

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
AUBURN, NEBRASKA
Good Friday— April 3, 2026

P: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him,

C: **and with His stripes we are healed.**

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray;

C: **and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

P: O Almighty and most merciful God, give us grace to contemplate the Passion of our Lord that we may find in it the forgiveness of our sins; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn.....

LSB 450

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!
 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;
 4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard - ian, own me Thine.



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.
 How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.
 Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!
 Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;
 Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.
 Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.
 Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.
 Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

5 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

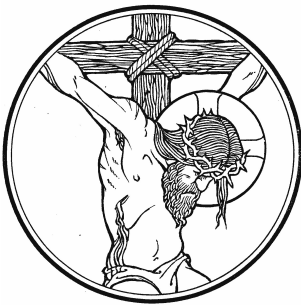
6 My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

7 Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

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THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Note: Human beings have always treasured the parting words of a loved one. Tonight, we will hear and consider the parting words of our Lord, spoken from the cross during His terrible ordeal of saving us and all humanity from sin, death, the devil, and eternal destruction. We will hear and consider each “word” in sequence, first from the Sacred Scriptures and then through a short meditation. Then together, we will speak a short prayer and sing a hymn selection. May the Lord bless us as we consider once again the amazing way God saves us.



THE FIRST WORD

— Luke 23:32-34a —

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

The Meditation

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are our only Savior, Mediator, and Advocate. By the will and foreknowledge of Your Holy Father, You were crucified and slain by the hand of wicked men. Yet, out of Your great love for sinners, You made intercession for the transgressors.

C: We pray that You would grant to us the blessed assurance that there is now no condemnation for any who are in You, and that, if anyone sins, in You we have an Advocate with the Father, and Your blood speaks better things than Abel’s blood, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 1-3

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”



1 Je - sus, in Your dy - ing woes, E - ven while Your
2 Sav - ior, for our par - don sue When our sins Your
3 Oh, may we, who mer - cy need, Be like You in



life - blood flows, Crav - ing par - don for Your foes:
pangs re - new, For we know not what we do:
heart and deed, When with wrong our spir - its bleed:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
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Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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THE SECOND WORD

— Luke 23:35-43 —

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, “He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine and saying, “If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!” There was also an inscription over Him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, “Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!” But the other rebuked Him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And He said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

The Meditation

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are our merciful King, the Prince of Peace, and You veiled Your divine glory in humility, crowned with thorns, nailed upon the tree of shame, to be numbered with the transgressors.

C: **We thank You that You kindly remembered us in our condemnation and grant to us citizenship in Your Kingdom of Grace on earth and yonder in Your Kingdom of Glory.**

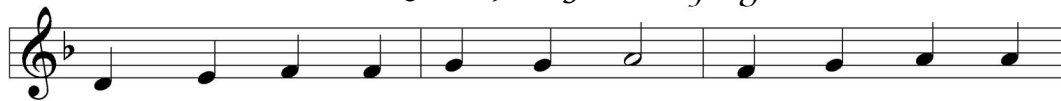
P: O Jesus, rule in our hearts and in our lives with the scepter of Your Word,

C: **and when life's brief day is ended, take us to be with You in Paradise, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 4-6

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"



4 Je - sus, pit - y - ing the sighs Of the thief, who
5 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and
6 May our hearts to You in - cline And their thoughts Your

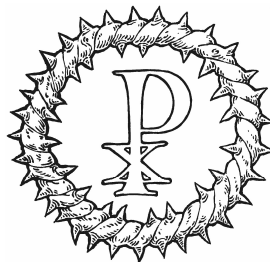


near You dies, Prom - is - ing him par - a - dise:
mer - cy claim, Call - ing hum - bly on Your name:
cross en - twine. Cheer our souls with hope di - vine:



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THE THIRD WORD

— John 19:25-27 —

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Meditation

The Prayer

P: O Jesus, our Compassionate Lord and Savior, we thank You for Your perfect obedience which You rendered to Your Father for us and as our Substitute.

C: **By Your Holy Spirit, write Your holy Law upon our hearts and minds, that following Your example of love and obedience, we may honor and serve all, and, from the least to the greatest, may learn obedience and follow in Your footsteps.**

P: O Lord, let Your strength be made perfect in our weaknesses,

C: **for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 7-9

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly



sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:



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THE FOURTH WORD

— Matthew 27:45-47 —

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This Man is calling Elijah.”

The Meditation

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith and alone You drank the cup of God’s wrath and became a curse for us lifted up on the tree, being forsaken by Your Holy Father.

C: **Grant that our faith in You may never know doubt or fail.**

P: Though You discipline us for our good,

C: **Strengthen us in the sure knowledge and confidence that nothing shall separate us from Your love, which You have given to us. Amen.**

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 10-12

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

10 Je - sus, whelmed in fears un - known, With our e - vil
11 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems
12 Though no Fa - ther seem to hear, Though no light our
left a - lone, While no light from heav'n is shown:
far a - way, In the dark - ness be our stay:
spir - its cheer, May we know that God is near:
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
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THE FIFTH WORD

— John 19:28-29 —

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth.

The Meditation

The Prayer

- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Redeemer of the world. On the cross You endured agony of body and soul and accomplished all things for our redemption
- C: **In Your cry “I thirst!” You reveal Your fervent desire and zeal to draw all men to Yourself.**
- P: Grant that all people everywhere may hear Your gracious Gospel call
- C: **and drink and be satisfied by the waters of life, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 13-15

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”



13 Je - sus, in Your thirst and pain, While Your wounds Your
14 Thirst for us in mer - cy still; All Your ho - ly
15 May we thirst Your love to know. Lead us in our



life - blood drain, Thirst - ing more our love to gain:
work ful - fill; Sat - is - fy Your lov - ing will:
sin and woe Where the heal - ing wa - ters flow:



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THE SIXTH WORD

— John 19:30 —

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished,” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

The Meditation

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, on the cross You cried out: “It is finished!” We thank You that You completed the work given to You by Your Father: You have borne the curse of sin in our place and have reconciled all men to Your Father.

C: **Grant that we may believe this with our whole heart and never rely on any work or merit of our own, but trust always in Your finished work on Calvary, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 16-18

“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”



16 Je - sus, all our ran - som paid, All Your Fa - ther’s
17 Save us in our soul’s dis - tress; Be our help to
18 Bright - en all our heav’n - ward way With an ev - er



will o - beyed; By Your suf - f’rings per - fect made:
cheer and bless While we grow in ho - li - ness:
ho - lier ray Till we pass to per - fect day:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.
 Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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THE SEVENTH WORD

— Luke 23:44-46 —

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit!" And having said this He breathed His last.

The Meditation

The Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your dying moment You commended Your soul into Your Father's hands, thereby assuring us that You finished the work of our redemption and that Your Father is well pleased in You.

C: **By Your Holy Spirit grant us such confidence in Your redemption that, washed clean of all our sin in Your precious blood, we, too, in our dying hour may confidently commend our soul into Your Father's hand, trusting wholly in Your merits, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

The Hymn

LSB 447, stanzas 19-21

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"



19 Je - sus, all Your la - bor vast, All Your woe and
 20 When the death shades round us low'r, Guard us from the
 21 May Your life and death sup - ply Grace to live and



con - flict past, Yield - ing up Your soul at last:
 tempt - er's pow'r, Keep us in that tri - al hour:
 grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high:



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The Prayers

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

C: have mercy upon us.

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C: have mercy upon us.

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;

C: grant us peace.

P: O Savior of the world, by Your cross and precious blood You have redeemed the whole human race.

C: O Lord, help us to believe in You and the blessings of Your Passion, we humbly pray.

P: We adore You, dear Jesus, for by Your cross and Passion You have brought life, joy, forgiveness, and peace into this dark and broken world.

C: Be gracious to us and lift up Your countenance upon us so that we may know, enjoy, and spread Your peace.

P: O Christ, You are our Lord and God. On this day long ago You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live unto righteousness.

C: Have mercy upon us now and in the hour of our death, and grant to us, Your servants, along with all others who devoutly remember Your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and by Your grace, eternal glory in the world to come, where You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign, God forever. Amen.

P: O Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

Hymn.....

LSB 422

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



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!

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The Blessing

P: Christ crucified draw you to Himself to find in Him a sure ground of faith, a firm support in hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven. The blessing of the One True God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The minister and worshipers leave in silence.