

PLACES of the PASSION



Pilate's Judgement Hall

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SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today, or watching online, we are happy you have joined us today.

WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshipping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For more announcements and event information, sign up for our weekly email here: <https://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe>.

Thank You: We thank Pastor Sam Biebert for guest preaching this evening and sharing God's grace and truth with us. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry at Christ Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MN.

Young Professionals Event: Please join us for a night of Duckpin Bowling on **Friday, March 22** at Skyline. Bowling starts at 7 pm and costs \$14 per person. Let Becky Miller know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. rehomiller@gmail.com.

Voters Meeting: A special voter's meeting is being scheduled for **Sunday, March 24, 2024** to be held after church in lieu of Bible Study. The topic will be to discuss and vote on the recommendation from the church council to increase the overall budget for the Little Lambs Learning Center. In conjunction with this budget increase, we will discuss how it will be offset by grants made available through the state of Minnesota. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please reach out to one of the council members.

Women's Bible Study: All women are welcome to join us as we continue our study of the book of Ephesians. This month we will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 26 at 6 pm** at Lorene Fleming's home: 3004 North 52nd Avenue East, in Duluth. If you have any questions, or would like to ride-share, please contact Kiersten Nash or Kely Dunsmoor.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 PM with communion and Good Friday service will be at 7 PM.

Easter Sunday: On **Sunday, March 31**, we will begin the celebration of our Lord with an Easter Breakfast at 8:00 AM. Worship will be at 9:00 AM, followed by a kid's egg hunt at 10:30 AM. We hope you can join us here as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Youth Rally Fundraising: Last Sunday we raised over \$1,800 for SOTH teens to attend the WELS Youth Rally in Fort Collins, CO this summer. Thank you to the Hursts who made a home cooked breakfast and thank you for your generous donations! This year we will have 9 teens attending the Youth Rally. We are still accepting donations for this project and if you would like to help, more information is included in the weekly email or you can speak with Jesse Dunsmoor.

OPENING RESPONSE

- P: God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- C: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might we become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- P: Wherever two or three come together in Jesus' name, there he is with them. (Matthew 18:20)
- C: Lord Jesus, we thank you for taking up our infirmities and carrying our sorrows.
Draw us close to the cross, that we may be drawn closer to you and your love for us.

OPENING HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

CW 103 vs. 1-5

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first four verses, and the second system contains the fifth verse.

1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies,

Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.
Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.
Which from end - less tor - ments Did the world re - deem.
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

- P: Have mercy on me, O God; according to your unfailing love;
- C: **According to your great compassion blot out my offenses.**
- P: Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**
- P: Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- C: **Surely I was sinful from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**
- P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,
- C: **And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
- P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.
- C: **Amen.**

PRAYER

- P: Lord Jesus, you are the stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone. We praise you for facing the fury of your enemies undaunted. Because you overcame death itself, we will not die, but live, and we will always proclaim your marvelous deeds; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

‡ PASSION READING ‡

The Death of Jesus Christ

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among themselves and cast lots for my clothing."

So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!"

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

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One of the criminals who hung there, hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "Since we are under the same sentence of death? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Here is your son," and to John, "Here is your mother." From that time on, John took her into his home.

At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachtani?" -- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

Later, knowing that all was now complete, and so that the scriptures would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his life.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many believers who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city of Jerusalem and appeared to many people.

When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God."

When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

Now it was the Day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of water and blood. The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may have faith. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," and, as another Scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

P: The Passion of our Lord.

C: **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.**

1 Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, See him dy - ing
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan - ing, Was there ev - er
 3 If you think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge

on the tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed;
 grief like his? Friends through fear his cause dis - own - ing,
 e - vil great, Here you see its na - ture right - ly,
 of the lost; Christ's the rock of our sal - va - tion,

Yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed
 Foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress, Man - y hands were raised to
 Here its guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -
 His the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sin - ners

Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I
 wound him, None would in - ter - vene to save, But the
 point - ed; See who bears the aw - ful load — 'Tis the
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt — None shall

see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 deep - est stroke that pierced him Was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on him their hope have built.

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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“Pilate’s Court”

Mark 15:1-15

Very early in the morning, the chief priests, with the elders, the teachers of the law and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away and handed him over to Pilate.

²“Are you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate. “Yes, it is as you say,” Jesus replied. ³ The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴ So again Pilate asked him, “Aren’t you going to answer? See how many things they are accusing you of.” ⁵ But Jesus still made no reply, and Pilate was amazed. ⁶ Now it was the custom at the Feast to release a prisoner whom the people requested. ⁷ A man called Barabbas was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the uprising. ⁸ The crowd came up and asked Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹“Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” asked Pilate, ¹⁰ knowing it was out of envy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over to him. ¹¹ But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have Pilate release Barabbas instead. ¹²“What shall I do, then, with the one you call the king of the Jews?” Pilate asked them. ¹³“Crucify him!” they shouted. ¹⁴“Why? What crime has he committed?” asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, “Crucify him!” ¹⁵ Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: www.duluthelan.org and click on the “GIVE” tab.

✠ PRAYERS ✠

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord God, we thank you for the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, your Son, and for the promised graces we have received through him. We thank you that through his perfect life and his obedience to death on the cross we have granted cleansing and pardon for all our sins. Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may live as your children. As we leave this hour of worship, we give all glory to Jesus – to him be praise and honor and glory and power now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CW 125



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.