

✠ GOOD FRIDAY ✠

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives us forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same Gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love as you worship with us today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our church. If you have any questions or need any assistance, **please speak with the pastor.**

Our practice of closed communion: If you have not communed with us before, please read the note about our Lord's Supper practices printed later in this bulletin under "Distribution of Holy Communion."

Rest Rooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest book: If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Mother's Room: Parents with crying children are welcome to use the mother's room, located off of the narthex. The room is equipped with speakers so parents can listen to the service.

Chair Lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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Holy Week

A Holy Week

While there are many holy days, there is but one Holy Week. The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. Believers slow down this entire week to ponder all that Christ did for them, from his humble entrance into Jerusalem... to his sacrificial death on the cross... to the victory of Easter morning.

Triduum

The Three Holy Days

Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lenten preparation and the beginning of the three holy days of Christendom, called the *Triduum* (Latin for "three days," referring to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). The Triduum services are closely connected and considered a single service that extends over this three-day period.

Good Friday

His Punishment, Our Peace

Good Friday is very different than a funeral. At a funeral, we mourn someone's death. Their death is something we wish we could forget. In the case of Jesus, his death is the very thing we gather to celebrate and remember. In fact, we prolong the remembrance. We dwell on the details. We even call this day "good." For we know why Jesus willingly endured the agony of the cross. It wasn't a tragic miscarriage of justice. Jesus suffered this punishment vicariously. He was pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Because he did, we are now right with our holy God. Jesus' punishment is our peace.

✝ SERVICE OF SEVEN WORDS ✝

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

Personal prayers for worship are printed on pages 10-11, 134-139, and 156 in the front of the hymnal.

"Understanding Lutheran Worship" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.

THE PREPARATION

(Job 11:13-15; Psalm 25; Isaiah 40:3-5; Hebrews 4:16)

There will be no pre-service announcements. Please remain silent as you prepare for worship.

Please read through the bulletin carefully in preparation for this unique service.

Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.

TOLLING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN 127 *"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"*

** The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the red hymnal.*

INVOCATION (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)

** Please stand or kneel.*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS (1 John 1:8-9)

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord, asking for his forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

M: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

M: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

M: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

C: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

M: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

C: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

M: Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,

C: and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Psalm 51:1-5, 7, 10, 14

HOLY ABSOLUTION (John 20:19-23)

M: But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

C: This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

M: There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

C: and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

M: God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished –

C: he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-26

M: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

C: And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

** Please be seated.*

LESSON

Isaiah 53

53 Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

M: The Word of Our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

THE SEVEN WORDS

Each reading will be followed by a brief prayer and hymn verse.

Each hymn verse will be preceded by a brief introduction.

FIRST WORD

Luke 23:26-34

²⁶ As they led (Jesus) away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then

‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”
and to the hills, “Cover us!”

³¹ ‘For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?’

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them,**

for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, touch us with your hands which the sins of the world pierced with the nails, and forgive our ignorance, for Lord, we knew not, indeed we know not what we did in sinning against you. Touch us to forgive and to bless, O Lord, for your endless mercies’ sake.

C: Amen.

139 v 1 *“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

**C: Jesus, in your dying woes,
Even while your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

** The first candle is extinguished. Please remain silent for meditation.*

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:38-43

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: **“Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”**

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. **“Don’t you fear God,”** he said, **“since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”**

⁴² Then he said, **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

⁴³ Jesus answered him, **“I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”**

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, look on us with your eyes as you looked upon the thief on the cross, that with him we may confess our sins and ask, humbly, 'Lord remember us when you come into your kingdom,' and by your same voice be comforted, for your endless mercies' sake.

C: Amen.

139 v 2 *"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"*

C: Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief who near you dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus!

** The second candle is extinguished. Please remain silent for meditation.*

THIRD WORD

John 19:25-27

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.

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, fill us with your love as in your pain you did comfort your mother, and provide for her need, and gave her both home and son. To such love, without compare, without limit, lead us, O Lord, now and forever.

C: Amen.

C: Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart your sorrows rend,
And your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus!

** The third candle is extinguished. Please remain silent for meditation.*

FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-49

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶ About 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?"**

⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, lead us to see your thirst as you suffered in your humanity, that we might drink from you and never thirst again, but live in your Father's house forever, for your tender mercies' sake.

C: Amen.

C: Jesus, plunged in depths unknown
With our evil foe alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus!

** The fourth candle is extinguished. Please remain silent for meditation.*

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28,29

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.

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, fill us with your faith since in your last agony you cried to your Father, ‘My God, my God.’ That no suffering, no shadow of doubt may darken our trust in God, nor separate us from your Father and ours, now or ever.

C: **Amen.**

139 v 5 *“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

C: **Jesus, in your thirst and pain,
While your wounds the lifeblood drain,
Thus fulfilling Scripture’s plan:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

** The fifth candle is extinguished. Please remain silent for meditation.*

SIXTH WORD

John 19:30

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **“It is finished.”** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, give us your strength as you resolved to do your Father’s work and finish it. That morning and evening we live in hope, knowing that your great work for us is completed, to the glory of your holy name.

C: **Amen.**

139 v 6 “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

**C: Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All your Father’s will obeyed,
By your sufferings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus!**

** The sixth candle is extinguished. Please remain silent for meditation.*

SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

** Silence for meditation.*

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, give us your trust, unquestioning, complete as on the cross, you committed your spirit to your Father. That whatever may happen, we may rest in the same everlasting arms, for your endless mercies’ sake.

C: Amen.

139 v 7 “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

**C: Jesus, all your labor vast,
All your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.**

** Please remain silent for meditation.*

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.
³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

SERMON

“Nail-Pierced Hands (Jesus)”

** Our sermon series from our midweek services – “The Hands of the Passion” – continues during Holy Week. When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can’t help but think of their hands – the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praise, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can’t help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.*

OFFERING

** Offering Collection*

God, who blesses us with all we have, gives us the privilege of showing him our thanks in many ways. One of these ways is by giving back a portion of what he has given us to support the work of the Church.

If you are a guest, please don’t feel that you must give an offering. We are happy to share with you the free, good news of Jesus’ eternal love for you.

If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

** Friendship Registers*

A Friendship Register (i.e. the maroon book) is located at the end of each pew. Sometime before you leave, please write in your name and the names of those with you, check any appropriate box, and provide your contact information if you want the pastor to speak with you.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

This form of prayer, cherished by Lutherans, was an established Christian tradition dating to early post-apostolic times. The invitations to prayer (bids) will be said by the pastor, followed by silent prayer and the prayer itself. Please remain seated.

M: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servant the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our earthly governments, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly governments to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

** Silent prayer.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

** Please stand.*

M: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

C: 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.

** Please be seated.*

CLOSING HYMN

268 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

* After the hymn, the remaining candle, representing the Light of Christ, is carried out of the sanctuary. Please remain silent for mediation.

THE STREPITUS

* The silence is broken with a loud noise, representing the closing of the tomb. Christ is dead. The punishment of God has been carried out.

The Light of Christ returns to the sanctuary. Though dead on the cross, Jesus has not been defeated.

The minister exits the chancel in silence.



The service concludes with no blessing since Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter are considered one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

A personal prayer for after worship is printed on page 11 in the front of the hymnal.

There will not be any post-service music or announcements.

You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the conclusion of the closing hymn.

Please refrain from conversation until after you have departed the church to allow any who wish to remain the opportunity to pray and meditate in silence.

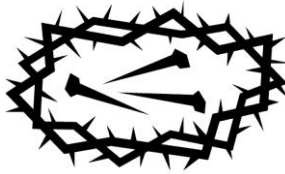
Pastor Berg will be available in the narthex shortly after the service if you would like to speak with him.

If you haven't done so already, **please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.**

If you have an offering, you can place it in the box in the narthex, mail it to the church, or give online via the link on our church website. Thank you for your financial support of our congregation.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.



***Special thanks to:** Linda Loeffel for playing organ... Jerry Loeffel for serving as usher... Mark Buske and Joe Lopina for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream... and the Campbell family for making the rough cross that has been featured during Lent.*

*All worshipers are encouraged to take home a copy of our **weekly newsletter, the “Nain Messenger”** to stay informed about all congregational news. Several copies are available on the countertop in the narthex.*

*Nain is a member congregation of the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**.
For more information about our synod, please visit its website: www.wels.net*

Holy Week Service Schedule

The final week of Lent marks the most pivotal week in human history. In the four Gospels—biographies of Jesus Christ's thirty-three-year life—this single week consumes nearly a third of the ink. The Holy Spirit considered the events of this week that important. Believers slow down this entire week to ponder all that Christ did for them, from his humble entrance into Jerusalem... to his sacrificial death on the cross... to the victory of Easter morning.

Please join us for these worship services as we focus on Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection to save us from our sins! These events in Christ's life are the heart of our faith. We hope you can attend each of these celebrations of our Lord's redeeming work.

Palm Sunday	April 10	Sunday	8:00 am	10:30 am *
Maundy Thursday	April 14	Thursday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm *
Good Friday	April 15	Friday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm *
Holy Saturday	April 16	Saturday	- - -	7:00 pm *
Easter Sunday	April 17	Sunday	8:00 am	10:30 am *

* Service will be live streamed on Nain's YouTube channel.

