

Welcome
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UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School ~ 10:30 a.m. Worship

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ORDER OF SERVICE

SILENCE IS OBSERVED

CALL TO WORSHIP

P What's happened? Why are you here?

MEN We have come because they have crucified our Lord.

P Who has crucified your Lord?

WOMEN The Roman soldiers, at Pilate's command, as requested by the Jewish leaders.

P But I heard you yell "Crucify!" in the awful silence of your souls.

C **We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

PERSONAL ABSOLUTION

(Worshippers who would like to receive personal absolution after public confession of sins may come forward, kneel before pastor, and receive the laying on of hands and receive Christ's forgiveness.)

CORPORATE ABSOLUTION

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

In the Hour of Trial

In the hour of trial, Jesus, plead for me,
Lest by base denial, I depart from thee.
When thou seest me waver, With a look recall;
Nor from fear or favor, Suffer me to fall.

With forbidden pleasure, Should this vain world charm,
Or its sordid treasure, Spread to work me harm,
Bring to my remembrance, Sad Gethsemane,
Or, in darker semblance Cross-crowned Calvary.

Should thy mercy send me, Sorrow, toils, and woe,
Or should pain attend me, On my path below,
Grant that I may never, Fail thy hand to see;
Grant that I may ever, Cast my care on thee.

I. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE SUFFERING SERVANT

P Let us pray,

C O God and Father of us all, by our sin we were separated from you. We thank you that, in the power and wisdom of the Cross, you have reconciled us to yourself and have received us as your children. Amen

LITANY: Isaiah 53:1-9

^{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.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock, Within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noon-tide heat, And burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see
The very dying form of one, Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love, An my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, you shadow, For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than, The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all, the cross.

II. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, God of the universe, our Heavenly Father, you promised in the Old Testament that you would send a Redeemer. We give you thanks for fulfilling the promise that you made. Amen.**

PSALM 22 (Selected Verses)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
⁶But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.
⁷All who see me mock at me;
they hurl insults at me, shaking their heads;
⁸“He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”
¹⁰From birth I was cast upon you,
from my mother’s womb you have been my God.
¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶Dogs have surrounded me;
a band of evil men has encircled me.
They have pierced my hands and feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones.
They stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸they divide my garment among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

John 1:29

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus (vs 1&2)*

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee,
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied; I crucified thee.

III. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE SINNER'S NEED

P Let us pray,

C **O Lord, Holy Father, we struggle in our lives because we seek control. But we can only find meaning in life if we acknowledge that you are in control. Keep us near you, O Father! Amen.**

Matthew 26:57-66

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" ⁶²The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" ⁶³But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death"

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus (vs 3 & 4)

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion, For my salvation.

IV. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE PAIN OF REJECTION

P Let us pray,

C **“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” Amen**

Luke 23:13-23

¹³Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. ¹⁶I will therefore have him flogged and release him." ¹⁸Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" ¹⁹(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) ²⁰Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; ²¹but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²²A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." ²³But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.

HYMN

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (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.

How art thou pale with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish, Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion, Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.

V. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE MAGNITUDE OF HIS LOVE

P Let us pray,

C **The cross, O Lord, is your love extended to us. For you so loved the world that you gave your only Son. Strengthen our faith, that we might not perish, but have eternal life. Amen**

Matthew 27:27-32

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the praetorium, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸ And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe upon him, ²⁹ and plaiting a crown of thorns they put it on his head, and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰ And they spat upon him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe, and put his own clothes on him, and led him away to crucify him. ³² As they went out, they came upon a man of Cyre'ne, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross.

Luke 23:27-33

²⁷And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never gave suck!' 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?" ³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

VI. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE SUFFERING OF OUR LORD

P Let us pray,

C **Heavenly Father, help us to see that it was our own sinfulness which made the horror and tragedy of the cross necessary. may we never forget what Jesus endured for us. Amen**

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

So they took Jesus, and went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. 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 vinegar, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. The Chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." One of the criminals who hanged with him 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 are indeed condemned justly; for we are receiving the due reward for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power." Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, Today you will be with me in Paradise." When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, 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 house. 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, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" After this, Jesus knowing that all was now finished, said, "I thirst." A bowl full of sour wine stood there; so they put a sponge full of the wine on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit." And he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. And all the multitudes who had assembled to see the sights, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts.

VII. PROCESSIONAL OF THE CROSS

SPECIAL MUSIC

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P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world

C Oh, come, let us worship him.

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SERMON

Pastor Heidi Punt

HYMN OF THE DAY *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov'rn die?
Would he devote that sacred head, For sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty maker, died, For his own creatures' sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face, While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt my eyes to tears.
But tears of grief cannot repay, The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away: It's all that I can do.

VIII. THE CROSS OF CHRIST...THE REALITY OF DEATH

P Let us pray,
C **O Father, help me when grief overwhelms me. Be with me when loved ones
 have gone to be with you. Amen**

Matthew 27:57-61

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body; and Pilate ordered be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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**

CLOSING HYMN *Were You There*

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?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid in the tomb?

(The lights will be turned down)

STEPITUS (Loud noise signifying the sealing of the Tomb)

SILENT PRAYER

(We invite you to remain in silent prayer, if you desire)

The assembly departs in darkness and silence.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, Jane Peeler, and Zarah Plyler (Autumn Care), Betty Herion and Jean Ray (Brookdale), Bob Wilhelm (The Meadows-Rockwell), Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Mary Brady, Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Gladys Morgan, Frances Norris, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Genevieve Baker, Bill Broadway, Rev. Tom Corbell, Kiki Deaton, Glenn Eagle, Ruth Goodman, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Tommy Kerns, Teresa Kesler, Pat Kluttz, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, Larry Shepherd, Effie Vellines, and Ronald Vellines

Continual Prayer - Vonnie Agner, Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Jim Byrd, Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Donna Collins (friend of Sharon Leazer), Robert Cook (uncle of Lisa Morgan), Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (Niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, Teresa Frank (Pam Vellines cousin), Marie Gorapic (sister of Linda Spencer), Tamara Honeycutt, Edna & John McCollough (friends of Jennifer & Scott Curlee), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Hong Nguyen (Pete Nguyen's mother), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Robert Parker (brother of Jimmy Parker), Jamie Troutman (son of Joan Troutman), Justin West and David Mitchell (friends of Pete Nguyen)