered the worst. For you. For me. For the world. Ours is not a God who says to us, “If you obey Me well enough, then I might love you.” Our God says to us at the outset, “I love you. I willingly gave My life for yours. If you want to see the extent of My love, look to the cross. Let My love draw you to hear and

obey Me.” So today’s service is not a funeral for Jesus. It is a way to remember the events of Jesus’ death—including the allusions to it already in the Old Testament. It is an occasion for us to be drawn closer in love to the God who loves us unconditionally. It is an occasion to weep over our sin that made the crucifixion of Jesus necessary. It is an occasion to rejoice in the forgiveness and peace that comes from putting our faith in our crucified Lord. It is an occasion to marvel at the breadth, height, and depth of God’s love for us. Yes, it is Good Friday.

**Prelude music**                      Behold the Lamb                      Paul Bouman

**Opening Hymn**                      *Drawn to the Cross*                      **LSB 560**

- 1     Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
      With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
      To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
      Christ crucified, I come.
- 2     Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
      Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
      Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
      Christ crucified, I come.
- 3     Wash me and take away each stain;  
      Let nothing of my sin remain.  
      For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
      Christ crucified, I come.
- 4     And then for work to do for Thee,  
      Which shall so sweet a service be  
      That angels well might envy me,  
      Christ crucified, I come.

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**INTROIT**     *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

**P**    He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

**C**    **upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

**P**    O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

**C**    **nor discipline me in Your wrath!**

**P**    For Your arrows have sunk into me,

**C**    **and Your hand has come down on me.**

**P**    There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

**C**    **there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

**P**    For my iniquities have gone over my head;

**C**    **like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

**P**    I confess my iniquity;

**C**    **I am sorry for my sin.**

**P**    Make haste to help me,

**C**    **O Lord, my salvation!**

**P**    He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P**    Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C**    **Amen.**

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

(Isaiah describes a suffering servant who has “borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.”)

13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men; 15 So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for what had not been told them they shall see, and what they had not heard they shall consider. 1 Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. and we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. 4 Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. 6 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. 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was

stricken. 9 And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**        *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

P Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood,

**C thus securing an eternal redemption.**

P Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant,

**C so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

P He sent redemption to His people;

**C He has commanded His covenant forever.**

**EPISTLE**        *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

(Jesus' death on the cross for us reveals that He sympathizes with all of our weaknesses and is the source of eternal salvation for all who trust in Him.)

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, 8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,  
P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 18:1–19:42*

### **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

#### **John 18:1-27**

When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples over the Brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered.  
2 And Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place; for Jesus often met there with His disciples.  
3 Then Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.  
4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that would come upon Him, went forward and said to them,  
“Whom are you seeking?”

5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Jesus said to them, "I am He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also stood with them.

6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are you seeking?"  
And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way,"

9 that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus.

11 So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?"

12 Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him.

13 And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.

14 Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another [c]disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest.

16 But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door, and brought Peter in.



- 17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?"  
He said, "I am not."
- 18 Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it was cold, and they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself.
- 19 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine.
- 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing.
- 21 Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."
- 22 And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the high priest like that?"
- 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"
- 24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.
- 25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not!"
- 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?"
- 27 Peter then denied again; and immediately a rooster crowed.

- 1 My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake,  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
  
- 2 He came from His blest throne, salvation to bestow;  
But men made strange,  
and none, the longed-for Christ would know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
Who at my need His life did spend!
  
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way and His sweet praises sing;  
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath,  
And for His death they thirst and cry.
  
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these themselves displease  
And 'gainst Him rise.
  
- 5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He, to suff'ring goes  
That He His foes from thence might free.

6 In life no house, no home, my Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb, but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb wherein He lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

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### **John 18:28-19:16**

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover.

29 Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"

30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."

31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death,"

32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.

33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?"  
Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."

39 "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?"

40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

## **John 19**

So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him.

2 And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe.

3 Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands.

4 Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him."

5 Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold the Man!"

6 Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."

7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid,

9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?"

11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

12 From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar."

13 When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha.

14 Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

15 But 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!"

16 Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.

- 1 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
For sinners You became a child.  
    You came from heaven down to earth  
    In human flesh through human birth.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
- 2 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
With God we now are reconciled.  
    You have for all the ransom paid,  
    Your Father's righteous anger stayed.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
- 3 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.  
    Whate'er we have belongs to You;  
    O keep us faithful, strong, and true.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

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### **John 19:17-19:42**

- 17 And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the  
    Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew,  
    Golgotha,
- 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on  
    either side, and Jesus in the center.
- 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the  
    writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE  
    JEWS.
- 20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where  
    Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in  
    Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.

- 21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘He said, “I am the King of the Jews.” ’ ”
- 22 Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”
- 23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.
- 24 They said therefore among themselves, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:  
“They divided My garments among them,  
And for My clothing they cast lots.”  
Therefore the soldiers did these things.
- 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.
- 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!”
- 27 Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.
- 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!”
- 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.
- 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.
- 31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath

(for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."

37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42 So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby.



**Hymn of the Day** *Jesus Thy Blood and Righteousness* **LSB 563**

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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**SERMON "Jesus' Final Test" by Deacon Bob Waters (John 19:30)**

**CREED**      *Apostles' Creed*

**All I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**BIDDING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray for the Church throughout the world, that churches flourish in their working of connecting people with the love of Jesus.

Father God, by Your Holy Spirit, guide our church to present a clear witness to the love of Jesus. Let unity overcome division, truth overcome error, and love overcome strife; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us pray for the Synod President, Matthew Harrison; District President, Mike Newman; for our pastors and teachers; for all servants of the Church; and for all the people of God.

Lord of the Church, You bless our church with pastors and teachers, musicians and custodians, deaconesses and Sunday School teachers, missionaries and theologians, and a wide variety of ministries to extend Your love to communities everywhere. Uphold and guide all whom You call to various ministries, that their work give glory to You and extend Your reign in all communities; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those who are new to the Christian faith and are preparing for Baptism or confirmation.

Lord God, You bless our church with new people. Guide them as they learn and grow to love You. Protect them from distractions. Help them to find ways to live out their newly experienced faith in acts of service. Help our church to welcome new people with open arms; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those who do not believe in Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit would gently guide hearts to the love of God for us in Jesus.

Merciful God, You often work in wonderfully mysterious ways. We ask that Your Spirit move powerfully in the lives

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of those who do not believe to draw them toward Your love in Christ Jesus. Enable those of us who believe to be good and faithful witnesses to the love of Christ. Keep us from placing unnecessary barriers in the way of the those who struggle to believe. Help us to be ready to rejoice when a lost sheep is found; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God guide them to lead with wisdom, compassion, and concern for those most vulnerable in our society.

God of power and might, bless the leaders of our nation, state, and local communities. Create in them the humility to lead as those who serve. Protect us from corrupt and unjust leaders. Guide all who serve in public office to seek the peace, well-being, freedom, and joy of the people they serve; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for those in need: the sick, the dying, the oppressed, and the vulnerable.

Compassionate God, Your special care of those in difficult circumstances is evident in the mercy Jesus showed to those who were poor, blind, lame, or rejected by the world. Bless those in trouble with healing, peace, and the love of those they need to help them through each day. Help us to notice people's need and to respond with providing for both their physical and spiritual needs; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Finally, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

**ALL 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.**

**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

P Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN** *God Loved the World* **LSB 571**

1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if eath is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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P: Go now in peace as you serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

