

# GOOD FRIDAY

## *At The Foot of the Cross*

March 29, 2024 | 5:00pm

\* Congregational responses in **bold**

*Enter in silence for prayer and reflection on the mystery of our salvation.*

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

*A Passion Suite*

Wilbur Held

### **WELCOME**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, your love abounds and grace overflows beyond any reasonable end. Look with mercy on your family of followers, for whom our Lord Jesus was betrayed, handed over to the authorities, and suffered death on the cross. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

### **ANTHEM**

*Jesus Loves Me*

ELW 595

(congregation joins on stanza 3)

### **GOSPEL**

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

### **FIRST READING**

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

All: **Have mercy on us.**

John 18:1-11

Reader: When we are unkind to one another or hate each other, the world become a darker place. Still...

All: **Jesus' love is stronger than our hate. Jesus' kindness brings us mercy. God's great love remains.**

### **HYMN**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

ELW 666

(stanzas 1, 2, and 4)

## SECOND READING

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

**All: Have mercy on us.**

John 18:12-24

Reader: When we are embarrassed and lie, and when we are grabby and want everything for ourselves, the world seems a frantic place. Still...

**All: Jesus' love is stronger than our wants. Jesus' gifts surpass all our needs. God's great love remains.**

## HYMN

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

## THIRD READING

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

**All: Have mercy on us.**

John 18:25-40

Reader: When we freeze up, or turn against others,, the world becomes more discouraging. Still...

**All: Jesus' love is stronger than our fears. Jesus' presence is peace. God's great love remains.**

## HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus (stanzas 1 and 2)*

ELW 349

## FOURTH READING

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

**All: Have mercy on us.**

John 19:1-16

Reader: When we are jealous of others, and are angry because they don't do what we want, the world seems like a frustrating place. Still...

**All: Jesus' love is stronger than our anger. Jesus' healing teaches us care. God's great love remains.**

## HYMN

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (stanza 1)*

ELW 351

## FIFTH READING

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

**All: Have mercy on us.**

John 19:17-22

Reader: When we ignore the truth, make fun of, or abandon each other, the world becomes a lonely place. Still...

**All: Jesus' love is stronger than distance. Jesus' truth renews our hearts. God's great love remains.**

## HYMN

*Ah, Holy Jesus* (stanza 5)

ELW 349

## SIXTH READING

Reader: The Passion of our Lord.

All: **Have mercy on us.**

John 19:23-30

Reader: Because of people's hatred, greed, untrustworthiness, jealousy, and dishonesty, Jesus died on the cross. Still...

All: **Jesus' love claims our life. Jesus laid down his whole life for us.  
And God's great love remains.**

## ANTHEM

*Meditation for Lent: There is a Green Hill*

Michael Bedford

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

## ADORATION OF THE CROSS

*You are invited to leave nails around the cross  
and to contemplate the execution of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

## HYMN

*Were You There*

ELW 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

*Please leave the worship space in silence.*

# WELCOME TO NORMANDALE



## We're Glad You're Here!

Led by the Holy Spirit and living in God's grace, Normandale Lutheran Church is a community of believers who love, learn, worship, and serve as we walk in relationship with Jesus Christ and others. We hope you find in us a place of welcome, a place of worship, a place for you.

## Welcoming Statement

We affirm that all people are created in the image of God, and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all people into full participation in the life and ministries of Normandale Lutheran Church.

We celebrate that there are differences among us, and believe that we can love one another, even though we may not think alike. We proclaim this statement of welcome to all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination in the church and society.

Normandale Lutheran Church is committed to a ministry of reconciliation. We welcome and affirm our human family's diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith, history, socioeconomic status, physical and mental ability. We embrace this diversity as a gift from God, and invite all into a faithful journey toward greater love, understanding, and reconciliation.

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## WORSHIP WITH US

**THE THREE DAYS | TRIDUUM:** On Thursday we begin the Triduum which means THE THREE DAYS. The Triduum includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Darkness to Light: The First Service of Easter which includes elements of the Easter Vigil. These three days are one liturgy. No benediction separates them as they share our celebration of the great mystery of our salvation.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** We gather for confession and absolution to mark the end of our Lenten observance which began on Ash Wednesday with the marking of ashes and our confession of sin. On this night we receive absolution individually, and after hearing Jesus' command to love one another, come forward to be strengthened by his own body and blood given "for you." As Psalm 22 is sung, we strip the altar as we are reminded that Christ walked from the meal to his suffering and death.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** We gather in silence to hear of Christ's suffering on the cross. We lift up prayers for the church, the world, and for those of other faiths and no faith, remembering the encompassing love of Jesus for all this fallen world.

**DARKNESS TO LIGHT: THE FIRST SERVICE OF EASTER:** We gather early on Easter morning to celebrate this most holy day break as we make passage with Christ from darkness to light, from death to life. This service will include elements of Easter Vigil and marks the end of the Three Days liturgy with the first Eucharist of Easter.

**Hymnals** are located in the pew backs. Both the ELW (red) and ACS (purple) hymnals are used in worship.

**Hearing Devices** are available to enhance your worship experience. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

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### NLC Kids

**PrayGround** is located at the front of the worship space and is filled with quiet toys and comfy seating for the littlest in our midst and their caregivers.

**Extended PrayGround** is located outside of the sanctuary next to the Fishbowl for children age 4 and up and their families. There are quiet activities for and a screen to see and hear worship.

**Busy Bags** filled with quiet activities are hanging outside the main entrance of the sanctuary.

**Bulletins & Coloring Sheets** are located on a table outside of the main sanctuary doors.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Rebecca Gamble
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Pastor Paul Pettersen
<b>Organist:</b>	Gregory Peterson
<b>Choir:</b>	Cherub Choir, Children's Choir
<b>Soloist</b>	Addy Steuerwald
<b>Director:</b>	Lily Askegaard
<b>Accompianist:</b>	Angela Anderson
<b>Ushers:</b>	Kim & Bob Sannerud, Dave & Paulette Hutton, Mark Schiefelbein, Jan Hahn