

First English & Zion Lutheran Church Welcome You to Worship

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Good Friday ~ April 18, 2025



Thank you for worshipping with us tonight.



SILENT PRAYER

We gather in silence

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **C:** Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

P: Listening to the words of Christ, through the scriptures and song, we worship in remembrance of his sacrifice for us... in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

The First Reading Isaiah 52:13—53:12

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”.....ELW 351 vs. 1-2

- 1. O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown; O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine! Yet, through despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**
- 2. How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn, how does they face now languish, which once was bright as morn! Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain; mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. Composite

Music: German melody, c. 1500; adapt Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

OFFERATORY PRAYER

P: Merciful God, C: we cry out for the hope and healing you offer. Guide us continually to your service. Make us your hands to feed the hungry and prepare us to receive the bread of life, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen

Jesus Final Hours!

A reading from Matthew 26: 36-39

Special Music

“Gethsemane Prayer”

Senior Choir

Gospel Announcement

The Gospel Reading

John 18:1—19:42

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus - John 18:1-9

DRAMATIZATION:

Betrayed by a friend and cohort!

Metal pan and coins are put out

John 18:10-27

Jesus before the High Priest – John 18: 12-14

Peter Denies Jesus – John 18: 15-18

The High Priest Questions Jesus – John 18: 19-24

Peter Denies Jesus Again – John 18: 25-27

DRAMATIZATION:

Denial by Peter

Jesus before Pilate – John 18: 28-38

Jesus Sentenced to Death – John 18: 39-19:7

DRAMATIZATION:

40 Stripe and Flogged

John 19:8-16

DRAMATIZATION:

Condemned by Pilate

The Crucifixion of Jesus -John 19:17-22

**DRAMATIZATION:
Condemned as Guilty**

John 19:23-27

**DRAMATIZATION:
Mary at the Foot of the Cross
(Silence for Meditation)**

John 19:28-30

Jesus' Side Is Pierced - John 19:31-37

**DRAMATIZATION:
Pierced and Unbroken**

Hymn of the Day *"Ah Holy Jesus "..... ELW 349 vs 1-3*

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662.

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

The Psalm for the Day Psalm 22

(solo chant sung by Jonathan Ydtsie)

The Burial of Jesus – John 19: 38-42

**DRAMATIZATION:
It is Finished
(Time of Silence)**

VEILING OF THE CROSS(ES) *while song is sung*

HYMN: *"Were You There?"*

ELW 353 vs 1-2, 5

THE SENDING

P: God of our redemption, abundantly bless your people who have devoutly recalled the death of Christ; grant us forgiveness, renew us, strengthen our faith, and increase in us the fullness of life; we ask this through Christ our Savior as we pray as Jesus taught us...

Lords' Prayer

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.

All depart in silence.

*Thank you to the students, Darin Ehrenberg,
Kathy Randal, and Jonathan Ydstie for helping with the readings.*

You may remain for meditation as long as you wish.

You will not be ushered out

Please leave the sanctuary in silence.

*Worship continues Sunday as we celebrate the Risen Lord at
7:00 am for Sunrise - 9 am at First English
And 10:30 am at Zion Lutheran*