

PLACES of the PASSION



Golgotha

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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

Midweek Lent Services: On Wednesday evenings, we have Midweek Lent services at **7:00 PM**. For Midweek Lent service this year we are following the series: "Places of the Passion". We hope you can join us for these special services!

Midweek Lent Dinners: On Wednesday evenings before our Midweek Lent services, we will have a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM. Each week we are looking for volunteers to help by bringing soup, sandwiches, a dish, or dessert to pass. Everyone is welcome to join us! If you have any questions, please speak with Peter Moeri.

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. We look forward to meeting to discuss these changes on the 24th. 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 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.

Women's Book Group: On **Monday, April 1st**, we will start our next book: "True Crimes of the Bible" by Dr. Bruce Becker. (<https://timeofgrace.store/products/true-crimes-of-the-bible?variant=43770631520515>) We will join together to review the book and share a meal on Thursday, June 6th at 6 PM. Please contact Kely Dunsmoor for more information.

OPENING RESPONSE

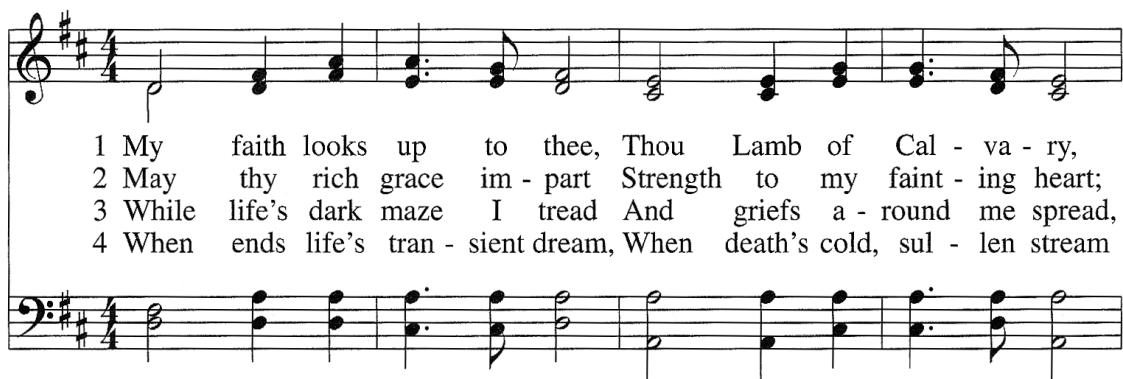
P: In the midst of Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, he never once thought of himself. He always had in mind the salvation of all people—even those who put him to death. It is in his name and to his glory that we gather.

C: **Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and glory and praise.**
Lord Jesus, accept our hearts and the words of our mouths.
May they be pleasing to you; may they give you glory.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

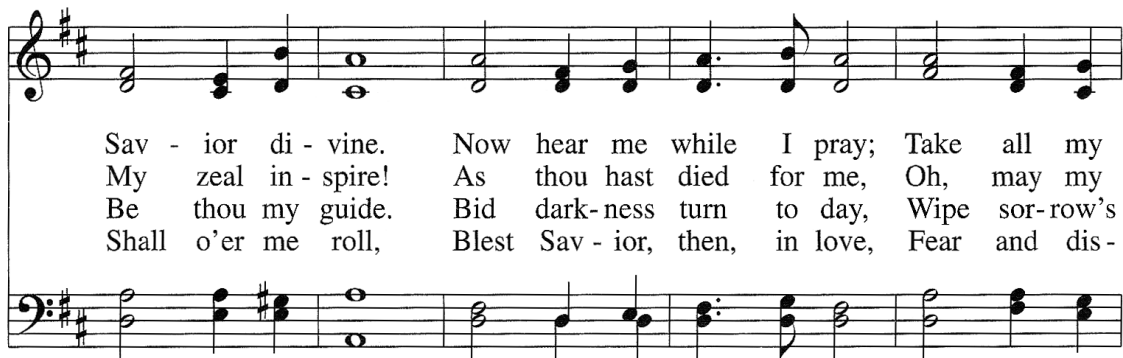
OPENING HYMN

"May Faith Looks Up to Thee"

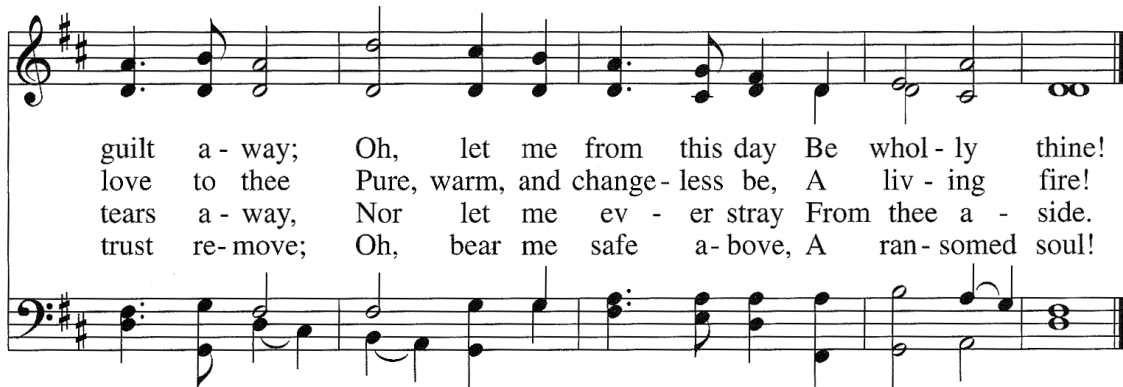
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1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be thou my guide. Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!
love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
trust re - move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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: God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with you is unfailing love.

C: **Amen.**

✠ PASSION READING ✠

Jesus Before Pontius Pilate

To avoid Ceremonial Uncleaness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?" "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," the Jews objected. This happened so that the words Jesus had spoken indicating the kind of death he was going to die would be fulfilled.

And they began to accuse him, "We have found this man guilty of subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be the Christ, a king." Pilate went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

"Is that your idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

"Do you think that I am a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It is your own people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

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Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying that I am a king. In fact, for this very reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

"What is truth?" Pilate asked.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. The soldiers led Jesus away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium) and called together the whole company of soldiers there. They put a purple robe on him, then wove a crown of thorns and pressed it onto his head. And they began to call out to him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Again and again they struck him on the head with a staff and spit on him. Falling to their knees, they worshiped him in mockery.

Once more Pilate came out and said to the Jews, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no basis for a charge against him." When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and a purple robe, Pilate said to them, "Here is the man."

As soon as the chief priests and their officials saw him, they shouted, "Crucify! Crucify!" But Pilate answered, "You take him and crucify him. As for me, I find no basis for a charge against him." The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was even more afraid, and he went back inside the palace. "Where do you come from?" he asked Jesus, but Jesus gave him no reply.

"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate asked. "Don't you realize that I have the power to either free you or to crucify you?" Jesus answered, "You have no power over me that was not given to you from above. Therefore, the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

From then on, Pilate tried to set Jesus free. But they insisted, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here."

Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish him and release him."

Now it was the governor's custom at the Feast to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. At that time, they had a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. So when they crowd gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you; Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called the Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed Jesus over to him. While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, because I have suffered a great deal today in a dream on account of him."

But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for the notorious prisoner called Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

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 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, With grief and
 2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your
 3 Now from your cheeks has van - ished Their col - or,
 4 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have
 5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank you,



shame weighed down, Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,
 coun - te - nance, Though might - y worlds shall fear you
 once so fair; From your red lips is ban - ished
 borne for me, For it was my trans - gres - sion,
 dear - est Friend, For this, your dy - ing sor - row,



With thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no
 And flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with
 The splen - dor that was there. Grim death with cru - el
 My shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -
 Your pit - y with - out end? Oh, make me yours for -



glo - ry Now from your face does shine; Yet, though de -
 an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with
 rig - or Has robbed you of your life; Thus you have
 fore you; Wrath is my right - ful lot. Have mer - cy,
 ev - er, And keep me strong and true; Lord, let me



spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.
 pain now lan - guish That once were bright as morn!
 lost your vig - or, Your strength, in this sad strife.
 I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!
 nev - er, nev - er Out - live my love for you.

6 My Savior, then be near me
 When death is at my door,
 And let your presence cheer me;
 Forsake me nevermore!
 When soul and body languish,
 Oh, leave me not alone,
 But take away my anguish
 By virtue of your own!

7 Lord, be my consolation,
 My shield when I must die;
 Remind me of your passion
 When my last hour draws nigh.
 My eyes will then behold you,
 Upon your cross will dwell;
 My heart will then enfold you—
 Who dies in faith dies well!

✠ THE MESSAGE ✠

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“Golgotha”

Mark 15:22-32

²² They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means The Place of the Skull). ²³ Then they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

²⁵ It was the third hour when they crucified him. ²⁶ The written notice of the charge against him read: THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷ They crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. ²⁹ Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “So! You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, ³⁰ come down from the cross and save yourself!”

³¹ In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! ³² Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe.” Those crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

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.duluth-lutheran.com and click on the “GIVE” tab.

OFFERTORY

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Organ – Donna Bolf, Piano – Laura Metcalf

✠ PRAYERS ✠

CLOSING PRAYER

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

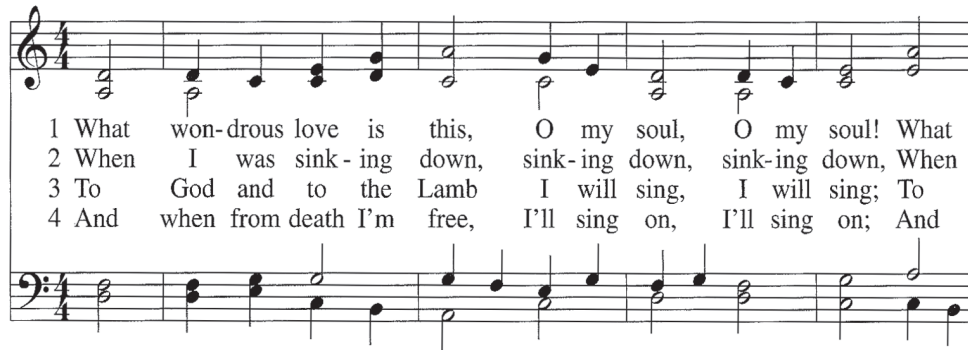
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

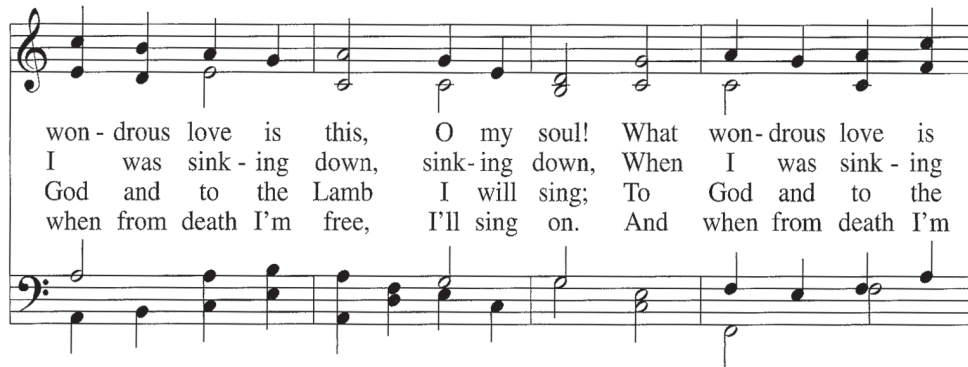
CLOSING HYMN

“What Wondrous Love is This”

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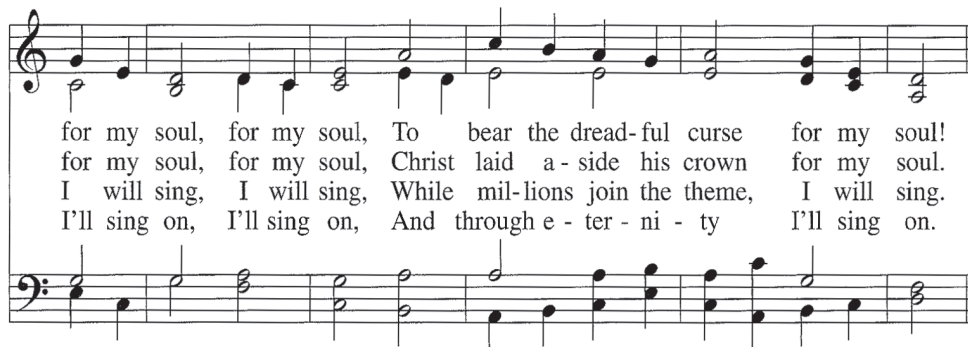
1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



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this That caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse
down Be - neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown
Lamb, Who is the great I Am, While mil-lions join the theme,
free, I'll sing his love for me, And through e - ter - ni - ty



for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
I will sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.