

Connection Card
April 3, 2026

Noon 6:45 pm

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Please register for Holy Communion on the reverse side. You may place this card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.



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Good Friday

April 3, 2026

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE “Toccata in E Minor” by Johann Pachelbel

INTROIT Psalm 22:1-19

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: **Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?**

Leader: My God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,

People: **And by night, but I find no rest.**

Leader: Yet you are holy; enthroned on the praises of Israel.

People: **In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

Leader: To you they cried and were rescued;

People: **In you they trusted and were not put to shame.**

Leader: But I am a worm and not a man,

People: **Scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

Leader: All who see me mock me;

People: **They make mouths at me; they wag their heads;**

Leader: “He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;

People: **Let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

Leader: Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts.

People: **On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God.**

Leader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help...

People: **They open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.**

Leader: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

People: **My heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

Leader: My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

People: **And my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.**

Leader: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—

People: **I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me;**



Sunday School Classroom if you want to participate in the Egg Hunt. We will direct the children from the classroom to their egg hunting location. After the Egg Hunt, the children will be released to their parents.

The Resurrection of Our Lord, Celebration Service - 10:30AM. This service begins in darkness. After the reading of the resurrection story, the altar is redecorated with banners, lilies, and the Lord's Supper is brought in procession. The focus of the Celebration service is the impact of Christ's resurrection in our lives. The music at Easter Celebration is the very best we enjoy all year, as our music staff pulls out all the stops that day. We also conclude this service by celebrating the Lord's Supper and singing all the great Easter Hymns.

Those Serving Us Today

Noon

Pastors Rev. Randy Bard
Rev. Tim Eden

Worship Leader DCE Jeff Bellach

Elders Steve Lawrenz,
Craig Murphy

Ushers Tim Donathen, Larry Yung

Organist DPM Tetsuya Sugita

Evening

Pastor Rev. Randy Bard
Worship Leader Matt Hagemann

Elders Jacob Brown,
Glenn Frazier

Ushers Pat Kasper, Taylor Wendland

Organist DPM Tetsuya Sugita

Registration for Holy Communion

I believe that God sent His Son, Jesus as my Savior from sin, Satan and death and that He is Lord of my life. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake. I believe the Risen Christ is truly and physically present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine all communicants receive Christ's true Body and Blood. I resolve to dedicate myself anew to my Lord through His Church, by regular worship, study of His Word, faithful witness, and loving service.

Signatures of those communing

Christian friend, if you do not agree to or understand what we mean by these statements, we would welcome you to come forward during communion to receive a blessing/prayer* from the Pastor, but we ask that you do not partake of Communion at this time. We encourage you to contact one of our Pastors to learn more about our beliefs/doctrine, especially to discuss the possibility of communing in the future.

*To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

SEND ME INFO ABOUT . . .

- Baptism
- What Lutherans Believe

- Membership at Bethel
- Associate Membership

SEND ME INFO ABOUT

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- Prayer Chain
- Children/Youth
- Women
- Men
- Seniors
- Music

My Walk with Jesus this week will include . . .

- Reading my Bible Daily.
- Praying for all those on our Church prayer list.
- Attending a weekly Bible Study.

A Warm Bethel Welcome to Our Guests!

We are delighted you are with us. For our first time guests we have a gift waiting for you at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Please be sure to pick up your mug. Also, please take a moment to register your visit on the Connection Card on the back of this bulletin. It will be collected the same time as the offering.

Nursery Care is available in Rm. 152 for ages 4 and under at our 6:45pm service. If your little one becomes restless, feel free to use the Nursery. The ushers will be glad to be of assistance. Please know though, that your children and babies are always welcome as we worship.

Children's Activity Books are available in the narthex on the Elders Credenza.

We Celebrate

The Resurrection of Our Lord "Easter Saturday" April 4th at 4PM Easter Sunday, April 5th

6:45 AM SonRise Worship/Communion

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM SS/Bible Class

9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt

10:30AM Easter Celebration/Communion

OUR SONRISE WORSHIP with The Lord's Supper will begin at 6:45 am at the eastern part of our parking lot. We gather for an "old-fashioned" sunrise service. Our focus at Easter Dawn is the



*In the
morning
I will sing
of your love.*

Psalm 59:16, NIV

stunning miracle of Christ's resurrection and what it was like for the women to find the empty tomb.

All Bethel members and visitors are invited to share the joy of the Risen Lord together at our annual Easter Breakfast. Everyone is encouraged to stay for a delicious breakfast and great fellowship following the 6:45 am SonRise Worship Service. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Each family attending is asked to bring one of the following (ready to serve):

- Breakfast casserole (recipes on Bethel's website)
- Breakfast pastry/bread, fruit salad

You can bring your food to the kitchen prior to the 6:45 am service.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

We will have Sunday School at 9:00AM and then an Easter Egg Hunt starting around 9:45. The Easter Egg Hunt is for grades 6 and younger, divided up by age groups. We are encouraging everyone to go to their

Leader: They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
People: **But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!**

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross. Grant us an understanding of our Lord's suffering and ever allow us to see that we are responsible for what Christ underwent. We pray in the Name of Your dear Son, Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

WELCOME

HYMN

Lamb of God

LSB 550

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain
- ref O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.
- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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THE GOOD FRIDAY BIDDING PRAYERS

Leader: 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:

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the church, and for all the people of God:

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for our catechumens {students studying The Scriptures and The Small Catechism}, 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:

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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, grant health to the sick, and a safe journey to all who travel:

Pastor: 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



THE FINAL READING

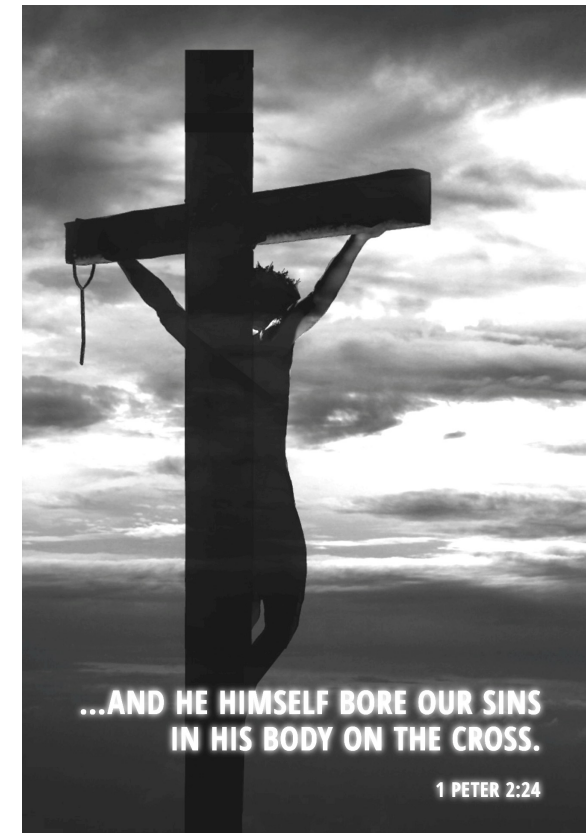
Mark 15:42-46

⁴² So as evening approached, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.

We remain to pray and ponder.

We exit in silence.

We wait to celebrate The Feast.





HYMN *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* LSB 425 sts. 1-2

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

THE FOURTEENTH READING

John 19:31-34

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

HYMN *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* LSB 425 sts 3-4

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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:

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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:

Pastor: 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.

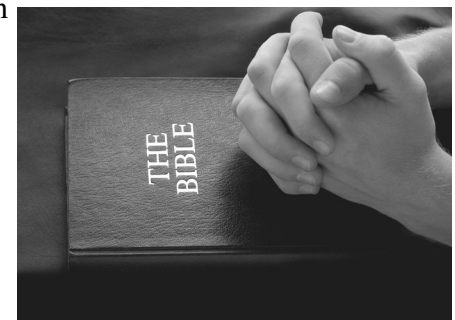
All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Leader: 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:



Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

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

All: **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.**

OFFERING

(6:45) Voluntary

“How Great His Love”

Adult Choir

Introduction to the Reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ

HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane

LSB 436 sts. 1-2

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

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- 12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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(6:45pm) Special Music

THE TWELFTH READING

Matthew 27:50-51

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.
⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

LSB 434 sts. 1,3

- 1 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!
- 3 Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

THE THIRTEENTH READING

Matthew 27:54-56

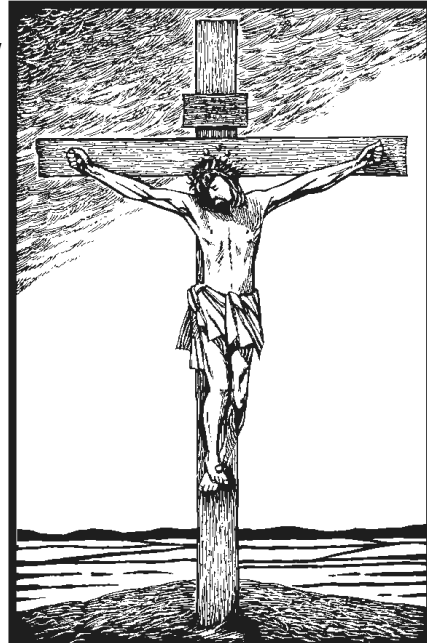
⁵⁴ When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵ There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶ among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

HYMN *Jesus, In Your Dying Woes—Third Word*
LSB 447 sts. 7,8,9

- 7 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 8 May we in Your sorrows share,
For Your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Your tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 9 May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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THE ELEVENTH READING Mark 15:33-36

³³At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.
³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*"--
which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling
Elijah." ³⁶One man ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered
it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down,"
he said.

HYMN (Noon) *Jesus In Your Dying Woes—Fourth Word* LSB 447 sts. 10,11,12

- 10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.
- 11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

THE FIRST READING

Luke 22:39-51

³⁹Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴¹He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴²"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. ⁴⁵When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶"Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." ⁴⁷While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸but Jesus asked him, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?" ⁴⁹When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, "Lord, should we strike with our swords?" ⁵⁰And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. ⁵¹But Jesus answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

HYMN (Noon) *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain* LSB 435 sts 1-2

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

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(6:45pm) "Jesus Died for Me"

Adult Choir

THE SECOND READING

Mark 14:53-54, 66-72

⁵³And they led Jesus to the high priest. And all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes came together. ⁵⁴And Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire. ...

⁶⁶ And as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came, ⁶⁷ and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with the Nazarene, Jesus." ⁶⁸ But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you mean." And he went out into the gateway and the rooster crowed. ⁶⁹ And the servant girl saw him and began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." ⁷⁰ But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." ⁷¹ But he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know this man of whom you speak." ⁷² And immediately the rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611, vv1,5

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
 Jesus shed His blood for me,
 Died that I might live on high,
 Lives that I might never die.
 As the branch is to the vine,
 I am His, and He is mine.

5 O my Savior, help afford
 By Your Spirit and Your Word!
 When my wayward heart would stray,
 Keep me in the narrow way;
 Grace in time of need supply
 While I live and when I die.



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THE THIRD READING

John 18:28-40

²⁸ Then the Jews led Jesus... to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. ³² This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled. ³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" ³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others

who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN (Noon)

Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow

LSB 428 sts. 3-4

3 O mysterious condescending!
 O abandonment sublime!
 Very God Himself is bearing
 All the sufferings of time!

4 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
 Where the blood of Christ was shed,
 Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
 Perfect God on thee has bled!

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(6:45pm)

"The Passion Chorale"

Handbell Choir

THE TENTH READING

John 19:25-29

²⁵ Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," ²⁷ and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. ²⁸ Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

HYMN *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord* LSB 456 sts 1-2

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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?

THE EIGHTH READING John 19:19-22

¹⁹ Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. ²¹ The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."



HYMN *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow* LSB 428 sts 1-2

- 1 Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!
- 2 Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.

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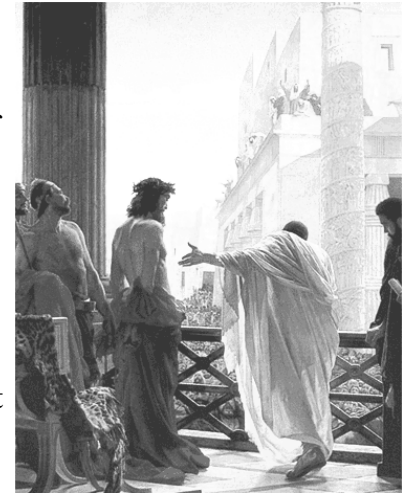
THE NINTH READINGS Matthew 27:38-44

³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You

talk to you about me?" ³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." ³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

³⁸ "What is truth?" Pilate asked. With this he went out again to the Jews and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹ But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews?' ⁴⁰ They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in a rebellion.



HYMN (Noon) *O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken* LSB 439 sts. 1, 4

- 1 O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,
What dark transgression?
- 4 What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that loved to wander;
The Master pays the debt His servants owe Him,
Who would not know Him.

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(6:45pm) "So Went the Christ Unto His Death"

Adult Choir

THE FOURTH READING

John 19:1

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged.

HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* LSB 437 sts 1-2

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, And did my sov' reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, And love beyond degree!

THE FIFTH READING

Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him.

"Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him.



HYMN

The Lamb

LSB 547 sts 1,2,3

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
(*Refrain*)

3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. (*Refrain*)

THE SIXTH READING

John 19:4-15

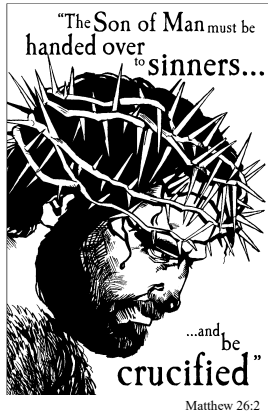
⁴Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." ⁵When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man!"

⁶As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him."

⁷The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸When Pilate heard this, he was even more

afraid, ⁹and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" ¹¹Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

¹²From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free, but the Jews kept shouting, "If you let this man go, you are no friend of Caesar. Anyone who claims to be a king opposes Caesar." ¹³When Pilate heard this, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as the Stone Pavement (which in Aramaic is Gabbatha). ¹⁴It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews. ¹⁵But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!"



HYMN (Noon) *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

LSB 449 sts 1, 2

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, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

(6:45pm) "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Handbell Choir

THE SEVENTH READING

Mark 15:22-25

²²They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get. ²⁵It was the third hour when they crucified him.

