

Good Friday
April 3, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

GOOD FRIDAY THEME: If anybody had a reason to live in a spite house, with large amounts of animosity and resentment, it was Job. But he prayed for his enemies. So did Jesus. And, by God's grace, so will we!

INVOCATION:

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SILENT PROCESSION

(Please follow the cross as it makes its way from the narthex to the chancel.)

CALL TO WORSHIP:

(From selected verses in Psalm 51:1–12)

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

C: **Create in me.**

L: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: **Create in me a clean heart.**

L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit.**

L: Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

OPENING HYMN:

"Create in Me" (LSB 956, Sung twice)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;



and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P: Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to reverently behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

C: **Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago.**

P: Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.

C: **As we approach Calvary let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.**

P: Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking and doing.

C: **We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.**

P: We have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.

C: **O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.**

P: We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

C: **We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.**

P: We can only say, "For the sake of Jesus, God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

+ A moment of silent reflection +

(Worshippers may come forward to hammer a nail into the cross as a symbol that Jesus has taken our sins and put them to death on the cross. Returning to your seat down the side aisle you may be seated.)

P: By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN:

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" (LSB 422)



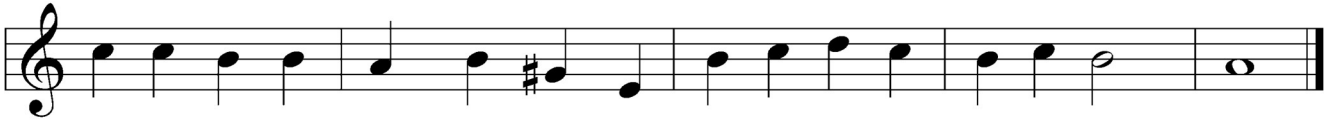
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Job 42:7–9

P: ⁷After the Lord had spoken these words to Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. ⁸Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.” ⁹So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the Lord had told them, and the Lord accepted Job’s prayer.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING:

Ephesians 4:29–32

P: ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN:

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” (LSB 420, vs. 1-2 & 6-7)



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion And hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
pa - tient - ly, E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Ful - ly to a - tone for me; Thou didst choose to
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

SERMON:

The Eighth Part in the Series

“Job: Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”

Tearing Down the Spite House

Silence

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 Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ +

HYMN:*“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (LSB 440, vs. 1)*


I Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;
 With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.
 Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish
 Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*John 18:1-11*

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples across the Kidron Valley, where there was a garden, which He and His disciples entered. ²Now Judas, who betrayed Him, also knew the place, for Jesus often met there with His disciples. ³So Judas, having procured a band of soldiers and some officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, went there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴Then Jesus, knowing all that would happen to Him, came forward and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” ⁵They answered Him, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus said to them, “I am He.” Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them. ⁶When Jesus said to them, “I am He,” they drew back and fell to the ground. ⁷So He asked them again, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸Jesus answered, “I told you that I am He. So, if you seek Me, let these men go.” ⁹This was to fulfill the word that He had spoken: “Of those whom You gave Me I have lost not one.” ¹⁰Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus.) ¹¹So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given Me?”

HYMN:*“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (LSB 440, vs. 2 & 4)*

2 Make me see Your great dis-tress, An - guish, and af - flic - tion,
 4 Grant that I Your pas - sion view With re - pen - tant griev - ing.



Bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness And Your cru - ci - fix - ion;
 Let me not bring shame to You By un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound You,
 How could I re - fuse to shun Ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



How for them You died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned You.
 Since for me God's on - ly Son Suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

Jesus before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter*John 18:12-27*

¹²So the band of soldiers and their captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³First they led Him to Annas, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴It was Caiaphas who had advised the Jews that it would be expedient that one man should die for the people.

¹⁵Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, ¹⁶but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” ¹⁸Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

¹⁹The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples and His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; they know what I said.” ²²When He had said these things, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus with his hand, saying, “Is that how You answer the high priest?” ²³Jesus answered him, “If what I said is wrong, bear witness about the wrong; but if what I said is right, why do you strike Me?” ²⁴Annas then sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of His disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with Him?” ²⁷Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

HYMN: “*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted*” (LSB 451, vs. 1-2)

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan - ing, Was there ev - er grief like His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to
Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the
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.

Jesus before Pilate

John 18:28–40

²⁸Then they led Jesus from the house of Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. They themselves did not enter the governor’s headquarters, so that they would not be defiled, but could eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate went outside to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰They answered him, “If this man were not doing evil, we would not have delivered Him over to you.” ³¹Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and judge Him by your own law.” The Jews said to him, “It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death.” ³²This was to fulfill the word that Jesus had spoken to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about Me?” ³⁵Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You over to me. What have You done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My

kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But My kingdom is not from the world.”³⁷ Then Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.”³⁸ Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in Him.”³⁹ But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?”⁴⁰ They cried out again, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a robber.

HYMN:

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (LSB 451, vs. 3-4)

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
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall
 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.

Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

John 19:1-16a

¹Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head and arrayed Him in a purple robe. ³They came up to Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck Him with their hands. ⁴Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing Him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in Him.” ⁵So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!” ⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out, “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him.” ⁷The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according

to that law He ought to die because He has made Himself the Son of God.”⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid.⁹ He entered his headquarters again and said to Jesus, “Where are You from?” But Jesus gave him no answer.¹⁰ So Pilate said to Him, “You will not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You and authority to crucify You?”¹¹ Jesus answered him, “You would have no authority over Me at all unless it had been given you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me over to you has the greater sin.”

¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Everyone who makes himself a king opposes Caesar.”

¹³So when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Stone Pavement, and in Aramaic Gabbatha.¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!”¹⁵ They cried out, “Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”^{16a} So he delivered Him over to them to be crucified.

HYMN:

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (LSB 450, vs. 1)

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though de-spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

John 19:16b–24

^{16b}So they took Jesus,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.”

²⁰Many 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.”

²³When 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, ²⁴so 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.

HYMN:

“*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” (LSB 450, vs. 2-3)



2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

Jesus' Mother and His Death

John 19:25–30

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.

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” ²⁹A 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. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

HYMN:

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (LSB 450, vs. 4 & 6)



4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.
6 My Sav - ior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;



Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.
Then let Thy pres - ence cheer me, For - sake me nev - er - more!



Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;
When soul and bod - y lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone,



Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.
But take a - way mine an - guish By vir - tue of Thine own!

Jesus' Side Is Pierced*John 19:31-42*

³¹Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. ³²So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with Him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. ³⁵He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. ³⁶For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of His bones will be broken." ³⁷And again another Scripture says, "They will look on Him whom they have pierced."

³⁸After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away His body. ³⁹Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. ⁴⁰So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. ⁴¹Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. ⁴²So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

P: O Lord, have mercy on us

C: **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORY:

- P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**
P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C: **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

ANTHEM: “*Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love*”

Choir

*Lamb of God, what wondrous love, what wondrous love, O my soul,
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die, that Thou, for me, shouldst die.
Lord of grace, what matchless love, what matchless love, O my soul.
Son of God, Thou loving sacrifice, Thou loving sacrifice for me.*

Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful, man, guilty and condemned, Thy death is surely mine.

*Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet love it bids me stay, O my soul.
Can it be the very death I fear is that which draws me near, Lord, to Thee?
Lamb of God, Thou died for me. Lamb of God, Thou died for me.*

Lamb of God, what wondrous love.

BIDDING PRAYER:

- L: 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:
P: 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.
C: **Amen.**
L: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:
P: 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.
C: **Amen.**
L: 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:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

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

P: 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 [*name*], our president; the Congress of the United States; [*name*], 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: 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:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: 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:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: 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:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: 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:
 P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

L: 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:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

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

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.**

COLLECT:

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.**

CLOSING HYMN:

“In Silent Pain the Eternal Son” (LSB 432)



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;
 2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ - teous - ness;
 3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.
 The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.
 To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

CONCLUDING COLLECT:

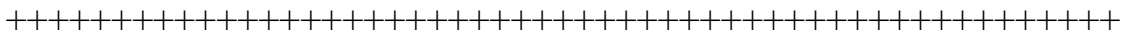
P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord’s passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death;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

C: Amen.

THE REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE, CLOSING OF THE DOOR, & TOLLING OF THE BELL:

The harsh noise, traditionally called the strepitus, signifies the closing of Jesus’ tomb. The bell tolls 33x to announce the death of Jesus who walked on the earth for 33 years. We depart in silence. We are left in the darkness of Jesus’ death until we return to His empty tomb on Sunday morning.

All leave in silence.



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