

Good Friday



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

Silence begins and closes this service.

The cross is brought into the worship area.

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

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

*(silence for meditation. A loud noise will be made
representing the earthquake)*

1st Candle Extinguished

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW # 349

The Prayer of the Day (in unison)

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

2nd Candle Extinguished

First Reading *Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12*

Responsive Reading *Psalms 22*

3rd Candle Extinguished

Second Reading *Hebrews 10:16-25*

Hymn

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

ELW # 351

4th Candle Extinguished

The Passion according to St. John

John 18:1 – 19:42

Hymn

“Were You There”

ELW # 353

5th Candle Extinguished

Sermon *Celebrating Love Through Creation*

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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6th Candle Extinguished

The Litany (spoken)

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7th Candle Extinguished

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**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.**

Christ Candle will be removed for time of meditation

Christ Candle Returned

Hymn

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

ELW # 359

Service for Healing

Healing Blessing

Hosea 6:1-3

P: "Come, let us return to the Lord;

C: for it is he who has torn us, and he will heal us;

P: he has struck down,

C: and he will bind us up.

P: After two days he will revive us;

C: on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

P: Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;

C: his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

P: he will come to us like the showers,

C: like the spring rains that water the earth."

At this time, you are invited to come forward and receive Christ's blessing of healing through the laying on of hands and the seal of the baptismal cross. The pastor will use the following blessing or one similar to it.

I lay my hands upon you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beseeching Him to uphold you and fill you with grace, that you may know His presence and the healing power of His love.

When everyone has returned to their seats we will pray.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and eternal God, you have restored us to life by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ. Continue this healing work within us. May we who participate in this mystery never cease to serve you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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

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

*The pastor leaves in silence.
Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation.*