

Grace Lutheran Church
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April 3, 2026; Noon & 7 P.M.
Good Friday



OPENING MUSIC

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" setting, Michael Burkhardt (One License)

WELCOME *A Simple Tenebrae Service for Good Friday*

"Tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "darkness." As the service unfolds, candles are extinguished, and the sanctuary grows darker as we near Jesus' final moments and the extinguishing of the Christ candle.

Please stand as you are able.

CANDLE LIGHTING

In the beginning, darkness covered the face of the deep. Then God said,

"Let there be light."

And there was light. And every day since, the light has come and gone.

The sun has risen and set.

The moon has waxed and waned.

The light is still with us.

In the beginning was the Word, which brought all things into being. What has come into being through him is life,

the light of all people.

The light shined in the darkness,

and the darkness did not overtake it.

When God made the light, when the light of all people came into the world, God did not send away the dark.

The darkness remains.

God created the night for dreams and clarity,

an exhaling of the light.

Let us enter this holy darkness to bear witness to the light of the world who was extinguished by violence.

Let us worship our Incarnate God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Look to Jesus"

Ike Sturm



Je - sus Christ, sal - va - tion of the world.

Assembly



Je - sus Christ, sal - va - tion of the world.

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.

♪ **Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.**

And has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.

♪ **Jesus Christ, salvation of the world.**

Please be seated.

PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion—from his arrest to his burial—is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

FIRST READING **Arrest** **John 18:1-24** (*Pew Bible, N.T. page 112*)

VISIO DIVINA

a time of contemplation

HYMN **"Ah, Holy Jesus"** ELW 349 (Public Domain)

SECOND READING **Sentencing** **John 18:25-19:16a** (*Pew Bible, N.T. page 112*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Please remain seated or kneel.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we can easily see ourselves in any number of the people surrounding Jesus in his final days.

We are Judas, betraying what we hold most dear for status, wealth, and security. We are the soldiers, using our power to maintain the status quo which serves us. We are the disciples, brandishing our weapons to fight violence with violence, and we are the high priest's servant, victims of a world hell-bent on winning.

Prince of Peace, forgive us.

We are Herod, finding our entertainment at the expense of other people's dignity. We are Pilate, excusing ourselves from the blame that is rightfully ours.

We are the crowd, foaming at the mouth and demanding blood, and we are Barabbas, our lives spared while others are crucified.

Prince of Peace, forgive us.

Forgive us, we pray, for the parts we have played. Set us free from the sin that chokes the world, threatening to extinguish all that is good and beautiful. Break the cycles of violence, step into the machinery of a world fueled by division and disrupt us.

Forgive us, Prince of Peace. Kyrie eleison. Have mercy on us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Family of faith, the impossibly good news is that we are forgiven. No matter what we have or haven't done, our God is always waiting with open arms to receive us.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN **"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"** ELW 351 (Public Domain)

Please be seated.

THIRD READING **Crucifixion** **John 19:16b-27** (*Pew Bible, N.T. page 113*)

REFLECTING ON THE CROSS

You are invited to visit prayer stations set up within the worship space during a time of reflection on the crucifixion.

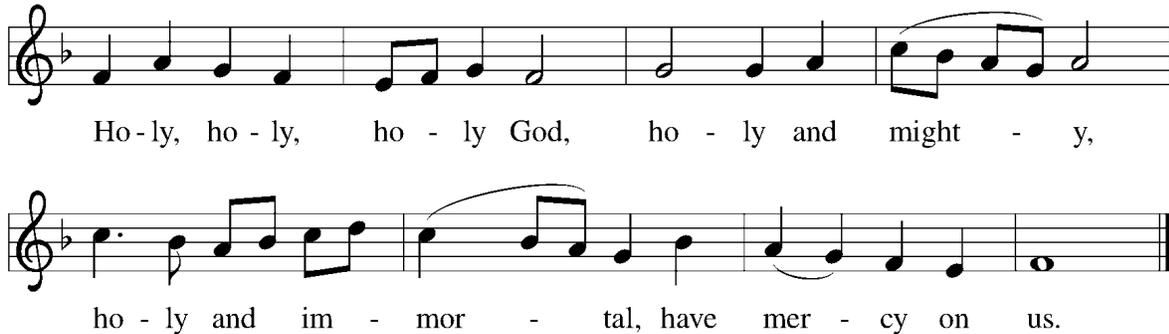
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN **"Were You There"** ELW 353 (One License)

When the worship leaders arrive at the front of the sanctuary, we begin the Solemn Reproaches. This is Christ's lament and we pray for God's mercy.

During the Solemn Reproaches all are invited to come forward and pray around the cross. You may stand, kneel, be seated, or touch the cross as you pray.

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.



O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

♪ **Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

The reproaches conclude and silence is kept.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Worshipers may depart in silence or remain for prayer and meditation.



Easter Sunday
April 5



8:00 a.m. &
10:00 a.m.





Worship Team

12pm Service

Greeters: Doug Noe, Mary Noe

Acolyte: Olivia Patterson

Reader: Beth Miller, Mary Noe, Mary Johnson, Karen Reinhard

Ushers: Carrie Jarnecke, Nancy Kreznor, William Kreznor

Cross Bearers: Mark Miller, Doug Noe, Olivia Patterson

7pm Service

Greeters: Elena Ayala, Vicki Meiners

Acolyte: Ally Rychtytzkyj

Reader: Steve Johnson, Andrea Johnson, Bob Laird, Janice Laird

Ushers: Matt Meiners, Faith Metze, Robert Metze

Cross Bearers: Kristy Nellessen, Tim Nellessen, Riley Poremba, Addie Jo Wedoff

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Prayer Stations: Metze, Thomas, & Wedoff families

Musicians: Jan Burns, Carrie Filetti

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

Presence Light Sponsor:

To the Glory of God.

Bulletin Sponsors:

In memory of Marlene L. Teuber and in honor of Robert W. Teuber; given by Robert B. Teuber.

Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day. You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.



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Family Game Night



Sunday, April 12th 4:30-6:30 pm



FAITH FACTORY FRIDAY

Play Bold. Love Big. Grow in Faith.

April 24th 5:30pm-7:30pm



Hymn Sing Potluck



Saturday April 25th

Dinner at 6pm followed by Hymns in the Sanctuary



Rooted & Renewed

Who Are You When No-One Needs You?

April 29th

6:30pm-7:30pm



Vacation Bible School Road Trip: On the Go With God

📍 June 1st-4th 8:30- 11:30 A.M. 📍



A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!