

Bible Lutheran Church
Good Friday Service 2026
Pastor Dave Stier

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST

- ◆ Please remember to silence your cell phones.
- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this evening.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ Please join us for one of our Easter Sunday services: 7:00am Sunrise or 10:00am Worship with Communion.
- ◆ A free Easter Breakfast will be served on Easter morning, 7:45am

In tonight's worship, we contemplate the crucifixion of our Lord and listen to his Seven Last Words on the cross. Moved by a love so great, we offer him our lives and pray for the world to be united with him. We keep vigil at the cross until the Lord is placed in his tomb and our hearts tremble at so great a salvation.

The Service begins and ends in silence

▲ INVOCATION (Spoken)

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
The God of our salvation. Amen

▲ PSALM 31:1-3, 5 (Spoken)

In you, O Lord, have I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my
stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O
Lord, O God of truth.**

▲ PRAYER (Spoken)

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on all sinners for whom our
Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given over to the
hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen**

▼ HYMN "In the Cross of Glory" #104 LBW

**In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er take me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

▼ MESSAGE – Jesus Didn't Quit!

▲ HYMN “My Jesus I Love Thee” vs 1-3 (Music on pg. 9)

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me.
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death.
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."**

▼ THE BIDDING PRAYER [*cf. 1Tim. 2:1-2*]

(This ancient prayer form has been used at Good Friday services since at least the 6th century. An Assisting Minister makes a “bid” for prayer; silent prayer is offered by all, then the Presiding Minister concludes with “we ask this through Christ our Lord”; the congregation: “Amen.”)

A: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility. **[Silent prayer]**

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. C: Amen

A: Let us pray for our pastors and other ministers, for all servants of the Holy Christian Church, and for all the people of God. ***[Silent prayer]***

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

A: Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord. ***[Silent prayer]***

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church it's unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way of salvation. ***[Silent prayer]***

P: Almighty and eternal God, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the Gospel. Help us, your people, to grow in love for one another, to grasp more fully the mystery of your Godhead, and so to become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God, that they may find him who is the author and goal of our existence. ***[Silent prayer]***

P: Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all might long to know you and have peace in you. Grant that, in spite of the hurtful things that stand in their way, they may all recognize in the lives of Christians the tokens

of your love and mercy and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God and Father of us all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. C: Amen

A: Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

[Silent prayer]

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and share in the goodness of your creation. Restrain those who seek to enhance their power with war and weapons of mass destruction, and protect all those in harm's way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. C: Amen

A : Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, bring an end to war, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease. ***[Silent prayer]***

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need.

*Remember those we name before you in our hearts... ***[Silent prayer]****

P: Let the blood of Jesus heal all our wounds, of body, mind and spirit.

C: We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

▲ THE LORD'S PRAYER *(The prayer is spoken in a whisper)*

▼ CHOIR ANTHEM – "His Life For Mine"

▼ THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

†A bell rings and an altar candle is extinguished after each word from the cross†

SCRIPTURE READINGS

LECTORS

HYMN: VERSE

"Father, forgive them"

Luke 23: 32-34

Richard Hall

LBW #107:1

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land.
A home within a wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat And burdens of the day.**

"You will be with me in paradise"

Luke 23: 39-43

Dana Stier

LBW #107:2

**Upon the cross of Jesus, My eye at times can see.
The very dying form of one Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love And my unworthiness.**

"Here is your son"

John 19: 25-27

Beth Helmly

LBW #107:3

**I take, O cross, your shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all, the cross.**

"My God, My God"

Matthew 27: 45-46

Melissa Osteen

LBW #117:1

**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 though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

LECTORS

HYMN: VERSE

"I am thirsty"

John 19: 28

Andy Dasher

LBW #117:2

**How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage 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.**

"It is finished"

John 19: 29-30

Katie Whitten

LBW #117:3

**What language shall I borrow To thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never Out-live my love for thee.**

"Father, into your hands"

Luke 23: 44-46

Jamie Mercer

Music pg. 10 vs. 1- 3

**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.
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?**

- ▲ SPECIAL CLOSING SONG—"Were You There?" (*LBW #92*)
(Congregation sings verses 1 & 2, Richard Hall, soloist, sings verse 3)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2x)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

(Continued)

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (2x)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (2X)
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble,
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

After a brief pause, a loud noise is heard symbolizing that Christ's work is finished, and the tomb stone is closed shut.

Please depart worship this evening in SILENCE and make your way to your vehicles.

THE OFFERING

You may leave your offering in the basket on the table at the rear of the church.

Please join us this Sunday for the celebration of our Lord's resurrection. There will be an Easter Sunrise service at 7am on the grounds.

Bring a chair and a flashlight. Immediately following there will be a breakfast hosted by the Men's Group of Bible.

The Sunday School hour is recessed for Easter, and we finish our celebration with an Easter Holy Communion Service at 10am.

My Jesus, I Love Thee 364

I love the Lord, for He heard my voice. Ps. 116:1

1. My Je - sus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine—For Thee all the
 2. I love Thee be - cause Thou hast first lov - ed me And pur - chased my
 3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll ev - er a -

fol - lies of sin I re - sign; My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my
 par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree; I love Thee for wear - ing the
 long as Thou lend - est me breath; And say when the death - dew lies
 dore Thee in heav - en so bright; I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing

Sav - ior art Thou: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 thorns on Thy brow: If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 cold on my brow, "If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
 crown on my brow, "If ev - er I loved Thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

TEXT: William R. Featherston
 MUSIC: Adoniram J. Gordon

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185 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

They will look on the One they have pierced. John 19:37

- 1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
- 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the
- 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sor - row and
- 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

Prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small: Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most - I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Jesus Didn't quit

Praise God, Jesus didn't quit! He went to the Father three times to ask for this to just go away. But it didn't.

His moneyman sold Him out, His best friends couldn't even stay awake to pray with him. But He didn't quit because He knew what was at stake for us if He did.

So, He let them arrest Him, mock Him, put Him through the scourge, publicly humiliate Him and finally give Him a criminal's death. But He didn't quit! Even though He didn't quit, He gave up!

Jesus "gave up" by letting go. He gave up His will, He gave up His pride, He gave up His body, and Yes, He gave up His life. In all this giving up He never stopped fighting.

Keep fighting, but like Jesus, keep fighting to "let go." Let go of the things that are in the way of God's full potential for your lives.

