

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways
GOOD FRIDAY – *The Way of the Cross*, April 2, 2026, 7:00 pm.

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**WE PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

**Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen**

**\*Devotional Hymn: #338 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"**

**Bidding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** *You may kneel or sit.*  
*The reader invites our silent prayer. The presiding minister then prays.*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.  
*Silent prayer.* ...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for Yehiel and Bill, our bishops, for Lans, our pastor, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God. *Silent prayer.*  
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism. *Silent prayer.*  
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
*Silent prayer.* ...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.  
*Silent prayer.* ...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.  
*Silent prayer.* ...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who do not believe in God. *Silent prayer.*  
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for God's good creation. *Silent prayer.*  
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office. *Silent prayer.*  
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us pray for those in need. *Silent prayer.*  
...We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A: Finally, let us pray for all those things  
for which our Lord would have us ask.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**



**Hymn #351**

**"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"**

- 1**      **O sacred head, now wounded,  
with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded  
with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory,  
what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.**

*Silence for Reflection*

**Prayer**      *The second candle is put out.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**Have mercy and hear us.**

**Third Station**

**THE CROSS IS LAID ON SIMON OF CYRENE**

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Third Reading**

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me

**Cannot be my disciple.**

**\*Hymn #349**

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

- 1**      **Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended  
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.**
- 2**      **Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;  
I crucified thee.**

*Silence for Reflection*

**Prayer**      *The third candle is put out.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**Have mercy and hear us.**

**Fourth Station**

**JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**



**5** Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

*Silence for Reflection*

**Prayer** *The fifth candle is put out.*  
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**Have mercy and hear us.**

**Sixth Station** **JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS**

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Sixth Reading**

They pierce my hands and my feet;  
**They stare and gloat over me.**

**\*Hymn #337 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"**

*Silence for Reflection*

**Prayer** *The sixth candle is put out.*  
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**Have mercy and hear us.**

**Seventh Station** **JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

**Seventh Reading**

Christ for us became obedient to death,  
**Even death on a cross.**

**Hymn #347 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

**3** Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
there, adoring at his feet,  
mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.  
"It is finished!" hear him cry;  
learn from Jesus Christ to die.

*Silence for Reflection*

**Prayer** *The seventh candle is put out.*  
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
**Have mercy and hear us.**

### **Eighth Station**

### **JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB**

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

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

### **Eighth Reading**

The Lord has lain on him the iniquity of us all:

**For the transgression of my people was he stricken.**

### **Hymn LBW 94 "My Song Is Love Unknown"**

- 1 My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
My Lord should take frail flesh and die?**
  
- 6 In life, no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death, no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay;  
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**
  
- 7 Here might I stay and sing--  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!  
I all my days could gladly spend!**

*Silence for Reflection*

### **Prayer**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

**Have mercy and hear us.**

*The large candle is removed. The **strepitus** is heard.*

### **WE GIVE ADORATION TO THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

### **Homily**

### **"PEOPLE of the WAY"**

P: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood  
you have redeemed us.

**Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

**Choral Response: "Behold the Lamb of God" P. Bouman**

**Closing Prayer**

Lamb of God, **hear our prayer.** *Brief silence.* We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Hymn #356 "Sing, My Tongue"**

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;  
tell the triumph far and wide;  
tell aloud the wondrous story  
of the cross, the Crucified;  
tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,  
vanquished death the day he died.**
- 2 God in mercy saw us fallen,  
sunk in shame and misery,  
felled to death in Eden's garden,  
where in pride we claimed the tree;  
then another tree was chosen,  
which the world from death would free.**
- 7 Unto God be praise and glory;  
to the Father and the Son,  
to th'eternal Spirit honor  
now and evermore be done;  
praise and glory in the highest,  
while the timeless ages run. Amen.**

*The large candle is returned to its place at the cross. You may come forward to make a sign of reverence at the cross. This may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it. When you are ready, please depart in silence. Please leave your offering in the plate at either door.*

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Leading – Pr. Lans Alexis

Assisting – Erik Alexis

Music - Bärbel Otto

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Worship on the Three Great Days continues at Easter Dawn when we celebrate the Service of Light, Word, and Meal. The 7:00am Vigil is when we hear the witness of the Scriptures to God's continuing grace to us through the Good News of Christ and his Resurrection.

Other events this weekend include our annual Easter Pancake Breakfast, [in the lower level lounge] starting at 7:45am. Our Easter Festival Communion services, celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord, are at 8:45am and 10:15am.

Easter flowers may be picked up after the 8:45 & 10:15 am. worship services. Please initial the "pick-up" list at the lectern podium.