

St. John's Lutheran Church

March 29, 2024
~ GOOD FRIDAY ~



STEPPING OUT

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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* = Please stand as you are able

The Call to Worship on the Bells

Organ Prelude –

Opening Prayer

***The Opening Hymn –**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (LBW #107)

***Call to Worship –**

L: Slowly, we come to worship on this holy Friday.

P: Reluctantly, we hear the story of Jesus' suffering.

L: Bleakly, we follow Jesus to the cross.

P: Humbly, we acknowledge our part in his passion.

L: Deeply, we yearn to understand the depth of this sacrifice.

P: Solemnly, we gather this day to pray and worship together, giving thanks for our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Liturgy of the Word –

Today's Old Testament Lesson comes from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 53

Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was
on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;

and the Lord has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

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

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken
away.

Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was
punished.

9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and
cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life an
offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his
days,

and the will of the Lord will prosper in his
hand.

11 After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

by his knowledge my righteous servant will
justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will give him a portion among
the great,

and he will divide the spoils with the
strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Today's New Testament Lesson comes from the book of Romans

Romans 10:9-10

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Response –**

***Hymn-**

Alas And Did My Savior Bleed (LBW #98)

*L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

***C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 14:26-31

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!". 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Message –

Crying Out in Fear!

Special Music-

Via Dolorosa

Challenge & Benediction

***Hymn –**

Were You There (LBW #92)

**Please leave in silence*