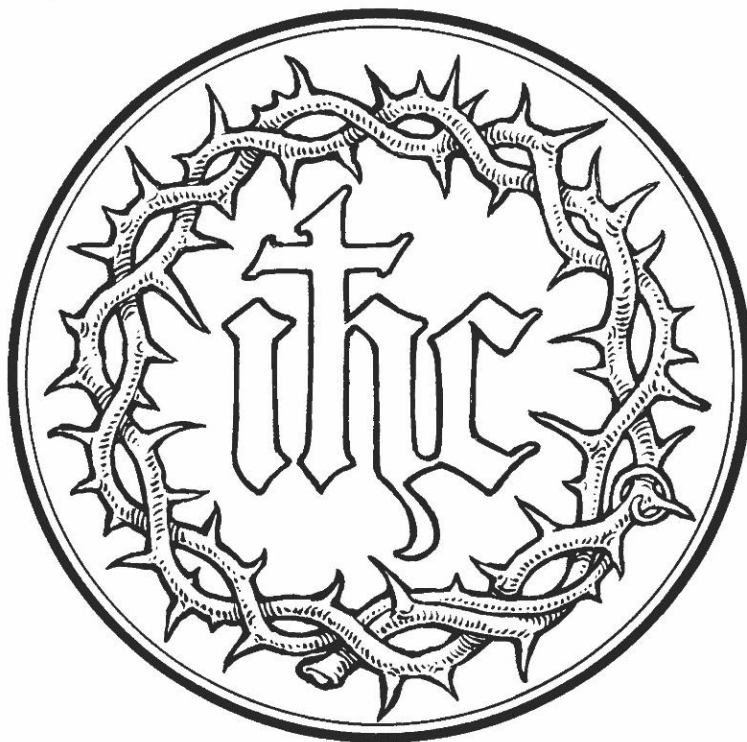


Friday, April 3rd 2026

Good Friday



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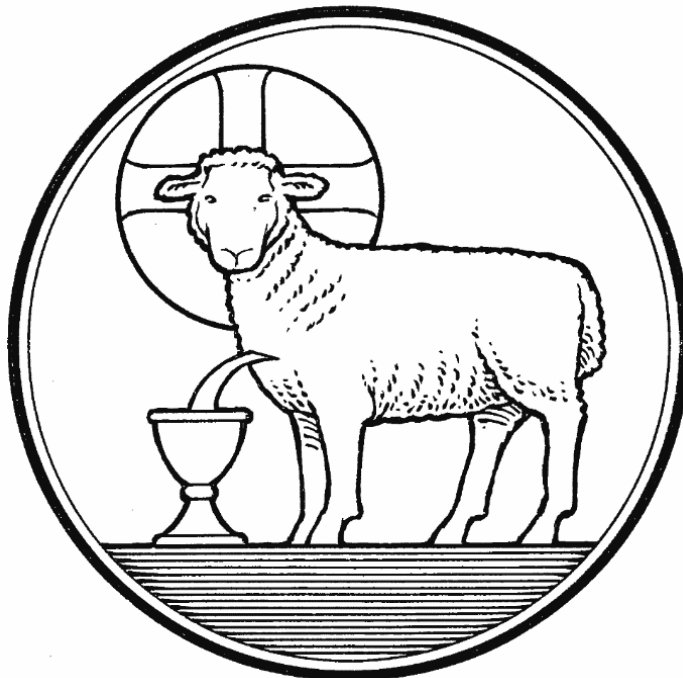
WELCOME TO EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!”
(Psalm 84:1) We are thankful that God has brought you here with us this evening to hear His Word and receive His gifts! You’ll find everything you need for the worship service in this bulletin and in *Lutheran Service Book*, our hymnal. If you have any questions about our worship service, our congregation, or what we believe, please ask our pastor or any of our members.



SERVANTS DURING WORSHIP THIS EVENING:

Pastor – Rev. E. B. Holschuh
Assisting Elder – David Sager



AS WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP THIS EVENING:

Behold the Lamb of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World

Jesus, the Lamb of God, is led to the slaughter of His cross as the Sacrifice of Atonement for the sin of the world. *“Despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief”* (Is. 53:3), He is the righteous Servant who justifies many by His innocent suffering and death. He bears our griefs and sorrows; He is wounded for our transgressions; He is crushed for our iniquities; He suffers our chastisement; *“and with his wounds we are healed”* (Is. 53:4–5). As the Son of God, He fulfills the Law for us in human flesh, and so fulfills the Scriptures (John 19:7, 24). In perfect faith and faithfulness, He shares all our weaknesses and temptations, *“yet without sin”* (Heb. 4:15). As our merciful High Priest, He brings us to the Father in peace, *“makes intercession for the transgressors”* (Is. 53:12), and joins our prayers to His own, so that we are heard *“because of his reverence”* (Heb. 5:7). From His cross, He gives us His Spirit (John 19:30), washes us with water from His side, and covers us with His blood (John 19:34).

+ PREPARATION +

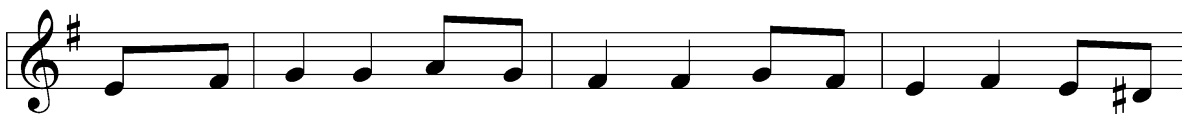
The lighting is subdued in the worship space; the pastor enters in silence.

Prayer

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.

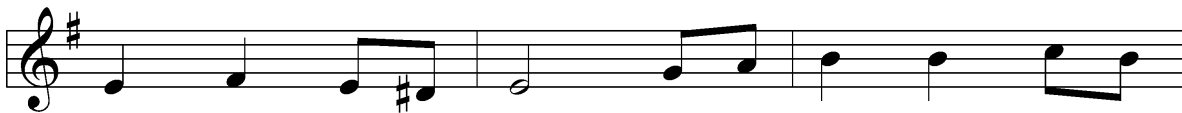
C Amen.



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22

P O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath!

**C For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.**

P There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

**C For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

P I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.

**C Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!**

Confession and Absolution

P Confident of His redeeming love, let us confess our sins to our gracious God.

**C Almighty God, we confess that we are sinful by nature and through
our words, thoughts, and deeds. Have mercy upon us, forgive us
our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. As you believe, so let it be.
By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of
the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty God, You spared not Your only-begotten Son but gave Him unto death on the cross. Grant that in the midst of our failures and weaknesses, we may be delivered from all evil. Bring to our remembrance all that our Savior has done for us. Strengthen us to carry our burdens and to endure our sufferings as we, in faith, follow His holy example, always giving thanks to You for Your graciousness to us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Reproaches

- P** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.
C **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.**
P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.
C **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.**

P Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

C **Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.**

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 449



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
2 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,
4 Be Thou my con - so - la - tion, My shield, when I must die;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?
Re - mind me of Thy pas - sion When my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,
Mine eyes shall then be - hold Thee, Up - on Thy cross shall dwell,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.
My heart by faith en - fold Thee. Who di - eth thus dies well.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that in all times and in all places, it would be defended against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep God's faithful people perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ. Gracious Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all the minsters of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, for all the people of God here and everywhere, and for our catechumens, that they be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus. Gracious Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all those who are in authority that we may lead quiet and peaceable lives in all godliness and honesty, and we pray that the world would be delivered from all error, disease, famine, and all disruptive forces so that peace may abound among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for all people in our land and in every nation, including for our enemies and for all those who are outside of the Church, that there be a true love of concord and that all that is evil be turned into that which is good and salutary. Gracious Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for continuing blessing upon the fruits of the earth and on all who share the bounties of God so abundantly given to us, asking that we receive every divine gift with thanksgiving and respond to the blessings of God we are given with humble hearts and dedicated lives. Gracious Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Finally, we pray that we may continue living in faith all our days, ever looking to Jesus, who has won our salvation. Grant that our worship and devotion be blessed with concord, love, and peace. Gracious Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.

+TENEBRAE+

Office Hymn "Oh Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" LSB 439 sts.
1, 12-15



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,
13 What - e'er of earth - ly good this life may grant me,
14 But worth - less is my sac - ri - fice, I own it;
15 And when, dear Lord, be - fore Thy throne in heav - en



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;
I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not dis - own it;
To me the crown of joy at last is giv - en,



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 To do Thy will shall be my sole en -
 I shall not fear what foes can do to
 Thou wilt ac - cept my gift in Thy great
 Where sweet - est hymns Thy saints for - ev - er



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.
 harm me Nor death a - larm me.
 meek - ness Nor shame my weak - ness.
 raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

First Word

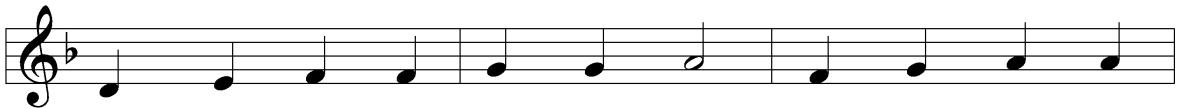
Luke 23:34a

³⁴Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”**

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 sts. 1-3



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your
 2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your
 3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:
 pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:
 heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

The first candle is extinguished.

Second Word

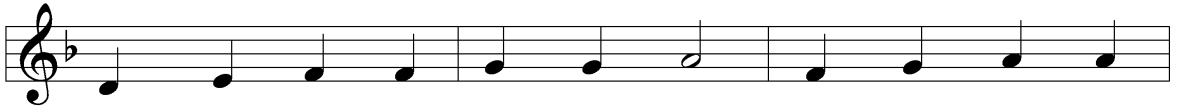
Luke 23:43

43[Jesus] said to him, **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”**

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 sts. 4-6



4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who
 5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and
 6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your



near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:
 mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:
 cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Third Word

John 19:25-27

²⁵Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, **“Woman, behold, your son!”** ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, **“Behold, your mother!”** And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 sts. 7-9



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly



sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:46

⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?”** that is, **“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”**

Hymn*“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

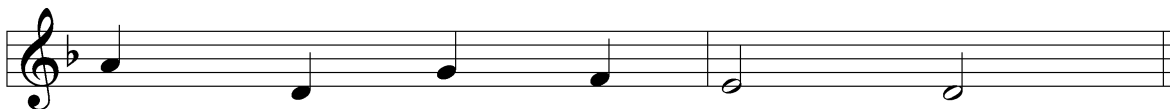
LSB 447 sts. 10-12



10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil
 11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems
 12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our



left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:
 far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:
 spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

*The second candle is extinguished.***Fifth Word**

John 19:28

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”**

Hymn*“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

LSB 447 sts. 13-15



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your
 14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly
 15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:
 work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:
 sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Sixth Word

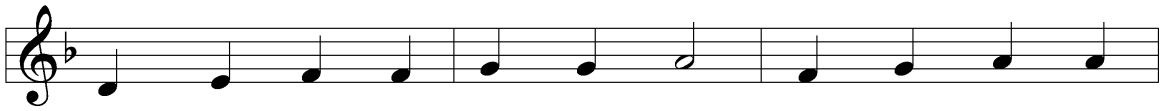
John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **“It is finished,”** and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 sts. 16-18



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther's
 17 Save us in our soul's dis - tress; Be our help to
 18 Bright - en all our heav'n - ward way With an ev - er



will o - beyed; By Your suf - f'ring per - fect made:
 cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
 ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Seventh Word

Luke 23:46

⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!”** And having said this He breathed His last.

Hymn

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

LSB 447 sts. 19-21

19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and
 20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the
 21 May Your life and death sup - ply, Grace to live and

con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:
 tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:
 grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:

Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, You have taken our sins in Your own body on the tree of the cross so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come.

C Amen.

The strepitus (loud sound) is heard, evoking the sound of the earthquake that followed Christ's death or the rolling of the stone to seal the tomb, symbolizing the completeness of Christ's sacrifice.

The congregation departs in reverent silence.

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