

A crown of thorns, a symbol of suffering and sacrifice, is centered against a dark background. The text "good friday" is overlaid in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font.

good friday

April 2, 2021

Welcome to St. Paul's!

St. Paul's is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who love each other and our community. Stop by the Welcome Center in the church entry for information about any of our ministries. An attendant will be there to answer your questions.

For Little Children: There is a "wiggle room," where parents can go to quiet their children during the worship service. You can hear the service there. This room is to your right as you leave the center doors of the sanctuary.

Restrooms: Restrooms are to the left as you leave the sanctuary. There are also handicapped/family restrooms in the west wing of the church (to the right as you leave the sanctuary).

Special Needs: Large-print worship folders and hearing assistance are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Christian Education

St. Paul's Child Care Center

We offer a wonderful Christian child care ministry for children six-weeks old through 3 years old. We will have openings in our infant room, beginning September of 2021. Pregnant? Tell your spouse. Tell your parents. Then call our Child Care Center Administrator Tammy Dockter at 414-422-0320, ext. 200.

School Registration for 2021-2022

Our 3K – 8th grade Lutheran School is accepting registrations for the next school year. Call our School Administrator Seth Fitzsimmons (414-422-0320, ext. 118) for a school tour or indicate interest on the Connection Card. We participate in both the Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Parental Choice programs and we offer generous financial aid. Don't let financial concerns keep you from exploring this opportunity to help your child grow in their faith, academics, and Christian character. We're worth a visit!

Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

Kids Club is our vibrant ministry for youth on Sundays for 3K through grade 6. All age levels meet in our school classrooms from 9:15 until 10:15 am. Kids Club resumes on Sunday, April 11. New participants are always welcome. Register any Sunday morning in the Trinity Café, directly across the parking lot from the church.

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Good Friday Worship

April 2, 2021

Good Friday on Trial

MASKS AND SEATING

We continue to encourage the wearing of masks throughout the service if you are able. As attendance increases, it may be difficult to maintain our customary social distancing at all services. If you are comfortable with less social distancing, please sit on the right side of the sanctuary (facing the altar). If you desire more social distancing, we recommend sitting on the left side of the sanctuary. There is also additional seating in the balcony and the Grace Room.

TOLLING OF BELLS ANNOUNCES THE DEATH OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

M Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
C yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

M But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;
C the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

M All we, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;
C and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

HYMN 98

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.

Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.

Yet, O Lord, not thus alone Make me see your passion,
But its cause to me make known And its termination.
Ah! I also and my sin Wrought your deep affliction;
This indeed the cause has been Of your crucifixion.

M A reading from the Gospel of St. John:

John 19:17-30

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him two others—one on each side and Jesus in the middle.

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

"Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did.

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

M Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in humble awe, in reverent silence, and in solemn trembling, your people have gathered around your cross to remember your death. At your cross we see the ugliness, horror, and misery that sin, death, and Satan have brought into the world and that you, dear Savior, willingly took on yourself. Open our eyes to see that you suffered what we deserved so that by your death you might destroy death and reconcile us with your Father. Help us believe that we are worth that much to you.

C **Amen.**

ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love Is This
Lutheran Elementary School Grades 3 & 8

OPENING STATEMENTS TO THE JURY

THE FIRST WITNESS — PILATE

THE SECOND WITNESS — A ROMAN SOLDIER

HYMN 117

O Dearest Jesus

O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession
What dark transgression?

What punishment so strange is suffered yonder!
The Shepherd dies for sheep that love to wander;
The Master pays the debt his servants owe him,
Who would not know him.

The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted
God is committed.

THE THIRD WITNESS — THE DYING THIEF

THE FOURTH WITNESS — MARY

HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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THE FIFTH WITNESS — PETER

CONCLUDING REMARKS TO THE JURY

Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut its glories in
When God, the mighty Maker, died
For his own creatures' sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,
And melt my eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away –
'Tis all that I can do.

SERVICE OF DARKNESS—THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

The Tenebrae Service (Service of Darkness) has been observed in the Church of Jesus Christ since the fourth century. As we read through Jesus' seven words from the cross, the darkness in the sanctuary will deepen. The darkness takes us to the foot of the cross as the Savior suffered in darkness from noon until 3 pm. In the darkness, we confront the dark sins of our hearts that made Jesus' suffering necessary.

Luke 23: 32-34

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

M Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

Luke 23:39-43

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

M Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

John 19:25-27

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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Mark 15:33-34

33 At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

M Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

John 19:28-29

28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

M Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

John 19:30a

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

M Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

Luke 23:44-46

44 It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

M Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

THE REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

STREPITUS

A Latin word meaning "loud noise", symbolizing the earthquake that occurred when Jesus died and the closing of the Savior's tomb.

A moment for silent meditation.

M Now all is silent. The hellish crew, death and the grave have had their day. Yet, they shall not have the last word. The Temple they sought to destroy will rise up again on the third day. In confident hope and expectation, the church awaits the glory of the Easter morn.

The Christ Candle is restored representing the resurrection hope that is ours and will be celebrated on Easter morning.

M My body also will rest secure (Psalm 16:9),

C **because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay (Psalm 16:10).**

M Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*whispered*)

M We pray.

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

After a moment of meditation, the congregation is asked to leave in silence.

We encourage you to go home today anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. You may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like. The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

We are adding services to provide adequate space for our Holy Week worshippers.

Easter Traditional Services, April 3 – 4 (all services identical)

Saturday at 5:00 pm

Sunday at 6:30, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 am

There will not be a Wednesday 7:00 pm service the week after Easter.

Easter Bridge Services, April 4

9:00 and 10:30 am (no Bridge Communion)

Overflow Seating

There will be overflow seating available in the Grace Room on Maundy Thursday at 3:30 pm; Good Friday at 1:00 pm; and Easter Sunday at 7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am.

Avoiding a Crowded Service

To avoid crowds, we recommend the following services:

- Easter service on Saturday at 5:00 pm or Sunday at 6:30 or 10:45 am

Livestreaming

The following will be livestreamed and will be available for viewing after the service:

- Maundy Thursday at 3:30 pm
- Good Friday at 1:00 and 3:30 pm
- Easter Traditional at 9:15 am
- The Bridge Easter at 10:30 am

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship

- Saturday at 5:00 pm
- Sunday at 7:45, 9:15 and 10:45 am
- Wednesday at 7:00 pm (resuming April 14)
- Livestreamed at 9:15 am on YouTube Channel St. Paul's Muskego

Contemporary Worship

- The Bridge on Sundays at 10:15 am
- Livestreamed at 10:15 am on YouTube Channel The Bridge Church Muskego

Kids Club

- Our Sunday morning children's ministry from 9:15 to 10:15 am
- For children 3K to 6th grade
- No pre-registration necessary
- Resumes on Sunday, April 11