

Distribution Anthem - 3:00pm

“Cross of Jesus”
arr. Jonathan Kohrs
See LBS 428 for text

Preservice Anthem - 7:00pm

“We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died”
arr. Michael Praetorius

See LBS 429; Stanzas 1, 3, and 5

Distribution Anthem – 7:00pm

“Jesus Christ Our Blessed Savior”
arr. Michael Praetorius

Jesus Christ our blessed Savior,
Turned away God’s wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from the evil foe.

Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.

Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician’s help or skill.”

Peace Lutheran Church and Academy

Sussex, Wisconsin

Good Friday
April 18, 2025
3:00 and 7:00 p.m.

The Order of Service

The congregation arrives in silence.

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.*

Stand and face the processional cross

Procession *sung three times*

- 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.

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

Insert

"O Darkest Woe"

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

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

"Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle"

Choir sings st. 2

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Bidding Prayer

Preface, the Lord's Prayer, and the Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord.

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei Hymn

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Distribution Hymns

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Distribution Anthem by the Choir

"The Royal Banners Forward Go"

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Post Communion Collect

Hymn

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

Choir sings st. 2

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The congregation leaves in silence.