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Good Friday

April 7, 2023

10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship

Please enter quietly.

OUR MISSION:

*Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven ~ Traditionally-Grounded ~
Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)*

OUR VISION:

One Relationship at a Time

BE OUR GUEST

Can't wait to see what God can do!



The sanctuary lights are turned down.

SILENCE IS OBSERVED

Please stand as you are able.

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 only You....

We have taken Your name in vain...

We have not remembered the Sabbath day by keeping it holy...

We have not honored our fathers and mothers...

We have killed...

We have committed adultery...

We have stolen...

We have given false witness against our neighbors...

We have coveted our neighbor's belongings...

We have coveted our neighbor...

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.**

PRAYER

P Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the cross so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you, now and

in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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

Please be seated.

SERMON: *Where Are You?*

Pastor Heidi Punt

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

Lenten offering designated and loose offering received will go towards support of Global Missions for Mary Hutchens & Pastor Heidi Punt. During the month of April, the Benevolence Teaching Moment is on the NALC Disaster Response Fund. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Benevolence Fund.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE STORY OF THE PASSION (From the Gospel of St. John)

When Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the brook Kidron, where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, "Whom do you seek?" ⁵They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So he asked them again, "Whom do you seek?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." ⁸Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So, if you seek me, let these men go." ⁹This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: "Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one." ¹⁰Then 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.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" (John 18:1-11)

Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (stanza 1)
The congregation is invited to sing the first stanza.

LBW# 109

**Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn from Jesus Christ to pray,.**

The cross is carried from the Narthex to the first set of pews.

¹² So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴ It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people. ¹⁵ Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The servant girl at the door said to Peter, "You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself. ¹⁹ The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered him, "If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. ²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You also are not 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 the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed. (John 18:12-27)

Hymn: *Go to Dark Gethsemane* (stanza 2)
Choir Men are invited to sing stanza 2.

LBW# 109

Follow to the judgement hall, View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; Learn from him to bear the cross.

The cross is carried a few pews forward.

²⁸ Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor's headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went outside to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." The Jews said to him,

“It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.”³² This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.³³ So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”³⁵ Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over 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 have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.”³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber. (John 18:28-40)

Hymn: *My Song Is Love Unknown* (stanzas 4-5)
The congregation is invited to sing stanzas 4-5.

WOV# 661

- 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.**

The cross is carried a few pews forward.

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him.² And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe.³ They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands.⁴ 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.”⁵ So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”⁶ 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.”⁷ 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.”⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ 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?”¹¹ 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.” (John 19:1-11)

Hymn: *Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes*

LBW# 113

Choir Women, only, are invited to sing Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes.

- 1 Jesus, in thy dying woes, Even while thy lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for thy foes: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 2 Savior, for our pardon sue, When our sins thy pangs renew,
For we know not what we do: Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 3 Oh, may we, who mercy need, Be like thee in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed: Hear us, holy Jesus.

The cross is carried a few pews forward.

¹² 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.” ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” ¹⁵ 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 So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. (John 19:12-16)

Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

LBW# 107

The congregation is invited to sing Beneath the Cross of Jesus.

- 1 **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 noontide heat and burdens of the day.**
- 2 **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 and my unworthiness.**
- 3 **I take, O cross, your 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.**

The cross is laid down on the steps leading to the altar and cross carrier kneels.

¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” (John 19:17-22)

Cross Carrier silently departs during the singing of the hymn.

Hymn: *Were You There* (stanzas 1-3)

LBW# 92

The congregation is invited to sing Were You There (stanzas 1-3)

- 1** **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?
- 2** **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?
- 3** **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 him in the tomb?

A moment of silence is observed, before the next reading.

²³ 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, ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:23-30)

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 prayerfully consider participating in the Prayer Vigil following tonight's worship service.

Lutheran Book of Worship Setting 2 (p. 77-97)
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Those Serving Today

Genevieve Baker, Pianist (10:30 a.m.)

Franklin Bowles, Cross Carrier
(10:30 a.m.)

Dawn Merrell, Organist (6:30 p.m.)

Ethan & Elle Wilhelm, Readers
(6:30 p.m.)

Pete Nguyen, Cross Carrier (6:30 p.m.)

*Everyone is invited to bring spring into the Sanctuary this **Easter Sunday, April 9**. As we make our way through Lent to the glory of Easter morning we look forward to **members bringing their own beautiful spring potted flowers**.*

Examples are tulips, hydrangeas, geraniums, peace lily, gerbera daises, etc.

*Please remember to mark your potted flowers before you **drop them off** on **Saturday, April 8**, between **11:00 a.m.-12 noon**.*

Also, on Easter we invite you to come and bring your floral offering to decorate the cross. (Pick something from your yard...a branch, a flower – it's done to the glory of God.)

Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 10, in observance of Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

The resurrection of our Lord ushers in a new reality for those who believe: a new life in Christ. God, who shows no partiality, offers salvation and forgiveness to all who believe. Our confession of faith in the resurrection of Christ is a commitment to a deeper walk with God: one characterized by worship, prayer, and an intentional living out of Jesus' kingdom principles. This Good News is something we have no choice but to respond to.

**Easter Sunday, April 9
7:30 a.m.**

Sunrise Service

Exodus 14:10-15:1; Psalm 118:15-29;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 20:1-19
Youth Led Worship service.

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10:30 a.m.

Easter Service

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16:1-11;
Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10
Sermon: *Resurrection People*

No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

Linda Kesler has reserved the Altar
Flowers for Easter Sunday.

