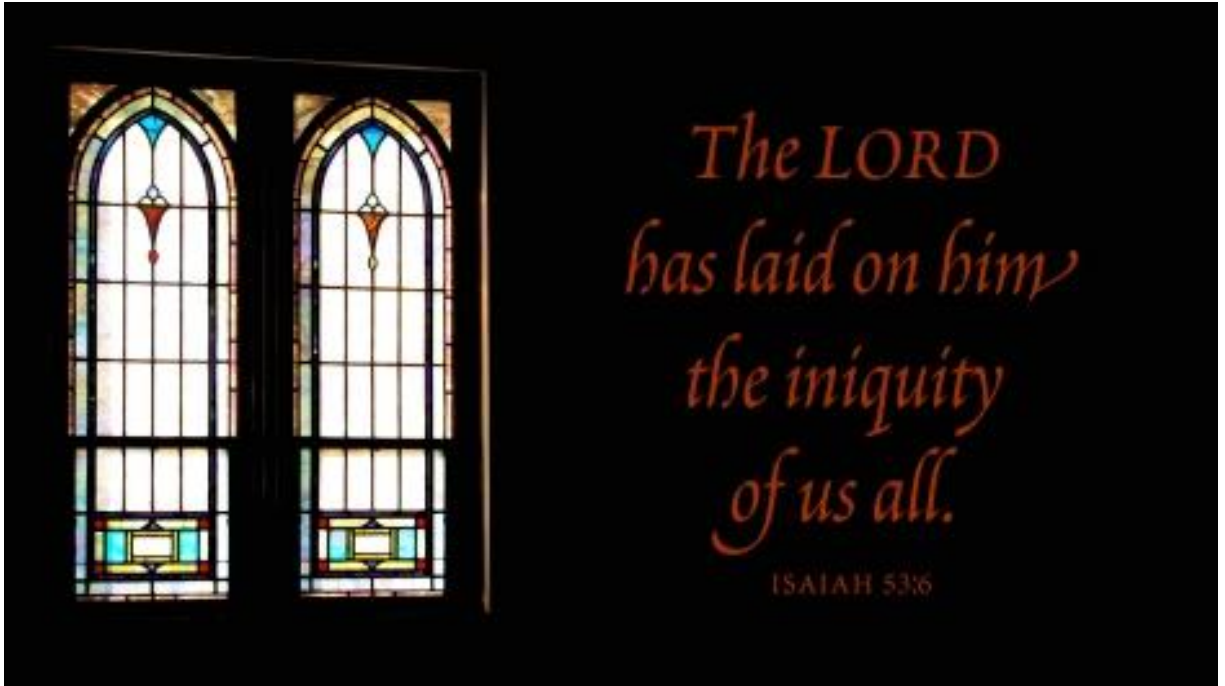




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Good Friday

April 3, 2026

4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship

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***The Common Thread:** Who would believe such a thing? A man of sorrows, crushed, pierced, marred—and all this because of our sins. It was God’s will to place the iniquity of all who ever lived upon this despised and forsaken man. Who could believe that in so doing, so many would be made righteous? Yet, we not only believe, but remember and repent. For it is he who we confess, confidently drawing near to him who had been rejected, but whom we cherish. We remember that on this dark day, he went to the cross so that we might receive mercy and grace and the forgiveness of all our sins. Who would believe such a wondrous thing?*

Union Lutheran Church welcomes you as you join us in worship this morning. Please fill out the communion/visitor card so that we can be made aware of your presence. If you have questions or are interested in the ministries and life of Union, please see the pastor, contact the church office, or scan the QR code.

We welcome children to be a part of worship. A nursery is also provided for those attending to the needs of infants and small children.

Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) green hymnal ~ With One Voice (WOV) blue hymnal  
P=Pastor, C=Congregation, L=Lay Reader

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*Please place your offering in the basket provided. All loose offering will go towards the Benevolence Fund.*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*Were You There When They Crucified My Lord* (arr. by Burton) Dawn Merrell, Harp

*Sanctuary lights are turned down low.*

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray, Almighty God, look with mercy on your family of faith who are gathered here and across the world, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given over into the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Noah Trexler

The first lesson is written from the 52nd chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>13</sup>Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. <sup>14</sup>As many were astonished at you — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind — <sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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? <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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.

L Here ends the reading.

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

LBW# 92

- 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?**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Holy Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Tara Davis

<sup>18:1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>So 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. <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” <sup>5</sup>They answered him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they drew back and fell to the ground. <sup>7</sup>So he asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So, if you

seek me, let these men go.”<sup>9</sup>This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken: “Of those whom you gave me I have lost not one.”<sup>10</sup>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.)<sup>11</sup>So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?”<sup>12</sup>So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound him.<sup>13</sup>First they led him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year.<sup>14</sup>It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.<sup>15</sup>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,<sup>16</sup>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.<sup>17</sup>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.”<sup>18</sup>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.

*The cross processional begins.*

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (stanza 1)

LBW 117

**1 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 glory, I joy to call thee mine.**

Ronald Vellines

<sup>19</sup>The high priest then questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching.<sup>20</sup>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.<sup>21</sup>Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me what I said to them; they know what I said.”<sup>22</sup>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?”<sup>23</sup>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?”<sup>24</sup>Annas then sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

<sup>25</sup>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.”<sup>26</sup>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?”<sup>27</sup>Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

<sup>28</sup>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.<sup>29</sup>So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?”<sup>30</sup>They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would

not have delivered him over to you.”<sup>31</sup> 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.”<sup>32</sup> This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death he was going to die.<sup>33</sup> So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”<sup>36</sup> 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.”<sup>37</sup> 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.”<sup>38</sup> 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.”<sup>39</sup> 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?”<sup>40</sup> They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

*The cross processional continues.*

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (stanza 2)

LBW 117

**2      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.**

Ellie Wilhelm

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

<sup>12</sup>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.” <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” <sup>15</sup>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.”

<sup>16</sup>So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, <sup>17</sup>and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha.

<sup>18</sup>There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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.’” <sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

*The cross processional continues.*

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (stanza 3)

LBW 117

**3      What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and, should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, outlive my love to thee.**

Pastor Heidi Punt

<sup>23</sup>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, <sup>24</sup>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, <sup>25</sup>but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

<sup>31</sup>Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would 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. <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of

the other who had been crucified with him. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. <sup>35</sup>He who saw it has borne witness — his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth — that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken.” <sup>37</sup>And again another Scripture says, “They will look on him whom they have pierced.”

<sup>38</sup>After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was 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 away his body. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. <sup>40</sup>So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

*The cross processional concludes.*

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (stanza 4)

LBW 117

**4 Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
Remind me of thy Passion when my last hour draws night.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
For he who dies believing dies safely in they love.**

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

Pastor Heidi Punt

The Bidding Prayer

*By ancient usage this Prayer was specially appointed for Good Friday. It may also be used on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent. This prayer is intended to be read by an assistant (denoted by A) at a lectern and by the presiding minister or pastor (denoted by P) standing at the altar. A short pause of silence should be observed between the bid and the prayer.*

P Brothers and sisters, let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would keep and defend it against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary, and to keep it always on the true foundation, Jesus Christ.  
A Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and the Word of his truth. Keep the works of your mercy in safety, that your Church, spread

throughout all nations, may serve you in true faith and persevere in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for the ministers of the Word, for all the people of God.

**A** Almighty and eternal God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive the prayers we offer you, that all members of your church in their vocations and ministries may server you in truth and godliness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of his mercy, that having received the forgiveness of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may remember their baptism and remain firm in the faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** Almighty and eternal God, you always cause your Church to grow, and with your light and grace you strengthen the hearts of those you have given new birth through water and the Spirit. Grant that our catechumens increase both in faith and knowledge, that they may rejoice in their baptism and grow as members of the holy body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray for all in authority, and especially for the Government of the United States, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

**A** O merciful Father in heaven, you hold in your hand all the might of the nations, and you have ordained the powers that be for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of those who do well. Yours is all rule and authority in the kingdoms of the world. Graciously regard your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, our judges and officers, and all the rulers of the earth, that all who receive the sword as your servants, may bear it according to your commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us pray our Lord God almighty that he would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, open the prisons, set free those in bondage, grant a safe return to the travelers, health to the sick, and a harbor of security for those at sea.

**A** Almighty and eternal God, the Consolation of the sorrowful, and the Strength of the weak: Graciously hear the prayers of those who cry to you in any trouble or distress so that in all their needs they may see and receive your great help and comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** 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.

A Almighty and eternal God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by your Spirit all things are governed, by your providence all things are ordered. You are the God of peace, and the Author of all concord. Grant us your heavenly peace and concord, that we may serve you in true fear, to the praise and glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy, and graciously give them whatever is needful for them and profitable for their salvation.

A O almighty and eternal God, through your only Son, our blessed Lord, you commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us and to pray for them that persecute us. Lead all our enemies to true repentance, that they may have the same love and be of one mind and heart with us and with your whole Christian Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down his blessing on them, and graciously move our hearts to enjoy them in submission to his holy will.

A O Lord, Father almighty, by your Word you created and bless and uphold all things. Reveal to us your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that he would dwell in our hearts, and that by your grace we may receive your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatever pertains to our bodily needs; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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

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**

Hymn: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

LBW# 123

- 1 **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.**
- 2 **Who, was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee, I crucified thee.**
- 3 **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.**

**4 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.**

**5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
Think on the pity and thy love unswerving. Not my deserving.**

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*Sanctuary & Narthex is plunged into complete darkness.*

*Streptitus A loud noise symbolizes the closing of the grave.*

*The minister and assistant leaves in silence. Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation.*

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**Today's Guest Organist & Pianist: Brenda McCombs**

**(6:30 p.m.) Acolyte: Bailey Wilhelm**

**(6:30 p.m.) Cross Bearer: Pete Nguyen**

**(6:30 p.m.) Harp: Dawn Merrell**

**(6:30 p.m.) Readers: Noah Trexler, Tara Davis, Ronald Vellines, Ellie Wilhelm & Pastor Heidi Punt**

**(6:30 p.m.) Ushers: Larry Barringer, Ron Chase, Adam Thompson & Ronald Vellines**

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** All-Nighter Alert: Youth Lock-In! **

*Our annual Good Friday Youth Lock-In is officially on the calendar for April 3 following the evening service. We will walk with Jesus to the cross and like his disciples sit at the foot of the tomb. Lock-in will end Saturday at 6:00 a.m.*

**Good Friday Prayer Vigil from  
April 3- April 4 at 7:30 a.m.**

As we approach Holy Week, it is easy to jump ahead to the joy of Easter Sunday. However, the true weight of our salvation is found in the dark, silent hours of Good

Friday. This year, we invite you to take part in our church's Good Friday Prayer Vigil, a dedicated time to sit with the reality of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

**What is a Prayer Vigil?** A vigil is an act of "keeping watch." On Good Friday, we are not simply waiting for the weekend; we are standing at the foot of the cross, reflecting on the immense love that led Jesus to suffer for us. It is a time for silence, prayerful reflection, and adoration, recognizing the profound mystery of the Cross.

**Join Us** We invite you to join us in the

sanctuary on Friday, April 3, following the Good Friday evening service for a time of quiet meditation and community prayer.

Let us, with thankful hearts, remember the ultimate sacrifice that bought our freedom, as we prepare our hearts for the resurrection.

**Easter Flowers on Saturday, April 4,**  
at **9:15 a.m.** for the Inside Cross  
**Potted Flowers drop off Saturday, April 4,**  
from **10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

*You are invited to bring flowers from your yard for the outside cross.*

Loose Offering: Mission Outreach Fund

Benevolence: Lutheran Military Veterans & Families, Inc.

Project: supplies for our local VA

Altar Flowers (2 flower arrangements):  
Linda Kesler

Deadline: Good Timers & Friends RSVP  
Frank & Dawn Merrell

**7:00 a.m.** Union Youth

**7:30 a.m.** Sunrise Service (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)  
Exodus 14:10–15:1; Psalm 118:15–29; 1  
Corinthians 15:1–11; John 20:1–18

**8:15 a.m.** Easter Breakfast (*Dutch Meeting Hall*)

**9:00 a.m.** Belles & Beaus

**9:15 a.m.** Easter Egg Hunt & Games

**9:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir

**9:30 a.m.** Children & Youth Sunday School  
Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus  
John 20:11-18; Romans 6:1-11

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord.” (John 20:18)*

**9:30 a.m.** Sunday School

Rabbit Hole Sunday School Class  
Mary Encounters the Risen Jesus  
John 20:11-18; Romans 6:1-11

Drew Wise Sunday School Class

Resurrection: The Future Hope  
Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-20, 50-58;  
Revelation 22:1-5

**10:30 a.m.** Easter Service (*Sanctuary*)  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 16:1-11; Colossians  
3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10  
Sermon: *On the Move*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

**Nursing Homes** – Brenda Mahaley (Autumn Care Room 815), Ruth Monroe (Autumn Care Room 818), Jean Ray (Autumn Care Room 201), Sarah Bame (Brookdale Room 9), Pat Kluttz (Brookdale Room 56), Donnell Miller (Bethany Woods, Albemarle), Rachel Earnhardt (The Laurels), Charles Hartley (The Laurels Room 301), Mike Taylor (Trinity Oaks), Ann Tucker (Oak Park Retirement Room 236)

**Homebound/Shut-ins Members/Special Needs** – Tom Cole, Kiki Deaton, Rachel Earnhardt, Madison “Drew” Harrington, Linda Hartley, Pete Honbarrier, Howell & Teresa Kesler, James & Jean Kluttz, Glenn & Betty Sue Lowder, Harold Miller, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Jason Earnhardt, Robin Huffman, Susan Knight, Doris Ludwick, Patsy Lyerly, Richard and Kay Lyons, Raelynn Rodgers, Brad Trexler & Pat Wiles

**Continual Prayer** – Rita Volker (Pastor Heidi’s aunt), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, SON Ministries, Slovakia & Haiti), Friends & Families of the avalanche victims (friends of Robyn Arey’s son), especially those affected by political unrest & those affected by natural disasters (Jamacia, Haiti, Alaska, North Dakota, Dominican Republic)

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

**OUR VISION:** Fellow Workers of the Gospel - Unified in Christ. (*3 John 1:8; Ephesians 4:15-16; Romans 15:15-16*)

**OUR ACTION PLAN:** Responsible management of God’s entrusted resources—time, talent, treasure & mission. (*Genesis 1 & 2*)

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**2026 Church Council Members**

**2024-2026**

Phil Cauble  
Kevin Huffman  
John Knight (*Treasurer*)  
Thad Mulkey

**2025-2027**

Karen Barringer  
Pete Nguyen (*President*)  
Brad Trexler

**2026-2027**

Don Davis (*Vice-President*)  
Ethan Wilhelm (*Secretary*)

**2026 Council adopted motto:** *“As leaders of Union Lutheran Church we will work together as one, reflecting Christ and stay true to the Word, as we share the Word.”*

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**Lay Ministers:**

Tara Davis, Vicki Hunter, Steve Hutchens, Elbert Kluttz and Deena Lanning

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