



GOOD FRIDAY

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastor John Boor
April 3, 2026
Good Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENEBRAE SERVICE
A Service of Darkness

PRELUDE

GREETING:

Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,
Who redeems us from sin and death.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,
Even death on the cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

OPENING HYMN: ***“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”***

**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.**

**How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion Were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.**

**What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, And, should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love to thee.**

**Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, From thee shall never move;
For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.**

HYMN:

“Ah Holy Jesus” (Verses 1-2)

**Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.**

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
‘Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was I denied thee; I crucified thee.**

Eleventh Reading (*Jesus is put in custody of Pontius Pilate*)

Twelfth Reading (*Jesus is put on the stand before Pontius Pilate*)

Thirteenth Reading (*The crowd shouts “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”*)

Fourteenth Reading (*The Roman Soldiers mock Jesus*)

Fifteenth Reading (*Jesus is Crucified*)

HYMN:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord that I should boast Save in death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

Sixteenth Reading (*Jesus breathes his last breath*)

HYMN:

“Ah Holy Jesus” (Verses 3-4)

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.**

**For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
Thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion, For my salvation.**

Seventeenth Reading (*The curtain of the temple is torn, the earth shakes*)

THE EARTHQUAKE *Organ Only*

HYMN:

“Were You There” (Verses 1-3)

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

DISMISSAL

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, yes, even death on a cross keep you and strengthen you this night, and forever more.

AMEN

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This holy day recalls the last hours of Jesus’ life as the suffering servant is nailed to the cross, fulfilling his mission as the sacrificial Lamb of God. The sinless One takes on humanity’s sin as he is betrayed by his closest companions, arrested and sentenced to a shameful death, even as Pontius Pilate finds no fault in him. We see ourselves in the angry crowd and lament our own denial of our Lord.

