

*The punishment that brought us peace  
was upon him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.*

Good Friday



SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS  
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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." 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

**Thank you** to Pastor Gene Jahnke 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 and sausage; please feel free to bring egg bakes, pastries, fruit, or other sides to share. Our Easter service will start at 9am, led by Elder Steve Shult. Following the service there will be an egg hunt for youth of all ages—toddlers to young adults!

(Reminder: there will be no Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, or Youth Confirmation class.)

**Office Hours:** Pastor Warskow will not be in the office on Monday, April 6th. He will have office hours again on **Monday, April 13th.**

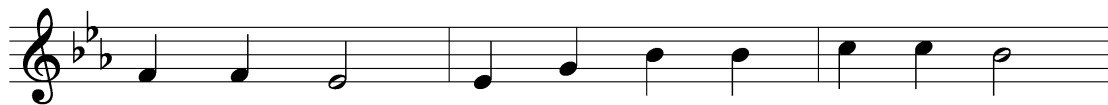
**Youth Rally Fundraiser:** Our Youth Group is still taking orders for Shepherd of the Hills shirts! The proceeds will go towards the cost of attending the 2026 WELS International Youth Rally this summer. While they won't have a table set up this evening or Easter Sunday, you can find order forms on the table under the mailboxes. The deadline for orders is **Sunday, April 12th.** Please speak with Becky Foster if you have any questions.

**Congregation Meeting:** Pastor Jon Hein, a consultant from WELS Congregational Services, will be onsite April 17-20. The congregation is invited to a meeting with him on **Saturday, April 18th at 10:00am.** Childcare will be available and following the meeting, the church will provide a meal for all participants and their families.

*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).*



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of  
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
 life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm-wood and the gall,  
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his  
 oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

LESSON

*Isaiah 53*

*Stand*

PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and 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.

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

*Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

## FIRST WORD

Luke 23:26-34

<sup>26</sup> As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup> A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup> Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup> Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' <sup>30</sup> Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup> For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?" <sup>32</sup> Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. <sup>33</sup> When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

## HYMN: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

CW 422 sts. 1-2

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of  
e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,  
to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread  
that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes  
of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,  
are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share  
"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
the fruit of your sal - va - tion."

SECOND WORD

Luke 23:38-43

<sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup> But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup> We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup> Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

HYMN: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

CW 422 sts. 3-4



3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what  
4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,  
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;  
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you  
I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,  
shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life  
what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,  
shall ev - er be a cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,  
de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong  
your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in  
you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave  
my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,  
who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

### THIRD WORD

*John 19:25-27*

<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.

### HYMN: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

*CW 430 sts. 1-2*



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



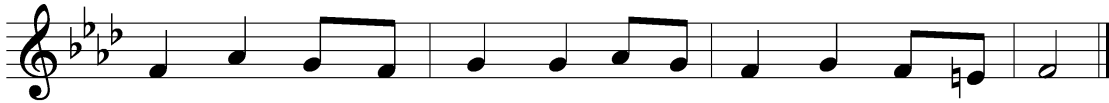
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; yes, my  
his, friends through fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in -



soul, 'tis he, 'tis he. 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing his dis - tress? Man - y hands were raised to



Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord; proofs I  
wound him, none would in - ter - vene to save; but the



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.

### FOURTH WORD

*Matthew 27:45-49*

<sup>45</sup> From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. <sup>46</sup> About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

<sup>47</sup> When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "This fellow is calling for Elijah."

<sup>48</sup> Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. <sup>49</sup> The rest said, "Leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save him."

HYMN: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

CW 430 sts. 3-4



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



great, here you see its na - ture right - ly, here its  
lost: Christ, the rock of our sal - va - tion, is the



guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load; 'tis the  
wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



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.

FIFTH WORD

John 19:28-29

<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.

HYMN: O Perfect Life of Love

CW 431 sts. 1-2



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all is fin - ished now,  
2 No work is left un - done of all the Fa - ther willed;



all that he left his throne a - bove to do for us be - low.  
his toil, his sor - rows, one by one, the Scrip - tures have ful - filled.

## SIXTH WORD

*John 19:30*

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

## HYMN: O Perfect Life of Love

*CW 431 sts. 3-4*



3 No pain that we can share but he has felt its smart;  
4 And on his thorn-crowned head and on his sin - less soul



all forms of hu - man grief and care have pierced that ten - der heart.  
our sins in all their guilt were laid that he might make us whole.

## SEVENTH WORD

*Luke 23:44-46*

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

*Stand*

## PRAYER

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

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.**

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

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 servants 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.**

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

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.**

**P:** Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government 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.**

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

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**

**P:** 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.

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 and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

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.**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs 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.**

**P:** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us: O God, in Jesus' name, as your forgiven children, we pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven.**

P: Help us to know you through your revealed Word and to live as your children who revere your majesty.

**C: Hallowed be thy name.**

P: By your grace, send the Holy Spirit that you may rule in our hearts that we lead lives that glorify you now on earth and forever in heaven.

**C: Thy kingdom come.**

P: Make us earnest to conform our desires and our actions to what you desire.

**C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P: Merciful Lord, you are providing us with all the things necessary for our bodies. Fill us also with appreciation and trust.

**C: Give us this day our daily bread.**

P: Continue to show us your pardon, and make us ready to show mercy and to do good to those who wrong us.

**C: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

P: Defeat treachery of the enemy who seeks to destroy our souls by deceiving us into disobedience; bring to naught the world's persistent appeal to our corrupt nature; and guard us from the trap of unrepented sin and the poison of doubt.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

P: Preserve our faith, so that when we depart this life we will be ready and confident, still trusting in Jesus.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

P: In all our requests we look to you as governor of your universe and Lord of your church, and we join the angels to adore you from whom all blessings flow.

**C: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**

P: This is most certainly true.

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes**

**CW 435 sts. 1, 3, 5, 7**

*Printed on the next page.*



1 Je - sus, in your dy - ing woes, e - ven while your life - blood flows,  
 3 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end her whose heart your sor - rows rend,  
 5 Je - sus, in your thirst and pain, while your wounds the life - blood drain,  
 7 Je - sus, all your la - bor vast, all your woe and con - flict past,



crav - ing par - don for your foes: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
 and your dear - est hu - man friend: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
 thus ful - fill - ing Scrip - ture's plan: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!  
 yield - ing up your soul at last: hear us, ho - ly Je - sus!

With the end of this service, we have, as it were, laid our Savior in his tomb.

Consider taking some personal time of reflection before leaving.

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 5 at 9:00 a.m.**

*Easter Breakfast at 8:00am*

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