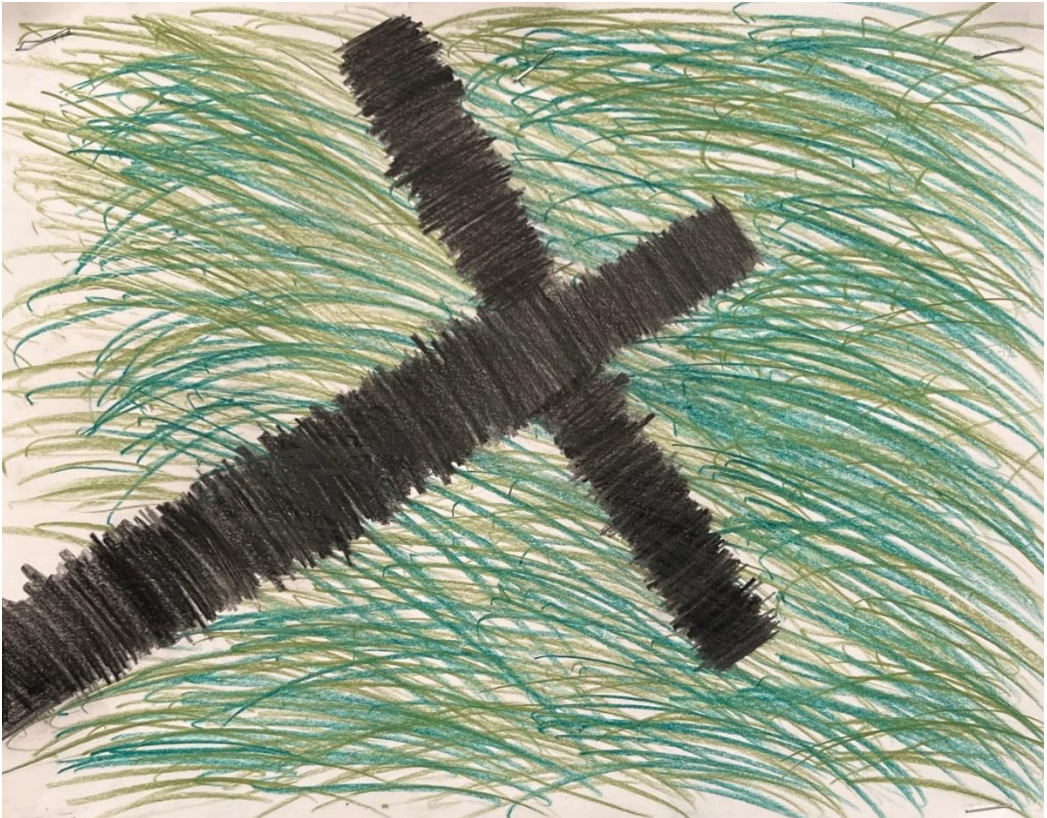


# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Adoration of the Cross  
Good Friday  
April 7, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We welcome you** in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word on this Good Friday. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

**Nursery care** is provided for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

**Assistance in Worship:** For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

**Please silence** all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

**Grace Council Statement on Racism:** Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## **As we gather:**

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.

# ADORATION OF THE CROSS

*The ministers enter in silence.*

**ANTHEM:** Praise to Thee, Lord Jesus

Heinrich Schütz

Praise to thee, Lord Jesus, who in bitter pain,  
on the cross did suffer, and for our sake wast slain.  
Thou reignest with God the Father in eternity.  
Lead us, erring sinners, unto heaven and thee.  
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*We stand.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family,  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed  
and to be given over to the hands of sinners and to suffer death on the cross;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

**PSALM 22**

Antiphon by Hal H. Hopson

**L** My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me\*  
and are so far from my cry, and from the words of | my distress?

**C** O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you | do not answer;\*  
by night as well, but I | find no rest.

**L** Yet you are the | Holy One,\*  
enthroned upon the prais- | es of Israel.

**C** Our ancestors put their | trust in you;\*  
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.

**L** They cried out to you and | were delivered;\*  
they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

**C** But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,\*  
scorned by all and despised | by the people.

**L** All who see me laugh | me to scorn;\*  
they curl their lips and wag | their heads, saying,

**C** “He trusted in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;\*  
let him rescue him, if he de- | lights in him.”

- L** Yet you are he who took me out | of the womb,\*  
and kept me safe upon my | mother's breast.
- C** **I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;\***  
**you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.**

### ANTIPHON

- L** Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,\*  
and there is | none to help.
- C** **Many young bulls en- | circle me;\***  
**strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.**
- L** They open wide their | jaws at me,\*  
like a ravening and a | roaring lion.
- C** **I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;\***  
**my heart within my breast is | melting wax.**
- L** My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;\*,  
and you have laid me in the dust | of the grave.
- C** **Packs of dogs close me in, and gangs of evildoers cir- | cle around me;\***  
**they pierce my hands and my feet, I can count | all my bones.**
- L** They stare and gloat | over me;\*,  
they divide my garments among them; they cast lots | for my clothing.
- C** **Be not far a- | way, O LORD;\***  
**you are my strength; hast- | en to help me.**

### ANTIPHON

- L** Save me | from the sword,\*  
my life from the power | of the dog.
- C** **Save me from the | lion's mouth,\***  
**my wretched body from the horns | of wild bulls.**
- L** I will declare your name | to my brethren;\*,  
in the midst of the congregation | I will praise you.
- C** **Praise the LORD, | you that fear him;\***  
**stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's | line, give glory.**
- L** For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his | face from them;\*,  
but when they cry to | him he hears them.
- C** **My praise is of him in the | great assembly;\***  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | worship him.**

### ANTIPHON

- L** The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the | LORD shall praise him:\*
- “May your heart | live forever!”
- C** **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,\***  
**and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.**
- L** For kingship belongs | to the LORD;\*
- he rules o- | ver the nations.
- C** **To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in worship;\***  
**all who go down to the dust | fall before him.**
- L** My soul shall live for him; my descend- | ants shall serve him;\*
- they shall be known as the | LORD’s forever.
- C** **They shall come and make known to a people | yet unborn\***  
**the saving deeds that | he has done.**

## ANTIPHON

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13–53:12

- <sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper;  
 he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
 and shall be very high.
- <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
 — so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
 and his form beyond that of mortals —
- <sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations;  
 kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
 for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
 and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
- <sup>1</sup>Who has believed what we have heard?  
 And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- <sup>2</sup>For 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,  
 nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by others;  
 a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
 and as one from whom others hide their faces  
 he was despised, and we held him of no account.
- <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
 and carried our diseases;  
 yet we accounted him stricken,  
 struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We remain seated for the hymn.*

**HYMN: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How art thou pale with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;  
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does that vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for he who dies be - liev - ing dies safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; based on Arnulf of Louvain, c. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500, adapt. Hans L. Hassler, 1564–1612

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:16–25

<sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

<sup>17</sup>he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

<sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** Hebrews 12:2

Michael D. Costello

Let us look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN:** John 18:1–19:42

Setting by Carl F. Schalk

**Choir** The Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according the holy evangelist St. John.

*We sit.*

*The text of the Passion is printed on an insert for those who wish to follow along with the reading.*

*A time of silence follows the reading of the Passion, then:*

**CHORAL PRAYER**

Hans Leo Hassler

Lord, let at last thine angels come,  
To Abraham's bosom bear me home,  
That I may die unfearing;  
And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep  
Until thy reappearing.


And then from death awaken me,  
That these mine eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, thy glorious face,  
My Savior and my fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise thee without end!




*After another time of silence:*

**HYMN:** Ah, Holy Jesus

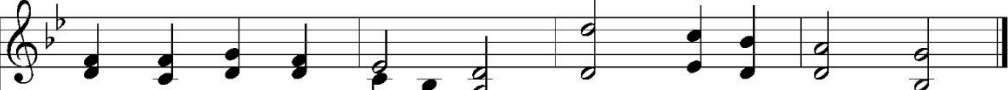
*Stanzas two and four are sung by the choir in settings by John Folkening and Michael D. Costello.*



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath  
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal  
5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,  
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
while we noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.  
Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## BIDDING PRAYER

*The assisting minister leads each bid, which is followed by a brief silence for reflection.*

*In several prayers the presiding minister prays for the church, the world, and the whole human family.*

*We add our assent to the prayer by responding "Amen."*

*The prayers conclude:*

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

☐ **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,**

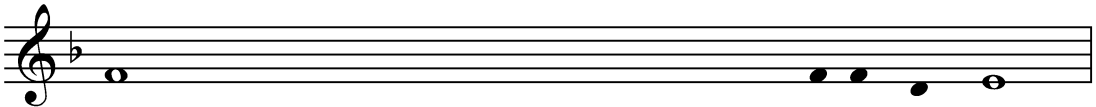
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

*We stand and face entrance to the church, singing this versicle three times as the cross is carried in procession.*

## ADORATION OF THE CROSS



☐ Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.



☐ Oh, come, let us wor-ship him.

*We sit.*

*All are invited to come forward to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*

*During this time the Solemn Reproaches are sung.*

## **SOLEMN REPROACHES**

Sung by the choir in a setting by Tomas Luis de Victoria  
Adapted by Geoffrey Cox

My people, what have I done to you?  
How have I offended you? Answer me!

I led you out of Egypt, from slavery to freedom, but you led your Savior to the cross.

*Hagios o Theós. Holy is God!*

*Hagios Ischyrós. Holy and strong!*

*Hagios Athánatos, eléison hymás. Holy immortal One, have mercy on us!*

For forty years I led you safely through the desert.

I fed you with manna from heaven, and brought you to a land of plenty;  
but you led your Savior to the cross.

*Hagios o Theós. Holy is God!*

*Hagios Ischyrós. Holy and strong!*

*Hagios Athánatos, eléison hymás. Holy immortal One, have mercy on us!*

What more could I have done for you?

I planted you as my fairest vine, but you yielded only bitterness:  
when I was thirsty you gave me vinegar to drink, and you pierced your Savior with a lance.

*Hagios o Theós. Holy is God!*

*Hagios Ischyrós. Holy and strong!*

*Hagios Athánatos, eléison hymás. Holy immortal One, have mercy on us!*

*After a time of silence:*

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

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

*We stand; the choir sings the Vexilla regis prodeunt*

**RESPONSE: The Royal Banners Forward Go**

*(green)* **LBW #124**



1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go; the cross shines forth in  
2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed, life's tor - rent rush - ing  
3 Ful - filled is all that Da - vid told in true pro - phet - ic  
4 O tree of beau - ty, tree most fair, or-dained those ho - ly



mys - tic glow where he, by whom our flesh was made,  
from his side, to wash us in the pre - cious flood  
song of old, that God the na - tions' king should be  
limbs to bear: gone is your shame, each crim - soned bough



in that same flesh our ran - som paid;  
where flowed the wa - ter and the blood.  
and reign in tri - umph from the tree.  
pro - claims the King of glo - ry now. A - men

5 Blest tree, whose chosen branches bore  
the wealth that did the world restore,  
the price of humankind to pay,  
and spoil the spoiler of his prey.

6 To you, eternal Three in One,  
our songs shall rise in unison;  
those whom you ransom and restore  
preserve and govern evermore. Amen

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, 530–609, sts. 1–5; source unknown, st. 6; tr. composite

Music: VEXILLA REGIS, Sarum plainsong, mode I

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*We depart in silence.*

*Those who wish to remain in the sanctuary for a time of meditation and prayer are welcome to do so.*

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Revs. David R. Lyle and Troy E. Medlin, presiding ministers

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Rich Schubkegel, assisting minister

Lori Martin and Kathryn Jandeska, lectors

Scott Schwar, usher

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