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**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**Good Friday**

**March 29, 2024 3:00 & 7:00 p.m.**

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!**

Thank you for worshipingwith us today. We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

There are times in our worship service where we stand or kneel. Feel free to participate in either as you are able or feel comfortable to remain seated.

Please ask an usher should you require a hearing assistance device.

(†) ~ Those who wish may make the sign of the Cross in remembrance of their Baptism.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Card from the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Prayer requests may also be emailed to [trinityoffice@bellsouth.net](mailto:trinityoffice@bellsouth.net) or to pastorjeffwebb@yahoo.com.

**FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

We are delighted that you have brought your child to worship! We invite you to use the Cry Room as a courtesy to others if your little one gets a little rambunctious. Our Cry Room, complete with seating and children's activities, is located at the back of the Sanctuary. The service can be heard through the sound system. We hope your children feel glad they were here and that they are a part of the Trinity family!

***Our Vision:***

***Growing in God’s Word to Share Christ’s Love***

***Our Mission:***

***Led by God, equipped as disciples through Word and Sacrament,***

***we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.***



**AS WE GATHER TODAY**

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. “By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s, and the righteousness of Christ is ours,” Luther writes. “He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness” (*Select Works*). Let us give Jesus glory for the “wonderful exchange” He has made with us at the cross!

**GOOD FRIDAY**

The Wonderful Exchange

**PRELUDE** “Were You There?” *Peter Pindar Stearns 7:00 Service*

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

*Please Stand*

**HYMN 440** “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

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5 If my sins give me alarm  
    And my conscience grieve me,  
Let Your cross my fear disarm;  
    Peace of conscience give me.  
Help me see forgiveness won  
    By Your holy passion.  
If for me He slays His Son,  
    God must have compassion!

6 Graciously my faith renew;  
    Help me bear my crosses,  
Learning humbleness from You,  
    Peace mid pain and losses.  
May I give You love for love!  
    Hear me, O my Savior,  
That I may in heav’n above  
    Sing Your praise forever.

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:5*

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

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

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions;

**People: He was crushed for our iniquities;**

Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

**People: and with His stripes we are healed.**

*Kneel or Be Seated*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: 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.*

Pastor: Gracious Father,

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

Pastor: Loving Lord Jesus,

**People: take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.**

Pastor: Renewing Holy Spirit,

**People: Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.**

Pastor: 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. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

*Please Stand*

**INTROIT** *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

**People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

Pastor: O Lord, rebuke me not in Your anger,

**People: nor discipline me in Your wrath!**

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

**People: and Your hand has come down on me.**

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; nb

**People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

**People: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

**People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

**People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.**

**KYRIE**

Pastor: Suffering Savior,

**People: have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Crucified Christ,

**People: have mercy upon us.**

Pastor: Merciful Messiah,

**People: grant us Your peace.**

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,

**People: with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross to bear our sin so we may know His righteousness;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 52:13–53:12*

(The Messiah “was numbered with the transgressors” and “bore the sin of many.”)

Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
 he shall be high and lifted up,  
 and shall be exalted.  
As many were astonished at you—  
 his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
 and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—  
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.  
Who has believed what they heard from us?  
 And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?  
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.  
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.  
Surely he has borne our griefs  
 and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
 smitten by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
 he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
 and with his stripes we are healed.  
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.  
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.  
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?  
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.  
Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
 he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for sin,  
 he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.  
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.  
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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Pastor: [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

**People: Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

**People: He has commanded His covenant forever.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9* (Jesus, our High Priest, suffered for our salvation.)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. . . .

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Isaiah 53:4*

Pastor: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

**People: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.**

*Please Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 19:17–30* (The crucifixion of Jesus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” 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. 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.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

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, 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, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Be Seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY 456** “Were You There”

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**SERMON**

*Please Stand*

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**People: I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.  
  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.  
  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**OFFERING MUSIC** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” *J. S. Bach 7:00 Service*

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*Kneel or Be Seated*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Help us to know the real life that comes to us because of the wonderful exchange Jesus offered to us at the cross.**

Pastor: Lead us to see that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary.

**People: He was forsaken by You, dear Father, so that we might never be forsaken. He died so that we may live.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Encourage our hearts and minds as we trust that all You accomplished at Calvary was done for our salvation.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: All glory, honor, and praise be to You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**✠ THE SEVEN LAST WORDS ✠**

*We reflect on the seven last words that Jesus spoke from the cross as the lights are dimmed.*

**FIRST WORD** *Luke 23:33–34* (“Father, forgive them . . .”)

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

The First Candle is Extinguished

**HYMN 439 vv. 1-3** “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

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**SECOND WORD** *Luke 23:39–43* (“Today you will be with Me in paradise.”)

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Second Candle is Extinguished

**HYMN 439 vv. 4-5** “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

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**THIRD WORD** *John 19:25–27* (“Behold your son. . . . Behold your mother.”)

but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Third Candle is Extinguished

**HYMN 451 vv. 1-2** “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

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**FOURTH WORD** *Matthew 27:45–46* (“My God, My God . . .”)

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

**HYMN 451 vv. 3-4** “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

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**FIFTH WORD** *John 19:28* (“I thirst.”)

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.”

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

**HYMN 449 vv. 1-2** “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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**SIXTH WORD** *John 19:30* (“It is finished.”)

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

**HYMN 456 vv. 1-2** “Were You There”

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**SEVENTH WORD** *Luke 23:46* (“Father, into Your hands . . .”)

Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

The Seventh Candle is Extinguished

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

**LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE**

Good Friday (March 29): 3:00 & 7:00pm

Easter Sunday (March 31): 8:30 & 11:00am

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