

GOOD  
FRIDAY



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## **Lent opposites: cursed and blessed**

**April 3, 2026**

**Good Friday**

Lent presents us with opposites that affect our entire existence.

Good Friday was not a good day for our Lord Jesus Christ. It was the day he suffered death. But even worse, it was the day he was cursed by God. You can hear it in his cry, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

As bad as all that was, our Lord Jesus Christ went through it all for a reason. He wanted us to receive God's blessing. This solemn evening we consider the opposites of being cursed and being blessed.

Today's 7:00 p.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

[www.holytrinity.church](http://www.holytrinity.church)

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*There is no preservice music. Seven tones begin the service.  
The pastor greets the worshipers before the opening of the service.*

*Quartet Song            His Robes for Mine*

*His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place he died. (Refrain)*

*(Refrain) I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise — my all — shall be for Christ alone.*

*His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.*

*His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"  
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. (Refrain)*

*His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.  
He, as though I, accursed and left alone;  
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home! (Refrain)*

**Isaiah 52:13 — 53:12 (CSB)**

*The congregation speaks the words **in bold**.*

See, my servant will be successful;  
he will be raised and lifted up and greatly exalted.  
Just as many were appalled at you—  
his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,  
and his form did not resemble a human being—  
so he will sprinkle many nations.

Kings will shut their mouths because of him,  
for they will see what had not been told them,  
and they will understand what they had not heard.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

He grew up before him like a young plant and like a root out of dry ground.  
He didn't have an impressive form or majesty that we should look at him,  
no appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of suffering who knew what sickness was.

He was like someone people turn away from;  
he was despised, and we didn't value him.

Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains;  
but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

**But he was pierced because of our rebellion,  
crushed because of our iniquities;  
punishment for our peace was on him,  
and we are healed by his wounds.**

**We all went astray like sheep,  
we all have turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has punished him for the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth.  
Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.

He was taken away because of oppression and judgment,  
and who considered his fate?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
he was struck because of my people's rebellion.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
but he was with a rich man at his death,  
because he had done no violence and had not spoken deceitfully.

Yet the LORD was pleased to crush him severely;  
when you make him a guilt offering,

he will see his seed, he will prolong his days,  
 and by his hand, the LORD's pleasure will be accomplished.  
 After his anguish, he will see light and be satisfied.  
 By his knowledge, my righteous servant will justify many  
 and will carry their iniquities.  
 Therefore I will give him the many as a portion,  
 and he will receive the mighty as spoil,  
**because he willingly submitted to death,**  
**and was counted among the rebels;**  
**yet he bore the sin of many and interceded for the rebels.**

*Hymn 428, stanzas 1-3      O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and  
 2 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have  
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you,



shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, with  
 borne for me, for it was my trans - gres - sion, my  
 dear - est Friend, for this, your dy - ing sor - row, your



thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no  
 shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -  
 pit - y with - out end? O make me yours for -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet,  
 fore you; wrath is my right - ful lot. Have  
 ev - er, and keep me strong and true; Lord,



though de - spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.  
 mer - cy, I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!  
 let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.

P: We pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

*Choir Song    Jesu, Son of God*

### **Lesson—Galatians 3:9-13**

You know, then, that those who have faith, these are Abraham’s sons. Now the Scripture saw in advance that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and proclaimed the gospel ahead of time to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed through you.” Consequently, those who have faith are blessed with Abraham, who had faith.

For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written, “Everyone who does not do everything written in the book of the law is cursed.” Now it is clear that no one is justified before God by the law, because “the righteous will live by faith.” But the law is not based on faith; instead, “the one who does these things will live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, because it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” The purpose was that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles by Christ Jesus, so that we could receive the promised Spirit through faith.

### **CREED**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his**

kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

*Hymn 396, stanzas 1-3      Christ, the Life of All the Living*



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
 2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a  
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing  
 cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,  
 all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,  
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my  
 rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
 soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
 God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.



Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
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Sermon—Galatians 3:7-14  
*Lent opposites: cursed and blessed*



6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it  
 7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,  
 deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to  
 I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
 groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
 for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

### OFFERING

*We give our offerings to worship our Savior who died for us.  
 You may use the QR code to the right for online giving.*



### MUSICAL OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

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C: O Christ, hear us.

P: God the Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

**C: God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.**

P: God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

P: Be gracious to us.

**C: Spare us, good Lord.**

P: Be gracious to us.

**C: Help us, good Lord.**

P: From every sin,  
from every error,  
from every evil,  
from the devil's lies and cunning,  
from eternal death,

**C: deliver us, good Lord.**

P: By the mystery of the holy incarnation,  
by your holy birth,  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
by your agony and bloody sweat,  
by your cross and suffering,  
by your death and burial,  
by your resurrection and ascension,  
by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Counselor,  
in all times of trouble,  
in all times of prosperity,  
in the hour of death,

**C: help us, good Lord.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C: hear us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: have mercy on us.**

**P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

**C: grant us your peace. Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**


**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### *Hymn 817, stanza 1 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee,  
ne'er from me de-part, with ten-der mer-cy cheer me.  
Earth has no plea-sure I would share; yea, heav'n it -  
self were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.  
And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can



noth-ing shake. Thou art the por-tion I have sought; thy pre-cious  
 blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
 Lord, my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy Word.

### THE GOOD FRIDAY GOSPEL

#### John 19:1-42

*The lights in the sanctuary are turned off for the reading.*

*At each pause in the reading, two candles are extinguished.*

*After the reading is completed, the following hymn stanza is sung.*

*Hymn 817, stanza 3 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*



3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A-br'ham's  
 bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;  
 and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y  
 safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.  
 And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with

joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo-rious face, my Sav-ior  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -  
tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with-out end.

*Following the hymn, worshipers dismiss themselves quietly.*

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Minister: Pastor Bart Brauer

Accompanist: Joanna Grassell

Quartet: Hoby Brauer, Aaron Doviak, Henry Doviak, Zane Rodmyre

Piano: Kathy Rausch, Erica Brauer

### **Easter schedule**

- Easter dawn service (April 5)—6:30 a.m.
- Easter breakfast—7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Easter day service—9:30 a.m.

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