+THE DIVINE SERVICE+ OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST GOOD FRIDAY + 18 APRIL 2025



The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church A member congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 902 S. Maple Inglewood, CA 90301-3824

"It Is Finished"

The Pastor and congregation enter in silence.

On this night we remember that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Law and prophecies. He is the promised Son of Eve, who has come to conquer death, hell and the devil for us. His pronouncement "It is finished" means that our salvation is once and for all completed.

Lent Versicles

LSB 219

- P O Lord, open my lips,
- **C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- **G** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalm

Why Have You Forsaken Me?

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?* Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?
²O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,* and by night, but I | find no rest.
³Yet you are | holy,* enthroned on the praises of | Israel.
⁴In you our fathers | trusted;* they trusted, and you de- | livered them.
⁵To you they cried and were | rescued;* in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.
⁶But I am a worm and | not a man,* scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.
⁷All who see me | mock me;* they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

⁸"He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;* let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"

Psalm 22

⁹Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;* you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. ¹⁰On you was I cast | from my birth,* and from my mother's womb you have | been my God. ¹¹Be not far from me, for trouble | is near.* and there is | none to help. ¹²Many bulls en- | compass me;* strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me; ¹³they open wide their | mouths at me.* like a ravening and roaring | lion. ¹⁴I am poured out like water. and all my bones are | out of joint;* my heart is like wax; it is melted with- | in my breast; ¹⁵my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;* you lay me in the | dust of death. ¹⁶For dogs en- | compass me:* a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my | hands and feet-¹⁷I can count | all my bones-* they stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my garments a- | mong them,* and for my clothing they | cast lots. ¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be | far off!* O you my help, come quickly | to my aid! ²⁰Deliver my soul | from the sword,* my precious life from the power | of the dog! ²¹Save me from the mouth of the | lion!* You have rescued me from the horns of the wild | oxen! ²²I will tell of your name to my | brothers;* in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you: ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glo- | rify him,* and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of | Israel! ²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,

and he has not hidden his | face from him,* but has heard, when he | cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congre- | gation;* my vows I will perform before those who | fear him.

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall | praise the LORD!* May your hearts live for- | ever!

 ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,*
 and all the families of the nations

shall worship be- | fore you.

²⁸For kingship belongs | to the LORD,* and he rules over the | nations.

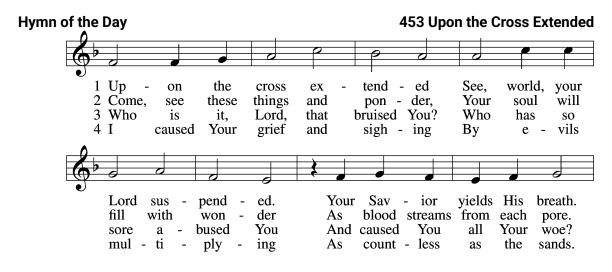
²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;* before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.

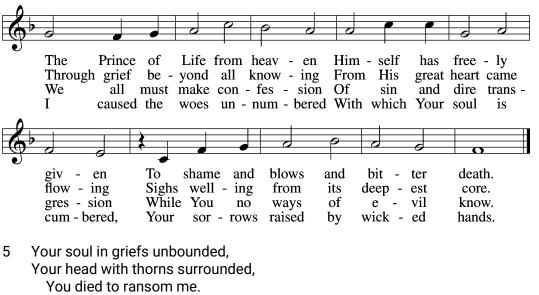
³⁰Posterity shall | serve him;*

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it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation;
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³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,* that he has | done it.

Sit





- The cross for me enduring, The crown for me securing, You healed my wounds and set me free.
- 6 Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to You forever, I am no longer mine.
 To You I gladly tender
 All that my life can render
 And all I have to You resign.
- Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me, Sustain me in the test.
 It will, when life is ending, Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest.

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

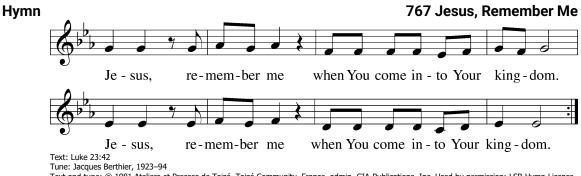
The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53.

He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at youhis appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind-¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: vet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered

that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him: he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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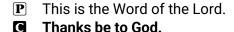
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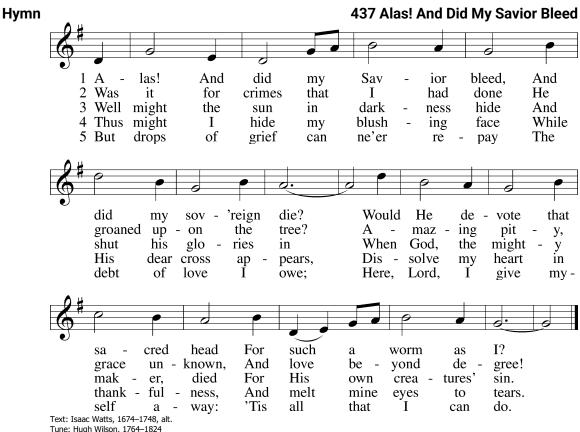
Hebrews 4:14-16

P The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters four and five.

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

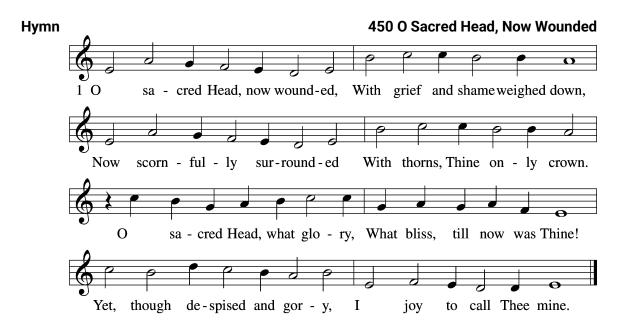




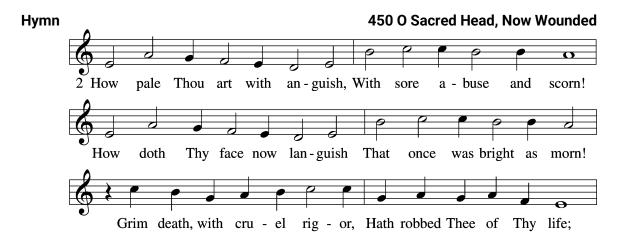
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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

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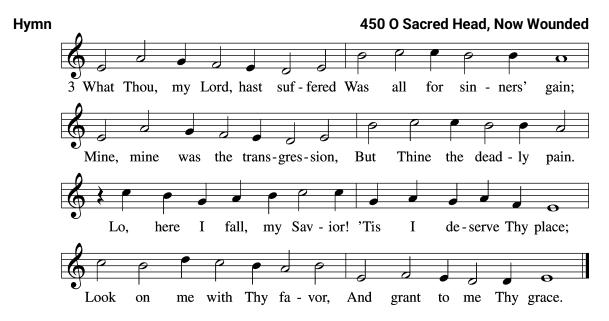


Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter: John 18:12-27

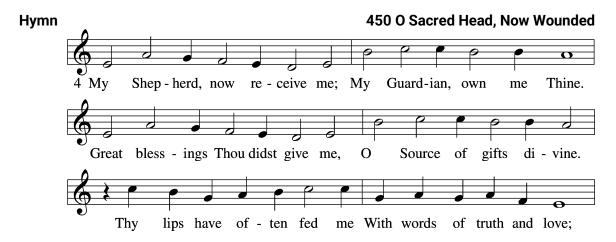




Jesus Before Pilate: John 18:28–40

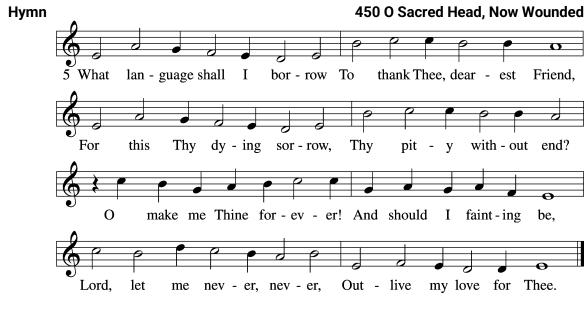


Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion: John 19:1–16

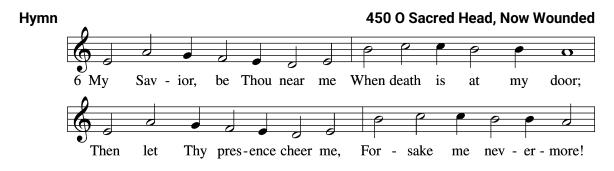


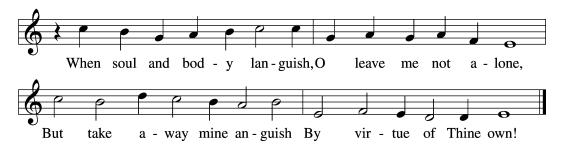


The Crucifixion of Jesus: John 19:16-24

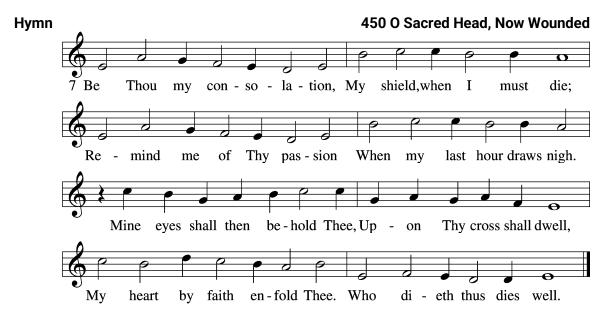


Jesus' Mother and His Death: John 19:25-30





Jesus' Side is Pierced: John 19:31-42



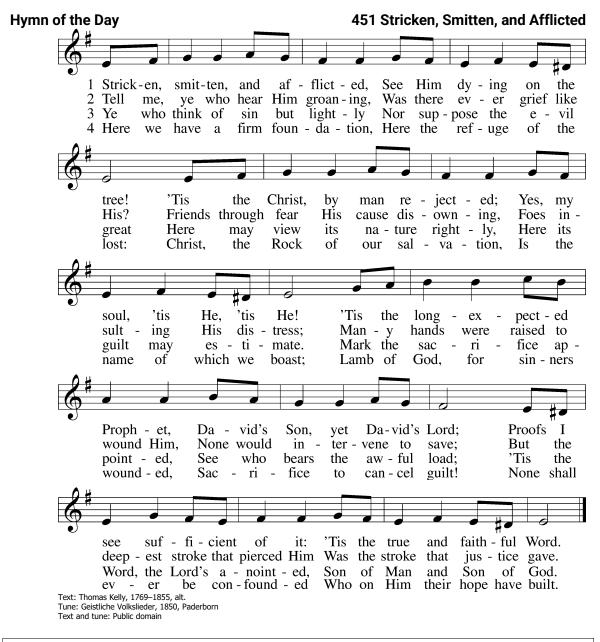
Please stand

Responsory

LSB 222

- P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
- **G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
- **G** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.
- We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
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Please be seated



Sermon

Pastor Edward Killian

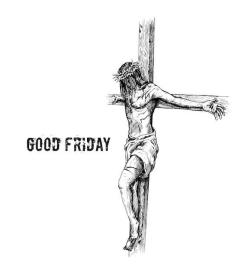
Offering Collected after service in the back of the church.

Please Stand

Prayer Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

 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.



P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

In the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
■ Let us pray. 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 a cross; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, because it was Your will that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and thus remove from us the power of the adversary, help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may receive remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(The light will be carried out, and the book will close. The light will return.)

After the light returns, Pastor and the congregation will depart in silence.

Acknowledgments

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Join the Easter Celebration this Sunday at 10am!

There will be an Easter Brunch provided by the ladies of the Good Shepherd.

<u>A Good Friday Sermon by Gerhard Forde</u> *"It is Finished"*

Dear hearers of the word of God, you are finished. You cannot be the same now. All that is ended, over.

It is finished, completed, fulfilled. In our world with all its half-finished tasks, its jobs which never seem to stay done, those words ring strange in our ears, perhaps even a bit presumptuous. How can it be finished? Does not the world go on, with its comings and goings, its joys and its sorrows, loves and hates, living and dying, its giving birth, and yes, even its violence and killing? How can it be finished? Yet that is the claim of this word of Jesus from the cross. There was one task, at least, that got done. It is finished.

What is finished? Nothing less, I think we must say, than all our business with him whom we call God. For the fact is that since the beginning we have not gotten on very well with God. Oh, I suppose you might say that we have tried in a way. We have flattered him with some of the best names we can think of: Divine, The Supreme Being, The First Cause, The Almighty, The omnipotent, omniscient and all the other "omnis."

We have built some of our most beautiful buildings in his honor, done heroic things in his name – as long as it seems to suit our purposes. We have undertaken great moral crusades, made sacrifices and laid many a burden on ourselves to do him justice – or at least we tell ourselves we have. But through it all, as the Scriptures amply testify, there has been an undercurrent of resentment against a God who really undertakes to come into our lives, to intrude upon us.

"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his Anointed, saying, 'Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us" (Ps. 2:2–3). "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" (Matt. 23:37). Since the beginning when we listened to the voice of the tempter, "You shall not die, you shall be as

God," we have been trying to do away with God. And now, at last it has happened. The truth about us is exposed. God's Son is dead. It is finished – our business with God.

But that, of course, is not all of the story – thanks be to God! When Jesus uttered that last cry, it meant that not only our business with God is finished, but also God's business with us, God's way with us, God's seeking us is finished, consummated, perfected. Since the beginning he has been seeking us, trying to get through to us, to reconcile us to himself, to say his "I love you, nevertheless. You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."

Now he has said it, done it. Wonder of wonders, this is the moment God has planned for. "He was delivered up," St. Peter said, "according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). He came to bear our sins in his body. He took it all the way to death. He speaks in his last word to us. He completes his way with us. He spares nothing that we might see the light. So in John's Gospel, from which these words come, this is the moment of the supreme glorification of the Name of God. Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all to me" (John 12:23). Before his crucifixion he prayed, "Father, the hour has come, glorify thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee...!" (John 17:1). And now it has happened. The Glory of God has been manifested.

And so it is finished. The Scriptures have been fulfilled. And what does that mean for us? Shall we arise from this dreadful place, this death, and live? That, I suppose, remains to be seen. It awaits the message of Easter Morn. But it does mean that we are finished. Our old way with God has reached its goal. And that means that we are finished. It means, dear hearers of the word of God, that you are finished. You cannot be the same now. All that is ended, over.

All the selfishness, the refusal to believe God and to take him at his word, the prejudice, the hatred, the protecting of self, the fear of death – all that has no point, no purpose, no future. You are through. God has put an end to that. He has decided to have done with the old because he is creating something new. So hear this word from the cross: It is finished, and that is final. Hear it and know that it is not just an end, but a completion, a consummation, that in that end is a new beginning. Nothing remains now but to await the dawn of a new day, the Easter Morning, the resurrection, the new life of faith in God. God has made an end to the old so the new can begin once again. He has reached his goal. It is finished. Repent, and believe. Amen.

