



GOOD  
FRIDAY



# Triumphant Lutheran Church

*We grow in Christ to serve others.*

**Good Friday**

**12:00pm & 7:00pm**

**April 18, 2025**

[P] Pastor    [[AM] Assisting Minister    [C] Congregation    ELW – Worship Book

***Enter in silence and keep silent prayer and reflection as preparation to worship the Lord Jesus.***

GATHERING HYMN

“Were You There” ..... ELW hymn 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

PROPHECY READING: Isaiah 53:3-12

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS *(repeat three times)*

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

SALUTATION

[P] The Lord be with you  
[C] **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Grieving God, on the cross your Son embraced death even as he had embraced life, with faithfulness and good courage. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may hold fast to our faith in him and in all times find mercy in him, our Savior and Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit we worship and praise, one God, now and forever.  
[C] **Amen.**

**THE FIRST WORD: “Father, forgive them”**

READING: Luke 23:32-38

PRAYER

[P] Let us pray for all those who are doing evil. Let us pray for the proud, the violent, and the malicious; let us pray for the blasphemers, unbelievers, heretics; let us pray for all who exploit others, tyrannize them, use them as pawns in political power struggles; let us pray for all who abuse power, and so betray the trust placed in them; let us pray for all who persecute Christians for their faith; let us pray for the Church when it is tempted to put expediency before truth, self-interest before love, and for the sake of winning human praises crucifies the Lord afresh; let us pray for ourselves when we lack zeal, the deceitfulness of riches, and the cares of the world make us the sleeping partners of social evil. “Father forgive us for we know not what we do.”

HYMN "Go to Dark Gethsemane" ..... ELW hymn 347

Go to Dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;  
your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;  
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;  
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!  
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

Cal'vry's mournful mountain climb; there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry; learn from Jesus Christ to die.

*The First Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation*

**THE SECOND WORD: "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise"**

READING: Luke 23:39-45

PRAYER

[AM] Let us pray for all those who want to repent and begin a new life, but who feel that it is too late; let us pray that they may learn from the dying thief that Christ is the one nearest to them, and that paradise is as close as he is. And let us, as one with the thief, pray as he did: "Lord remember me." So may our last hour blend into the light of paradise through the power of the crucified.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Jesus, Remember Me" ..... ELW hymn 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

*Repeat song twice*

*The Second Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation.*

**THE THIRD WORD: "Woman, behold your Son"**

READING: John 19:23-27

PRAYER

[P] Let us pray for family ties. Let us pray for the bereaved; let us pray that Christ may create relationships which survive the worst blows life can give. And let us thank him for his power in creating new relationships which sustain us in the different stages of our pilgrimage.

HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ..... ELW hymn 338

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,  
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noon-tide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see  
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:  
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

*The Third Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation.*

### **THE FOURTH WORD: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

READING: Mark 15:23-36

#### PRAYER

[AM] Let us pray for all who are forsaken; for nations which are forsaken; for children who are forsaken; for elderly people who are forsaken; for prisoners and captives who are forsaken; for prophets and idealists who are forsaken; and for ourselves when we feel ourselves to be forsaken. May all people everywhere find within God's absolute demand his ultimate comfort, and understanding that below the level of the deepest sorrows are the everlasting arms of his healing love. May we learn to say, "I shall give thanks unto Him who is my Savior, my King, and my God."

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Prayer at Gethsemane"  
*Solo by Pastor Aaron Richter*

*The Fourth Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation.*

### **THE FIFTH WORD: "I thirst"**

READING: John 19:28-29

#### PRAYER

[AM] Let us pray for all who suffer physical distress through lack of food and water, and for those whose bodies are not able to benefit from the abundance of food near at hand. Let us pray that in their heart they may find rivers of living water to refresh and sustain them, and prepare the way for physical relief and healing. And let us pray for all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; that in their obedience to Christ they might have food to eat unknown to them before and, according to Christ's promise, be satisfied.

#### HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus" ..... ELW hymn 349

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
"Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

*The Fifth Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation.*

## THE SIXTH WORD: "It is finished"

READING: John 19:30-37

### PRAYER

[P] Let us thank Christ for finishing the work that he came to do; let us thank him for having done for us all that is necessary for our salvation; let us thank him that because his work is finished our search for forgiveness is finished and our striving for pardon is finished. And let us thank God that with the end of our search there is the beginning of a life of thankfulness, praise, and service, offered to God out of love rather than fear. And let us pray that we may find the work he has for us to do, and finish it.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Calvary's Lamb"

Choir

*The Sixth Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation.*

## THE SEVENTH WORD: "Into your hands I commend my spirit."

READING: Luke 23:44-56

### PRAYER

[AM] Let us thank God that when the conscious control of our life is beyond our grasp we may still rest upon God's eternal changelessness. Teach us, O Lord, to fear the grave as little as we fear our bed; and fill our lives with hope and faith of the resurrection, in the knowledge that in death our lives pass into the hands which made the world and guide the universe, the hands of the almighty creator. And may we place our lives in those hands while life is strong and full and sweet. Father, with thanksgiving, into your hands, we commend our spirit.

[C] **Amen.**

### HYMN

"Ah, Holy Jesus" ..... ELW hymn 349

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;  
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;  
for our atonement while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will evey pray thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

*The Seventh Candle is Extinguished.*

*Silent Meditation.*

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
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## THE CHRIST CANDLE IS REMOVED

### SILENCE AND DARKNESS

*Silent prayers may be offered at this time.*

### 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.**

*Silence is kept for meditation of the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.*

### CONGREGATION DEPARTS IN SILENCE

*The church will be in total darkness, so please wait until a few lights are on before leaving.*

*As you depart, you may place your offerings in the basket at the door.*

## Worship Leaders

Pastor ..... Rev. Aaron Richter  
Organist ..... Carol Snyder

### 12pm Service

Assisting Minister ..... Ron Glazener  
Readers ..... Mary Gandolfo, Nancy Molter,  
Lindy Hammerstrom, Kat McGrew, Paula Salazar

### 7pm Service

Assisting Minister ..... Jackie Mitchell  
Readers ..... Maria Dykes, Becky Sonnen,  
Ruth Garcia, Gordon Hengst