



# GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



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## March 29, 2024 ✝ Good Friday

*Welcome to worship on this very solemn night of Good Friday. As we hear the parable of the Landowner and Tenants tonight we are reminded of the sacrifice God made in sending his own Son into the vineyard and how we, like the tenants, rejected and killed him. Reflecting on the power of death will help us grasp more fully the unfailing Easter life into which God raised Jesus and raises us. God loves us enough to not only forgive us, but to give us life in place of death.*

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## ✝ GATHERING ✝

### Prelude

*(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)*

### Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

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## Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

On this holy day the Son of God is the stone that the builders rejected.  
**He has become the chief cornerstone.**

On this holy day  
the Son of God is thrown out of the vineyard and killed.  
**He has become the sacrifice.**

On this holy day the Son of God becomes sin for us  
so that we would become the righteousness of God.  
**The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Jesus said, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:  
‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”  
**The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

Jesus said, “Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces;  
anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”  
**Grant me your grace, O God,  
that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

Tonight we remember that it is our sin that nailed Jesus to the cross.  
His suffering and death are the result of the evil we confess,  
begging for the forgiveness that he won for us.

*Silence for meditation and self-reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that our very nature is sinful.**  
**We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.**  
**We do not love our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are simply tenants in your world,**  
**and with our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds we brazenly say,**  
**“This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.”**  
**On this dark day we beg your grace-filled pardon.**  
**Forgive us, most holy God.**

At the cross of Calvary, Jesus Christ became sin for us.  
 He bore all of our sinfulness in his body on the tree.  
 By his wounds we are healed of the disease of sin  
 and by his grace we are made whole again.  
 Because of his perfect sacrifice, all of our sins are forgiven  
 in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*The Old Rugged Cross*

TFF #77



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross.  
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;  
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 to . . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 to . . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... *(A brief silence is kept.)*

Heavenly Father,

**you sent your one and only Son into this world,**

**and the world did not receive him with joy,**

**but sent him to the cross. By his most perfect sacrifice,**

**help our eyes to see Jesus for who he is and what he has done for us.**

**Take our scarlet sins and make us as white as snow. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

## First Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?

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,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

<sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our 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 did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
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 with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death, and was  
numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Lenten Verse

*ELW setting 4*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 15:21-39

*The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.*

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and

Rufus. <sup>22</sup>Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). <sup>23</sup>And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. <sup>24</sup>And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

<sup>25</sup>It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. <sup>26</sup>The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews."

<sup>27</sup>And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>29</sup>Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, <sup>30</sup>save yourself, and come down from the cross!" <sup>31</sup>In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. <sup>32</sup>Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

<sup>33</sup>When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>34</sup>At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>35</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." <sup>36</sup>And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." <sup>37</sup>Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. <sup>38</sup>And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. <sup>39</sup>Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

*Receive the Sacrifice*

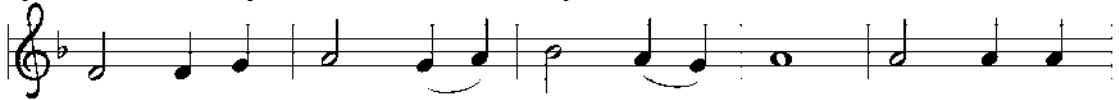




## Hymn of the Day

## *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

#803



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  
pres - ent 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.

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## Apostle's Creed

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

P Looking to the cross and called by Christ  
to love and serve one another, let us pray for the church, the world,  
and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God, who sacrifices his only Son,  
when you sent him into the world,  
our wicked sin sent him to the cross. Like the evil tenants,  
we killed him and looked for our own inheritance.  
But by his death our sin has been forgiven  
and he has become the cornerstone of our faith.  
Lord, we thank you for what you have done,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

A God, who sacrifices his only Son,  
you have given the nations of the world  
the gifts that come from the fruit of the cross.  
Enable all those in charge of governments  
to welcome those gifts so that your Gospel will be proclaimed  
without hindrance to the edifying of your people  
and the salvation of many.  
Lord, we thank you for what you have done,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

A God, who sacrifices his only Son, by his most holy death  
you have made him the cornerstone of your Church.  
Make us into living stones,  
living out the sacrificial love that you have first given to us.  
Use your Church to bring the inheritance of your forgiveness  
to a world so desperately in need.  
Lord, we thank you for what you have done,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

A God, who sacrifices his only Son, by his wounds we are healed.  
Bring your peace and strength to those in physical need  
due to illness, disease or weakness, especially...  
Strengthen them with the promise of eternal healing  
that was won for them, and all people, on the cross.  
Lord, we thank you for what you have done,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered.  
Lord, we thank you for what you have done,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

A God, who sacrifices his only Son,  
his sacrifice means that all those who have believed in him  
and have been laid to rest now live in your loving presence.  
Please help us to follow after them, living sacrificial lives  
patterned after the One who has given his life on the cross.  
Lord, we thank you for what you have done,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P Hear the prayers of your people, merciful God,  
for the sake of the one who stretched out his arms on the cross  
to redeem your people and to reconcile the whole creation,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Adoration of the Cross**

Behold, the life-giving cross  
on which was hung the salvation of the world.  
**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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## Our Procession to the Life-Giving Cross of Jesus

Tonight, you are invited forward to receive a simple nail.  
The nail, on this night of all nights, has special significance.  
It is our Christian belief that Jesus was nailed to the cross  
not only by the soldiers who were assigned to do that awful deed;  
not only by the Pharisees and the crowd  
who would not rest until he had been nailed there;  
not only by Pontius Pilate, who issued the order that nailed him there...  
but also by each and every one of us.  
Since he died for our sins, we too are responsible for his death.

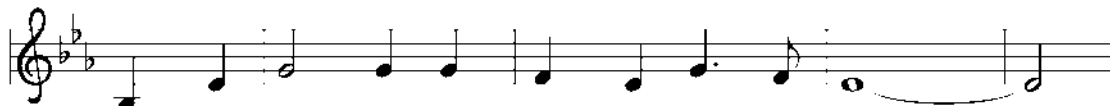
The purpose of the nail is to give each of us the opportunity,  
if you wish, to receive the sign of Jesus' holy cross  
and then receive the nail from the cross in your hands.  
When you are ready, come forward and receive the sign of the cross.

*(The pastor will make the sign of the cross on each forehead  
and then place the nail in each person's hands)*

### Hymn

### Were You There

#353



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



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Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

#### *Refrain*



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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### **The Solemn Recessional**

*(The Christ Candle is carried out of the sanctuary.)*

Jesus was wounded for our transgressions.

He was bruised for our iniquities.

Upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

By his death we are healed.

**Thanks be to God for the Old Rugged Cross of Jesus.**

Greater love has no man than this,  
than to lay down his life for his friends.

We have no glory, except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus.

**Thanks be to God for the Old Rugged Cross of Jesus.**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but may have eternal life.

**Thanks be to God for the Old Rugged Cross of Jesus.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

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

*The Strepitus, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb, is sounded.*

*The Paschal Candle is returned as a sign of Hope.*

*There is no benediction; the congregation leaves the church in silence.  
This signifies the fact that the service – and the story – are not finished,  
but will be completed on Easter morning.*

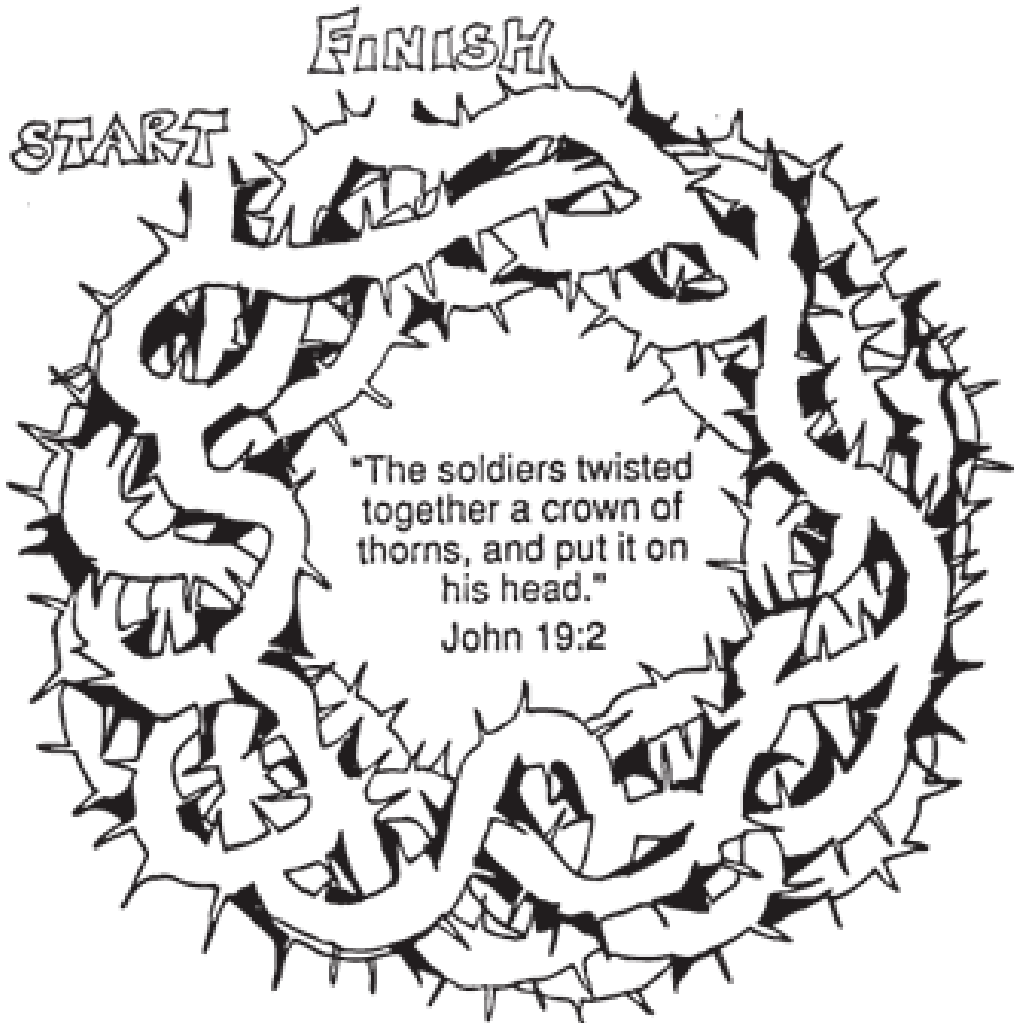
*You are welcome to stay as long as you like.  
When you are ready to leave, please do so in silence.*

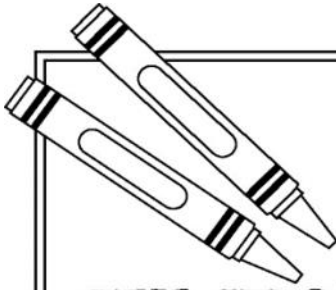


Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the  
third day.

# Crown of Thorns Maze

Use a crayon or pencil to find your way through the crown of thorns.





# Just for **KIDS**

## **SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE**

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us – and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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