
Bethany Lutheran Church

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18, 2025

SERVING YOU TONIGHT

Preacher:

Pastor Anthony Pittenger

Organist:

Mrs. Kelli Gracia

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Join with us as we use *The Office of Compline*, starting on page 128, with modifications.

(Please follow along in the hymnal or above the altar as announced by Pastor)

HYMNS:

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*I Lay My
Sins on
Jesus*

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*Stricken,
Smitten,
and
Afflicted*

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*Savior,
When in
Dust to
Thee*

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*Abide with
Me; Fast
Falls the
Eventide*



Service Notes:

Good Friday is a solemn day.

On this day we remember the death of the very Son of God.

***Please gather for worship in quietness
and depart from worship in quietness
out of respect for our Lord's death.***

*So that the service may proceed without interruption,
no offering will be gathered.*

*Instead, a collection plate has been placed in the sanctuary doorway
to receive your offerings tonight as you arrive or depart.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

I love You, O Lord, my strength. ² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. ⁴ The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; ⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁶ In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. ⁷ Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because He was angry. ⁸ Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from Him. ⁹ He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet. ¹⁰ He rode on a cherub and flew; He came swiftly on the wings of the wind. ¹¹ He made darkness His covering, His canopy around Him, thick clouds dark with water. ¹² Out of the brightness before Him hailstones and coals of fire broke through His clouds. ¹³ The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire. ¹⁴ And He sent out His arrows and scattered them; He flashed forth lightnings and routed them. ¹⁵ Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. ¹⁶ He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. ¹⁷ He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. ¹⁸ They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support. ¹⁹ He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. ²⁰ The Lord dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands He rewarded me. ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²² For all His rules were before me, and His statutes I did not put away from me. ²³ I was blameless before Him, and I kept myself from my guilt. ²⁴ So the Lord has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in His sight. ²⁵ With the merciful You show Yourself merciful; with the blameless man You show yourself blameless; ²⁶ with the purified You show Yourself pure; and with the crooked You make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁷ For You save a humble people, but the haughty eyes You bring down. ²⁸ For it is You who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness. ²⁹ For by You I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³⁰ This God—His way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him. ³¹ For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?—
³² the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.

³³ He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.
³⁴ He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
³⁵ You have given me the shield of Your salvation, and Your right hand supported me, and Your gentleness made me great. ³⁶ You gave a wide place for my steps under me, and my feet did not slip. ³⁷ I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and did not turn back till they were consumed. ³⁸ I thrust them through, so that they were not able to rise; they fell under my feet.
³⁹ For You equipped me with strength for the battle; You made those who rise against me sink under me. ⁴⁰ You made my enemies turn their backs to me, and those who hated me I destroyed. ⁴¹ They cried for help, but there was none to save; they cried to the Lord, but He did not answer them. ⁴² I beat them fine as dust before the wind; I cast them out like the mire of the streets.
⁴³ You delivered me from strife with the people; You made me the head of the nations; people whom I had not known served me. ⁴⁴ As soon as they heard of me they obeyed me; foreigners came cringing to me. ⁴⁵ Foreigners lost heart and came trembling out of their fortresses. ⁴⁶ The Lord lives, and blessed be my Rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation— ⁴⁷ the God who gave me vengeance and subdued peoples under me, ⁴⁸ who rescued me from my enemies; yes, You exalted me above those who rose against me; You delivered me from the man of violence. ⁴⁹ For this I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to Your name. ⁵⁰ Great salvation He brings to His king, and shows steadfast love to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever. *Psalm 18 (ESV)*

GOSPEL LESSON

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry His cross. ²² And they brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). ²³ And they offered Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. ²⁴ And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. ²⁵ And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. ²⁶ And the inscription of the charge against Him read, “The King of the Jews.” ²⁷ And with Him they crucified two robbers, one on His right and one on His left. ²⁹ And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, ³⁰ save Yourself, and come down from the cross!” ³¹ So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked Him to one another, saying, “He saved others; He cannot save Himself. ³² Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with Him also reviled him. ³³ And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth

hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”³⁵ And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, He is calling Elijah.”³⁶ And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down.”³⁷ And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last.³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed his last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.⁴¹ When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.⁴² And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath,⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised to hear that He should have already died. And summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He was already dead.⁴⁵ And when he learned from the centurion that He was dead, he granted the corpse to Joseph.⁴⁶ And Joseph bought a linen shroud, and taking Him down, wrapped Him in the linen shroud and laid Him in a tomb that had been cut out of the rock. And he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb.⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where He was laid. *Mark 15:21-47 (ESV)*

SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

#1 Luke 23:34

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Father, forgive us. Conquered by Satan we have often sinned unwittingly, and we have sinned willingly. For Jesus’ sake, Father, forgive us and dwell in us that we may live as Your children. Father, hear His prayer and hear ours. Amen.

#2 Luke 23:43

Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Lord, though forgiven and freed, death is still the wages of sin. When the time of death comes for us or for our loved ones who believe in You, let these words of Jesus', words spoken while He was lifted up on His cross, ring in our ears, that we may be certain of Paradise with Him. Grant this for His sake. Amen.

#3 John 19:26-27

When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Lord God, the word "Father" suggests family. Conceived and born in sin, once we were not Your family. But having given us Jesus, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and lifted high as a banner to gather all into Your family again, grant us faith to see ourselves as You see us in Him; Your children now and forever. Amen.

#4 Matthew 27:46

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Lord God, even these three hours of darkness are for us. Your Son forsaken so that You would not forsake us. Help us to remember these dreadful hours so that we would live the lives Jesus has purchased for us. Amen.

#5 John 19:28

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scriptures would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Dear Lord, in the early days of Jesus' preaching and teaching He told us "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness." As Jesus thirsts, He is the righteousness we should hunger for. Lifted up to reclaim us, move us to share our food and drink with others in His name. Amen.

#6 John 19:30

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Lord God, let us never doubt these words. When our sin convicts us, assure us that it is finished. When danger threatens, remind us that it is finished. And when our frail life slips through our fingers let us hear Jesus announce that the work of redeeming what we and Adam and Eve had lost is finished. Grant us this, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

#7 Luke 23:46

Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

(CANDLE EXTINGUISHED)

We pray:

Lord God, When Satan conquered the Earth and enslaved all people You sent the Son to reclaim what You had given to Adam and Eve. Through Christ You teach us how to live, loving You and loving all people. Now, committing Himself into Your hands we are taught how to face the end of our lives confident of the life to come. Grant this peace and confidence to all who face death and raise us again when Christ returns. Amen.

Please return on Easter morning and join us as we celebrate

†**The Resurrection of Our Lord**†

Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am

~Fellowship Easter Breakfast 8-9:30am~

Easter Festival Service 10:00am
