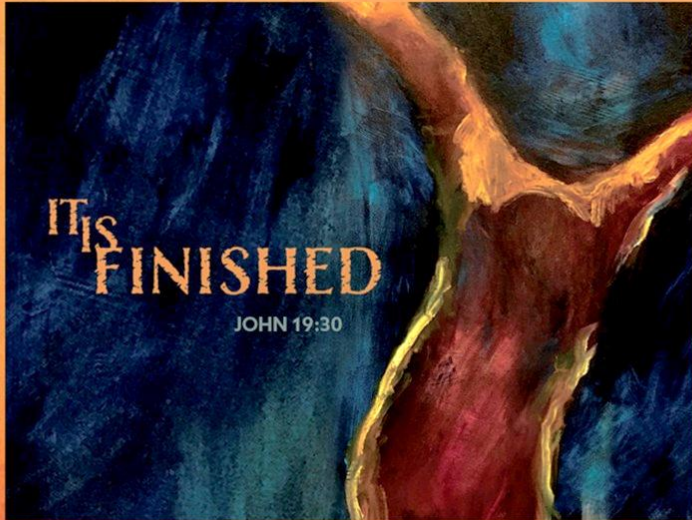


Good Friday Worship

April 18, 2025



Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Virginia, MN

Pastor Liz Cheney

+ Enter in Silence +

Please sit from front to back as we will be passing items around and it will be necessary to be sitting together! *We will be taking a retiring Offering today.

Good Friday is a day of confrontation, a day when the forces of hatred and evil tried their best, or rather, their worst, to destroy Jesus. Today's service is no "warm fuzzy" worship. Instead it dramatically challenges you to experience the reality of Christ's crucifixion through all five senses, so the significance of Christ's sacrifice is not only understood but felt. Here we acknowledge the ugliness of sin and our own participation, through our sins, in Christ's death. We are there when they crucify our Lord.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

and with his stripes we are healed.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

OPENING HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW 803

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING LITANY

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He was despised and rejected by others;

A man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity.

As one from whom others hide their faces he was despised,

And we held him of no account.

He was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

Upon him was laid the punishment that made us whole,

and with his stripes we are healed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Amen.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

Crown of thorns

Silent Meditation

Song: *“Were You There When They Crowned His Head with Thorns?”*

Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?

Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?

Wood

Silent Meditation

Song: *“Were You There When He Carried His Own Cross?”*

Were you there when he carried his own cross?

Were you there when he carried his own cross?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when he carried his own cross?

Nails

Silent Meditation

Song: *“Were You There When They Nailed Him to the Tree?”*

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?

Vinegar

Silent Meditation

Song: *“Were You There When They ‘Suaged His Thirst with Gall?”*

Were you there when they ‘suaged his thirst with gall?

Were you there when they ‘suaged his thirst with gall?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they ‘suaged his thirst with gall?

Cloth

Silent Meditation

Song: *“Were You There When They Wrapped Him in the Cloths?”*

Were you there when they wrapped him in the cloths?

Were you there when they wrapped him in the cloths?

Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble

Were you there when they wrapped him in the cloths?

Tomb*Silent Meditation***Song:** *“Were You There When.....?”**Were you there when they crowned his head with thorns?**Were you there when he carried his own cross?**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**Were you there when they ‘suaged his thirst with gall?**Were you there when they wrapped him in the cloths?**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

BIDDING PRAYER An invitation to each prayer (bid) will be read and a time of silence follows. Then a concluding prayer is offered which will end each time with “We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Please respond with **Amen**. This pattern will continue for six “bids”.

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

CLOSING LITANY

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

We give thanks, O God, for the amazing love of Jesus Christ –
the love that was wounded for our transgressions;

The love that was tortured that we might know peace.

The love that was crucified that we might live forever.

The love that rightly demands our souls, our lives, our all.

Let us go into the world revealing that love in all its faithfulness.

SPECIAL MUSIC*The Crucifixion by Samuel Barber**Al and Jen Fredrickson***EXIT IN SILENCE ~**