

**Keep Your Eyes  
on the Cross**



**Good Friday Service**



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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.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today 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. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping 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

**Guest Pastor:** Thank you to Pastor Kassulke for leading our service this evening!

**Easter Sunday:** Please join us back here on Sunday morning to celebrate our Savior's victory! We'll be having an Easter Breakfast starting at 8am; church is providing pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, and beverages. You may bring fruit or pastries if you wish, but please don't feel obligated. Our Easter service will start at 9am, led by Pastor Spaude. (Reminder: there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, or Youth Confirmation class.)

#### Upcoming Events/Dates:

**Women's Bible Study:** Tuesday, April 22nd at 6pm

**Quarterly Meeting:** Sunday, April 27th, at 1pm prior to the 2pm service.

**Call Meeting:** Sunday, April 27th, following the 2pm service.

**Women's Book Folding Art:** Saturday, April 26th from 2-4pm

**Women's North Shore Day Trip:** Saturday, May 10th from 8am to 4pm

*For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at [www.dulutheran.org/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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P: What brings you here today?

C: **We are here to commemorate a crucifixion; to see a man nailed to a cross of wood and left to hang there until pronounced dead. We are drawn by the power of this cross where Christ became sin for us.**

P: Well did Isaiah prophesy about this day, "See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. Just as there were many who were appalled at him – his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness – so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

C: **For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.**

P: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? 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.

C: **He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

P: Surely, he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

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

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

C: **and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

P: 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 its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

C: **By oppression and judgment he was taken away.**

P: Yet, who of his generation protested?

C: **For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. 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.**

P: Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

C: **After he has suffered, 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.**

P: 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.

C: **For he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isaiah 52&53)**

P: Do we have the courage to face the cross of Jesus and see it for what it is?

C: **Death is serious business and makes us uncomfortable.**

P: Do we have the courage to face the cross of Jesus and see it for what it is? Light confronts darkness. Life confronts death. Heaven confronts hell. This is a conflict with eternal, cosmic consequences that we remember and ponder today.

C: **We must be drawn to face the cross of Christ where He became sin for us, or we die alone and for all eternity.**

P: Do we have the courage to face the cross of Jesus and see it for what it is? We must look at the very core of our being and realize how dead and helpless we are by nature. We must listen with all diligence and allow the Holy Spirit through the Word of God to fuse the events of our life into the reality of Calvary.

C: **We must be drawn to face the cross of Jesus where his suffering is the punishment for our sins; His forsakenness is our hell; His death is our forgiveness. Lord, have mercy on us.**

*In silent prayer, keep your eyes on the cross and ponder what makes this Good Friday.*

## HYMN: Upon the Cross Extended

CW 434



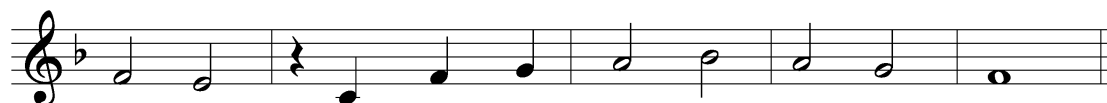
1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your  
2 Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so  
3 I caused your grief and sigh - ing by e - vils  
4 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, your head with  
5 Your cross I place be - fore me, its sav - ing



Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.  
sore a - bused you and caused you all your woe?  
mul - ti - ply - ing as count - less as the sands.  
thorns sur - round - ed, you died to ran - som me.  
pow'r re - store me, sus - tain me in the test.



The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly  
We all must make con - fes - sion of sin and dire trans -  
I caused the woes un - num - bered with which your soul is  
The cross for me en - dur - ing, the crown for me se -  
It will, when life is end - ing, be guid - ing and at -



giv - en to shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
gres - sion, while you no ways of e - vil know.  
cum - bered, your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.  
cur - ing, you healed my wounds and set me free.  
tend - ing my way to your e - ter - nal rest.

## READING: The Crucifixion of Jesus

*John 19:17–30*

<sup>17</sup>Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. <sup>18</sup>There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

<sup>19</sup>Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

<sup>20</sup>Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

<sup>21</sup>So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”

<sup>22</sup>Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

<sup>23</sup>When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. <sup>24</sup>So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

<sup>25</sup>Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

<sup>28</sup>After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

*In silent prayer, keep your eyes on the cross and ponder what makes this Good Friday.*

## HYMN: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

CW 430

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1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the  
 2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like  
 3 If you think of sin but light-ly nor sup-pose the e-vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun-da-tion, here the ref-uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re-ject-ed; yes, my  
 his, friends through fear his cause dis-own-ing, foes in-  
 great, here you see its na-ture right-ly, here its  
 lost: Christ, the rock of our sal-va-tion, is the



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long-ex-pect-ed  
 sult-ing his dis-tress? Man-y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es-ti-mate. Mark the sac-ri-fice ap-  
 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 GOOD FRIDAY MESSAGE ✱

Keep Your Eyes on the Cross!  
 Face the Reality of Death Head On.

# OUR GOOD FRIDAY PETITIONS

Each petition ends with the following response:

P: O Christ, who faced the cross and suffered the agony of death on our behalf,  
C: **Keep our eyes focused on your cross so that we may face death head on. Lord, have mercy.**

## READING: Jesus' Burial

John 19:38–42

<sup>38</sup>After this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him remove Jesus' body. When Pilate gave him permission, he came and took Jesus' body away. <sup>39</sup>Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds.

<sup>40</sup>They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

<sup>41</sup>There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near.

## CLOSING HYMN: On My Heart Imprint Your Image

CW 405



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless-ed Je - sus, King of grace,  
that life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures have no pow'r to hide your face.  
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,  
is my life, my hope's foun-da - tion, and my glo-ry and sal - va - tion.

With the end of this service, we have, as it were, laid our Savior in his tomb.  
Consider taking some personal time to **KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE CROSS** before leaving.  
Reflect on his death as the only way to face your own death head on.  
Whenever you are ready, please leave the sanctuary as quietly as possible.  
We leave, believing Jesus' promise, "And in three days rise again."

**Easter Worship – Sunday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.**

## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*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 would like to make a Good Friday offering, please place it in one of the receptacles as you exit. Or, scan the QR code here or visit our website: [www.duluthlutheran.org](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

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