

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP GOOD FRIDAY

March 29, 2024

AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. “By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s, and the righteousness of Christ is ours,” Luther writes. “He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness” (Select Works). Let us give Jesus glory for the “wonderful exchange” He has made with us at the cross!

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

{LSB 440 – Stanzas 1- 3}

Jesus, I will ponder now
With Your Spirit me endow
Grant that I in love and faith
Of Your suffering, pain, and death

On Your holy passion;
For such meditation.
May the image cherish
That I may not perish.

Make me see Your great distress,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
Make me see how scourge and rod,
How for them You died, O God,

Anguish, and affliction,
And Your crucifixion;
Spear and nails did wound You,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
But its cause to me make known
Ah! I also and my sin
This indeed the cause has been

Make me see Your passion,
And its termination.
Wrought Your deep affliction;
Of Your crucifixion.

INVOCATION

(please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
People: **so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions;
People: **He was crushed for our iniquities;**

Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
People: **and with His stripes we are healed.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet. ***In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.***

Pastor: Gracious Father,
People: **have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.**

Pastor: Loving Lord Jesus,
People: **take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.**

Pastor: Renewing Holy Spirit,

People: **Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT

Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;
People: **upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

Pastor: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,
People: **nor discipline me in Your wrath!**

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me,
People: **and Your hand has come down on me.**

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;
People: **there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

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

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.
People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;
People: **upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Suffering Savior,
People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Crucified Christ,
People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Merciful Messiah,
People: grant us Your peace.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,
People: with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross to bear our sin so we may know His righteousness;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen. *(please be seated)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
*(The Messiah "was numbered with the transgressors"
and bore the sin of many.)*

52:13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. 14 As many were astonished at you - his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind - 15 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.

53:1 Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2 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. 3 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. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 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. 6 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. 7 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. 8 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? 9 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. 10 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. 11 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. 12 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: **Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9**

(Jesus, our High Priest, suffered for our salvation.)

4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: **John 19:17-30**
(The crucifixion of Jesus.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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." 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(please be seated)

HYMN: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 449 – 4 stanzas}

O sacred Head, now wounded,
Now scornfully surrounded
O sacred Head, what glory,
Yet, though despised and gory,

With grief and shame weighed down,
With thorns, Thine only crown.
What bliss, till now was Thine!
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Mine, mine was the transgression,
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
Look on me with Thy favor,

Was all for sinners’ gain;
But Thine the deadly pain.
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
And grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
For this Thy dying sorrow,
O make me Thine forever!
Lord, let me never, never,

To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
Thy pity without end?
And should I fainting be,
Outlive my love for Thee.

Be Thou my consolation,
Remind me of Thy passion

My shield, when I must die;
When my last hour draws nigh.

Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.

Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
Who dieth thus dies well.

MESSAGE: “The Passion Cross: Jesus’ Passion”

John 19:17-18

OFFERING

If you are a **visitor** this morning, you are our guest. Please do not feel obligated to give as the offering plate is passed. The offering is an opportunity for **members** to practice faithful stewardship and to support the ministries of Christ’s church. Also, a red booklet, the Friendship Register, will be passed down each row. Please record your presence with us today.

OFFERING SONG: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (LSB 781 - vv. 1-2)

(Please sing as the offering is presented at the Altar)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

BIDDING PRAYER

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our catechumens, that our Lord God would open their hearts and the door of His mercy that, having received the remission of all their sins by the washing of regeneration, they may be mindful of their Baptism and evermore be found in Christ Jesus, our Lord:

Almighty God and Father, because You always grant growth to Your Church, increase the faith and understanding of our catechumens that, rejoicing in their new birth by the water of Holy Baptism, they may forever continue in the family of those whom You adopt as Your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially **President Biden**, our President; the Congress of the United States; **Gregg Abbott**, our Governor; and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress

cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for all who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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:

Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, Lamb of the Father's own choosing, who offered Yourself a bloody sacrifice for our sins on the Place of Skulls, receive our thanks for Your love beyond measure. Let Your wounds be the solace of our hearts, and Your merits the ornaments of our souls in life and death, that, with Your perfected saints on high, we may forever sing Your praise.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen. *(please be seated)*

HYMN: “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

{LSB 440 – stanzas 4-6}

Grant that I Your passion view
Let me not bring shame to You
How could I refuse to shun
Since for me God’s only Son

With repentant grieving.
By unholy living.
Ev’ry sinful pleasure
Suffered without measure?

If my sins give me alarm
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Help me see forgiveness won
If for me He slays His Son,

And my conscience grieve me,
Peace of conscience give me.
By Your holy passion.
God must have compassion!

Graciously my faith renew;
Learning humbleness from You,
May I give You love for love!
That I may in heav’n above

Help me bear my crosses,
Peace mid pain and losses.
Hear me, O my Savior,
Sing Your praise forever.

{The congregation departs in silent confidence, trusting . . . }

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

Prayers for the families of **Helma Mitchell** – mother of **Jim Mitchell** has passed away

Prayers for the families of **Clara Knettel** – mother of **Kurt Knettel** has passed away

Prayers for the families of **Robert English** – brother of **Shirley Moore** has passed away

Prayers for the **Everett Family** at the loss of their family **Matriarch** (Eschenko Family)

Prayers for the families of **Jim Click** in Montana – as he passed away (Eschenko Family)

Prayers for **Chris Carter & wife Penny** undergoing chemo and radiation.

Brad & Laura Sanders praise for daughter **Naomi's** baby boy born March 20th, **Kaeden Socrates Pittman**; pray for Laura's Father, **Jack**.

Prayers for **David Sattler** recovering from air passage surgery Friday March 22.

Prayers for **John Soper** for healing & pain relief.

Prayers for **Gloria Bloecher & her medical team** as she remains in their care.

Debra Beard requests prayers for her brother, **Tod Dunlevy** in Wisconsin.

Karen Brosien requests prayers for her **Father, Carl Landinger**, in home hospice care; for daughter **Amelia's knee infection**, & for her brothers.

Larry & Pam Risley for **grandson Lucas** who broke his wrist, and for a **friend Richard Atkins**, in hospice care with brain stem cancer, & for **his wife**.

Rebecca Bottlinger requests prayer for **Kristi Wagner**, St. John's in Hamilton, a cousin's wife, with recurrent pericarditis in and out of ICU.

Jim Minica recovering from strokes.

Kim Pfaff recovering from quadruple heart bypass surgery.

Kathy Giardinelli requests prayers for the **Mission Aviation Fellowship** & especially **the Wolf Family** as they train to serve the Dem. Republic of the Congo

Rutledge Family requests prayers for **Sister-in-Law Heather Mullydy's** breast cancer

Mark Giardinelli who will be going to MAF headquarters in Idaho in May.

Parkers and Theis request prayers for **Robert Patterson** undergoing cancer treatment.

For the Pastoral call committee and process. Prayers for Justice & Peace around the world

For family discord, reconciliation, & healing; for rescue for those in abusive relationships

Prayers for all those with physical, emotional, or other needs

Prayers for all who are lost to hear & receive Jesus' Gospel message

**Into your hands, O Father, we commend all for who we pray,
trusting in Your mercy; thru Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MARCH ALTAR FLOWERS

Mar 3rd – **Vonda Petmecky** – in memory of **Fred's** birthday

Mar 10th – **Linda Dicke** – Thanking God for His many blessings

Mar 17th – **Marilyn Mazurek** – celebrating **Ernie's** birthday

Mar 24th – **Rolf & Linda Schulz** – celebrating 60th wedding anniversary

Mar 31st – **Joe & Verna Sorensen** – Thanking God for His many blessings

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

WELCOME . . . Whoever you are . . . Wherever you have come from . . . we are so glad you are here! Your presence increases our joy as we praise our loving Savior together. If you are visiting with us today, we'd love to get to know you! Please don't forget to sign your name and fill in your contact information in the red booklets on the inside aisle!

Messiah Lutheran Church celebrates the Lord's Supper as a visible expression of our unity in the faith and a confession of our Lord's death until He returns (1 Cor. 11:23-29).

Those who desire to commune with us must:

- 1) be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
- 2) believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- 3) believe that they receive, with the bread and the wine, the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sin (1 Cor. 10:16);
- 4) sincerely desire to amend their sinful way of life.

Please announce your intention to receive the Lord's Supper to the pastor or one of our elders before communing.

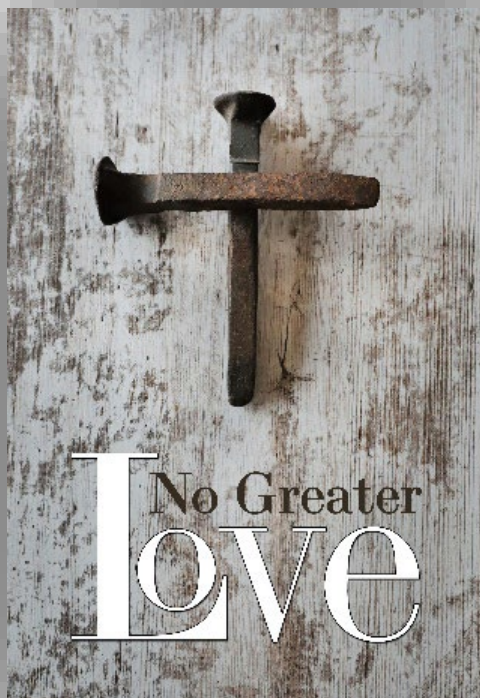
Upcoming Events –

March 31st - Easter Sunday –

Sunrise Service at 7:30 am communion served

Continental Breakfast at 8:30 am

Festival Service at 10:30 am communion served



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Serving us this Good Friday – March 29, 2024

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Rutledge Family
Reader:	Sharon Loren
Ushers:	OPEN
Greeter:	Verna Sorensen

Serving us Easter Sunrise Service – March 31, 2024, at 7:30 am

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	Roger & Kathryn Winkelmann
Reader:	Roger Winkelmann
Ushers:	Mike Gissi – Mike & Debbie Stender
Greeter:	Mike & Melanie Gissi

***JOIN MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR FELLOWSHIP
AND A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
SERVED FROM 8:30 AM TO 10:30 AM***

Serving us Easter Festival Service – March 31, 2024, at 10:30 am

Elders:	Bill Eichman & Roger Winkelmann
Tellers:	Anthony Sansone
Chancel Care:	Kim & Maurine Maloy
Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Kid's Message:	Pastor Richard Lofgren
Musician:	Bob Shoaf
AV:	David & Lorrie Wendeborn
Reader:	Kathy Rottman
Ushers:	Larry Rottman – Eric Sagebiel – Hal Eschenko – Russ Leachman
Greeter:	Kathy Rottman