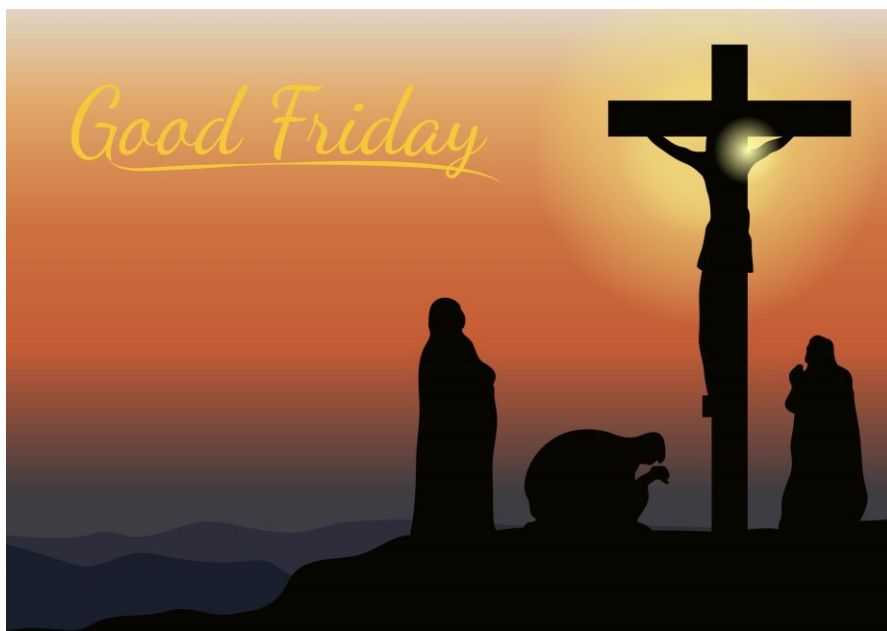




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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'

Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'

Preludes

"As You Love"

Man of Sorrows forsaken Bruised and bleeding Lamb of God
When the price is my comfort Help me love as You love
With the proud and ungrateful You are gracious You are kind
We are all undeserving Help me love as You love
Through rejection through injustice When none understand
As a child of Your mercy Help me love as You love

Lord my heart is so cluttered All You are is only love
Form Yourself here within me Help me love as You love
I am rich yet so anxious You are poor yet glad to give
From our Father's abundance Help me love as You love
All around me are the needy My God how You care
Fill my heart with Your Spirit Help me love as You love

Through rejection through injustice When none understand
As a child of Your mercy Help me love as You love

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"Blessed Redeemer"

Up Calvary's mountain one dreadful morn
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn
Facing for sinners death on the cross
That He might save them from endless loss

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me

"Father, forgive them," my Savior prayed
Even while His lifeblood flowed fast away
Praying for sinners while in such woe
No one but Jesus ever loved so

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me dying for me

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Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
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Oh how I love Him, Savior and friend
How can my praises ever find end
Through years unnumbered on Heaven's shore
My songs shall praise Him forevermore

Blessed Redeemer, precious Redeemer
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading
Blind and unheeding, dying for me

Welcome

Opening Song

“Scars”

Waking up to a new sunrise, looking back from the other side,
I can see now with open eyes.
Darkest water and deepest pain, I wouldn't trade it for anything,
'cause my brokenness brought me to You.
And these wounds are a story You'll use.

So, I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
so forever I am thankful for the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence with the strength of Your faithfulness.
And I'm not who I was before; no, I don't have to fear anymore.

So, I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.

And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
so forever I am thankful for the scars.

I can see, I can see how You delivered me.
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory.
I can see, I can see how You delivered me.
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory.

I'm thankful for Your scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
So forever I am thankful. I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause with out them I wouldn't know your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
so forever I am thankful for the scars.
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Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,

C **so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

P He was wounded for our transgressions;

C **He was crushed for our iniquities;**

P upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

C **and with His stripes we are healed.**

Confession and Absolution

P Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity,
becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your
sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.

P Gracious Father,

C **have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.**

P Loving Lord Jesus,

- C** take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.
- P** Renewing Holy Spirit,
- C** Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. In the stead and by the command of our crucified Savior, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Song of Praise

“Great Are You Lord”

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

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It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, “Great are You, Lord!”

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, “Great are You, Lord!”

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

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Service of the Word

- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** Incline Your ear to me; rescue me speedily!
C **Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**
- P** For You are my rock and my fortress;
C **and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me;**
- P** You take me out of the net they have hidden for me,
C **for You are my refuge.**
- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit;
C **You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
- P** Blessed be the LORD,
C **for He has wondrously shown His steadfast love to me when I was in a besieged city.**
- P** I had said in my alarm, "I am cut off from Your sight."
C **But You heard the voice of my pleas for mercy when I cried to You for help.**
- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
C **in Your righteousness deliver me!**
- P** Suffering Savior,
C **have mercy upon us.**
- P** Crucified Christ,
C **have mercy upon us.**
- P** Merciful Messiah,
C **grant us Your peace.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray together...
C **Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people, with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross so we may forever know real life, love, and forgiveness; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Apostles' Creed

**☒ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☒ everlasting.
Amen.**

Message Song

“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life;
Here I bow down, here I bow.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

Message

“All Wound Up”

First Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵ so 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.

¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ² 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, and no beauty that we should desire him.³ He 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.⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.⁶ All 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.⁷ He 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.⁸ By 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? ⁹ And 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.¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.¹¹ Out 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.¹² Therefore 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.

Gospel Reading

John 19:16-30

¹⁶ So he delivered him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit

Prayer Of The Church

- ☐ Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You gather us together at the foot of Your Son's cross that we may join with the eyewitnesses of His death and behold His all-sufficient sacrifice for our redemption.

- C** Help us to know the real life that comes to us because of the wonderful exchange Jesus offered to us at the cross.
- P** Lead us to see that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary.
- C** He was forsaken by You, dear Father, so that we might never be forsaken. He died so that we may live.
- P** Lord Jesus, grant on this Friday we call “good” that the promises of Your Word may be received by us all with a living faith.
- C** Encourage our hearts and minds as we trust that all You accomplished at Calvary was done for our salvation.
- P** Holy Spirit, You unite us by Baptism to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide us by Your grace to know the power of sharing in His death so that, with Him, we may partake in His resurrection.
- C** All glory, honor, and praise be to You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.
- P** Hear us as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us: *LSB 209*
- C** 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.

Blessing

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Song (Praise Team Only)

“Lead Me To The Cross”

Saviour I come quiet my soul Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross Where Your love poured out

Bring me to my knees Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

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***We depart in silent confidence, trusting that the light of Easter will soon
scatter the darkness of Good Friday.***

