

*St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*  
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Sunday School-9:00am      Adult Bible Class-9:00am  
Sunday Worship-10:00am

# GOOD FRIDAY

April 7, 2023

## **For those wishing to commune**

Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion Jesus gives us forgiveness of sins as He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

As we receive the Lord's Supper today, we seek to receive it according to the commands and guidelines God set forth in His Word (such as 1 Cor. 11:27-29). God's Word teaches that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in faith and confession. Because of this we ask that guests desiring to commune also be members of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation. If you have not communed here before we also ask that you please speak with the pastor or one of the elder before the service. Other guests who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from partaking of the Sacrament at this time.

The churches of the Missouri Synod practice "closed communion" which means that out of love and concern for souls, oneness in doctrine as well as worthiness for reception be established prior to communing. Thank you.

*Enter in Silence*

## **Collect of the Day**

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.**

## **The Readings**

Old Testament: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **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.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Collect:**

P: Let us Pray

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**

The Gospel:

John 18:1-11

**Hymn: 447, vs. 1-3**

John 18:12-27

**447, vs. 4-6**

John 18:28-40

**447, vs. 7-9**

John 19:1-15

**447, vs. 10-12**

John 19:16-24

**447, vs. 13-15**

John 19:25-30

**447, vs. 16-18**

John 19:31-42

**447, vs. 19-21**

## Sermon

## Prayers

### The 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.**

### Hymn: 434 vs. 1

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.**

### Hymn: 434 vs. 2

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: 434 vs. 3**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in the His name and as He has taught us:

### **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.**

## The Words of Institution

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: Amen.

## The Distribution | Hymns: 449, 439

### Closing collect

P: Let us Pray

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; 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.

### Hymn: 451

#### Following the Closing Hymn:

There is no benediction on Good Friday. It will next be spoken on the morning of Christ's resurrection. There will be a moment for silent reflection upon the death of Christ following the closing hymn.

After the final candle is extinguished, the altar book is slammed shut making a loud noise. This is known as the "*strepitus*" and is meant to recall the loud noises of both the earthquake following Christ's death and the shutting of Christ's tomb.

Worshippers are asked to please leave in silence following the shutting of the book.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** Anyone wishing to bake cinnamon rolls for the Easter breakfast can find them in the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you.