

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Sussex, Wisconsin

Good Friday

April 3, 2026
1:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The Order of Service

The congregation arrives in silence.

Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

The prophecy of the suffering Servant

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all to bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in Him that we fear not the power of sin, death, and the devil; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Christ is our faithful High Priest.

Collect of the Day

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 According to St. John

John 18:1—19:42

The hymn, "O Darkest Woe" will be sung in three parts, interspersed with the reading of the passion. The sermon will follow the last verses of the hymn.

Hymn

"O Darkest Woe"

Stanzas 1-3, Stanzas 4-5, Stanzas 6-7

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Sermon

Confession of Sin

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Hymn

"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

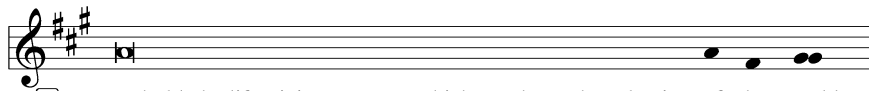
Choir sings stanzas 1-3; Congregation sings stanza 4

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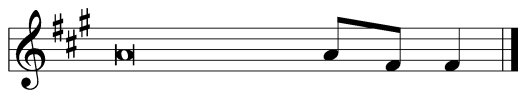
Bidding Prayer

Stand and face the processional cross

Procession *sung three times*



P Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Distribution Anthems

1:00 p.m. "Behold, the Savior of Mankind" by Austin Lovelace

Behold the Savior of mankind
Nailed to the shameful tree!
How vast the love that Him inclined
To bleed and die for thee!

Hark! How He groans, while nature shakes,
And earth's strong pillars bend!
See where He bows His sacred head!
He bows His head, and dies!

But soon He'll break death's envious chain,
And in full glory shine:
O Lamb of God, was ever pain,
Was ever love, was ever love like Thine?

7:00 p.m. "The Blood of Jesus" by Lisa Clark

We wash our hands to rid the stain
And scrub our guilty hearts in vain.
Our tears and jeers are hurled His way;
We spit with spite and rage and say:
"Now crucify, and hear our plea!
The blood of Jesus on us be."

We whip our Savior deep with scars
To punish ev'ry crime of ours.
We shake our fists and fight and swear
And add to all that Christ would bear.
We raise Him up and clearly see
The blood of Jesus on us be.

The price He paid we surely know.
Forgiveness God will now bestow.
We join His Table without fear;
We touch His blood and body here.
Our crimes are gone, and we are free:
The blood of Jesus on us be.

When Christ returns on that Last Day,
May I behold enough to say,
"Though I deserve the whole world's blame,
My Lord paid all, removes my shame.
I now can sing eternally:
The blood of Jesus covers me!

Ⓞ Darkest Woe

Acts 3: 15

O Traurigkeit, o Herzeleid

St. 1, "Würzburger Gesangbuch," 1628

St. 2-7, Johann Rist, 1641, ab.

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

4. 4. 7. 7. 6.

O Traurigkeit

"Würzburger Gesangbuch," 1628

1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has
 2 O sor - row dread! God's Son is dead! But
 3 O sin - ful man! It was the ban Of
 4 Lo, stained with blood, The Lamb of God, The

earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
 by His ex - pi - a - tion Of our guilt up -
 death on thee that brought Him Down to suf - fer
 Bride - groom, lies be - fore thee, Pour - ing out His

on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
 on the cross Gained for us sal - va - tion.
 for thy sins And such woe hath wrought Him.
 life that He May to life re - store thee. A - men.

5 O Ground of faith,
 Laid low in death,
 Sweet lips, now silent sleeping!
 Surely all that live must mourn
 Here with bitter weeping.

6 O blest shall be
 Eternally
 Who oft in faith will ponder
 Why the glorious Prince of Life
 Should be buried yonder.

7 O Jesus blest,
 My Help and Rest,
 With tears I now entreat Thee:
 Make me love Thee to the last,
 Till in heaven I greet Thee.

The Reproaches

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

C: 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!

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you with My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

C: 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!

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

Choir: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

**C: 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!**

L: We adore You, / O Lord,*
And we praise and glorify Your holy resur- / rection.
For behold, by the wood / of Your cross*
joy has come into / all the world.

**C: God be merciful to us and / bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us,
and have mercy up- / on us.
We adore You, / O Lord,*
And we praise and glorify Your holy resur- / rection.**

L: For behold, by the wood / of Your cross*
joy has come into / all the world.

Hymn 454
"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"
Stanzas 1-4

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Guests and the Lord's Supper: Receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Lord's Supper celebrates the death of our Lord Jesus Christ as the only source of salvation for us as sinners. In Holy Communion, the Lord gives to us the forgiveness of sins that He earned for us upon the cross in the sacrifice and offering of His true body and blood on our behalf. The Lord's Supper is a gift of pure grace and may only be received by those who know their sin and who hunger and thirst for salvation in Christ. If you are a guest, please speak to the pastor before approaching the altar. We are concerned about the confession of faith and spiritual welfare of all who commune.

Distribution Hymns

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" 450

"O Perfect Life of Love" 452

Distribution Anthem by the Choir (*See back page for texts*)

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" 451

Concluding Collect

P: Let us pray.

We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; 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.

Hymn 455
"The Royal Banners Forward Go"
*Choir sings stanzas 1-2
Congregation sings stanzas 3-6*

The congregation leaves in silence.