

Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church



*April 3 2026  
Good Friday*

**Good Evening and welcome to Trinity!** We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

**Remember in your prayers:**

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Greg Mest, Louise Wolfgang, Linda Ritter, LaRue Sheetz, Sandy Schaffer, Ashley Essig, Ruth Weiser, Suzanne Kerchner, Vicki Mest and Sandy Yarnall.

**Friends & Family:**

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tanner Antalosky, Carole Sell, Gerry Smith, Gail Marasco, Naomi Bryson, Sherry, Claire & Jeff Trimble and Walt Keirsej.

**Family Of:**

Barbara Stewart and Sandy Melcher.

**Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:**

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

**Our sister congregation,** the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.

**Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will normally be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!**

## April 3, 2026 – Good Friday

### Tonight's Worship Assistant:

Acolyte: Jennifer McCarron

**A Special thank you to all of our readers this evening!**

### INTRODUCTION

*This day is the second portion of the liturgy of the Three Days, which extends from Maundy Thursday through the Easter Vigil. As the church gathers to remember the death of Jesus, we focus not only upon the agony of the cross but especially upon God's victory through the crucified. Even more, we "lift high the cross" as the sign of God's triumph over sin, death, and evil.*

Silence for reflection and prayer.

Please rise as the Pastor enters the sanctuary.

P The Lord be with you.      G And al - so with you.

### • Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.

C Amen

### OPENING READING: Isaiah 52:13--53:12

Silence for Prayer

## Senior Choir Anthem

“The Mighty Cross”  
J. Stainer

**The Passion According to St. John**

“The Arrest of Jesus” John 18:1-14

Hymn LBW#101 (verses 1-3)

“O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord”

*(the first set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember all who are betrayed by our actions and our failure to act. Forgive us Lord for we betray you in many ways:

**C: By our inability to daily accept you as Lord; by our inability to accept all people as our brothers, and sisters; by our stubbornness and self seeking independence; by our desire to be served instead of serving;**

P: Grant us the wisdom to fully understand that You are indeed our Lord and we are your people so that Your will may be done.

**C: Help us Lord Jesus.**

“The Denial of Jesus” John 18:15-27

Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” LBW#123

(verses 1,2, and 5)

*(the second set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember all those less fortunate than ourselves, the victims of social injustice, the poor, the hungry throughout the world. Forgive us Lord, for we deny you in many ways;

**C: By our failure to acknowledge that social injustice is not just their problem but our problem; by our unwillingness to sacrifice what it takes so the hungry may be nourished; by our inability to find the courage to reach out to others in time of need.**

P: We need the courage and determination, so that we can minister to those who suffer.

**C: Help us Lord Jesus.**

“Jesus Before Pilate” John 18:28-38a

Hymn “In the Hour of Trial” LBW#106

(verses 1 and 3)

*(The third set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember all who suffer or are persecuted in any way for their proclamation of Your word. Forgive us Lord, for our failure to acknowledge you as the truth, the light of the world.

**C: Help us to see that only in you can we know the truth of compassion, of wisdom, of hope, of faith, of love.**

P: We desire to turn our hearts to you.

**C: Help us Lord Jesus.**

“Jesus Sentenced to Death” John 18:38b-19:16a

Hymn “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LBW# 98 (vv.1-3)

*(the fourth set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember all who have been mocked or hurt because they don't fit into our expectation of acceptable norms. Forgive us Lord, for we mock you in many ways.

**C: By putting down those who differ from our own point of view instead of trying to understand; by forgetting that all things are created by you and can offer something of value.**

P: Lord, grant us patience.

**C: Strip us of our arrogance and hypocrisy.**

P: We desire to find your presence in all things.

**C: Help us Lord Jesus.**

“Jesus nailed to the Cross” John 19:16b-27

Hymn “Were You There” LBW# 92

(verses 1 and 2)

*(the fifth set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember all who are nailed to their places by sickness, or color, or economic power. Forgive us Lord, for we are still causing death for many.

**C: Help us to see what we are doing.**

P: Our lips have scorned and our hands have done less than good.

**C: Father, forgive us.**

“Jesus dies on the Cross” John 19:28-37

Hymn “Glory Be to Jesus” LBW# 95

(verses 1, 3, 6)

*(the sixth set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember that we are mortals and that our saving grace lies in this sacrifice of our Lord. O God, lead us from darkness into the light.

**C: Put to death our darkness.**

P: Free us from pride and self-accomplishment.

**C: Put to death our dependence upon self.**

P: Free us from death to life.

**C: Give us hope in your promises.**

P: We commend ourselves to death in Christ.

**C: Help us Lord Jesus.**

“The Burial of Jesus” John 19:38-42

Hymn “O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord” LBW# 101

(verses 4 and 5)

*(the seventh set of candles is extinguished)*

P: We remember that we are entombed by our material desires and await newness of life. He was cut off from those who were alive.

**C: He was buried for our disobedience.**

P: Maybe we are dead, buried in the grave of false values and wrong dreams.

**C: God, remove the stone from our graves.**

P: Free us from hopelessness, despair, fear.

**C: Help us Lord Jesus.**

The Christ candle is placed behind the Altar.

Silence for prayer.

The bell is tolled.

*Following meditation, all may leave the church in silence.*

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1 O Christ, our king, cre - a - tor, Lord, Re - deem - ing  
 2 Lord, in your cross true grace is found; It flows from  
 3 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, For us you  
 4 All trem - bling na - ture quaked to see Its dy - ing

all who trust your word: You come to those who  
 ev - 'ry stream - ing wound; Its pow'r our in - bred  
 veiled in flesh your light, And deigned our mor - tal  
 king up - on the tree; And when you drew your

seek your way; Now come and hear us as we pray.  
 sin con - trols, And breaks our bonds and frees our souls.  
 form to wear, And shared our hu - man want and care.  
 fi - nal breath The dark - 'ning skies con - fessed your death.

- 5 Now in the Father's glory high,  
 Great conqu'ror, nevermore to die,  
 Dispel our fears, shine through our night,  
 And reign forever, God of light.

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## Ah, Holy Jesus

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1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed That man to  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered; The slave hath  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, Thy mor - tal

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judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
 trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,  
 sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; For man's a - tone - ment,  
 sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; Thy death of an - guish

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by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
 I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.  
 and thy bit - ter Pas - sion, For my sal - va - tion.

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5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
 I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
 Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
 Not my deserving.

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## In the Hour of Trial

## Beneath

1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me,  
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures Should this vain world charm,  
 3 Should thy mer - cy send me Sor - row, toil, and woe,

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Lest by base de - ni - al I de - part from thee.  
 Or its sor - did trea - sures Spread to work me harm,  
 Or should pain at - tend me On my path be - low,

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When thou seest me wa - ver, With a look re - call;  
 Bring to my re - mem - brance Sad Geth - sem - a - ne,  
 Grant that I may nev - er Fail thy hand to see;

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Nor from fear or fa - vor Suf - fer me to fall.  
 Or, in dark - er sem - blance, Cross-crowned Cal - va - ry.  
 Grant that I may ev - er Cast my care on thee.

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## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, And did my sov - 'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done He groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide And shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face While his dear cross ap - pears,

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head For sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!  
 When God, the might - y mak - er, died For his own crea - tures' sin.  
 Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, And melt my eyes to tears.

- 5 But tears of grief cannot repay  
 The debt of love I owe;  
 Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
 It's all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
 Tune: Hugh Wilson, 1704-1824

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## O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days You prayed and kept the fast;  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; Your faith - ful - ness en - dured;  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind a - bove;  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, And all our earth - ly days,

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## Were You There

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1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you  
 3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you  
 4 Were you there when God raised him from the tomb? Were you

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Text: Negro spiritual, alt.  
 Tune: Negro spiritual

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- 5 They rise, and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes,  
That he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death, no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home;  
But mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing—  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683  
Tune: John D. Edwards, 1806-1885

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## Glory Be to Jesus

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1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who, in bit - ter pains,  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream  
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;

Poured for me the life - blood From his sa - cred veins.  
Blest be his com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind.  
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem.  
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

- 5 Oft as earth exulting  
Wafts its praise on high,  
Angel hosts rejoicing  
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we then our voices,  
Swell the mighty flood;  
Louder still and louder  
Praise the precious blood.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
Tune: Friedrich Filitz, 1804-1876

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## O Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord

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1 O Christ, our king, cre - a - tor, Lord, Re - deem - ing  
 2 Lord, in your cross true grace is found; It flows from  
 3 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, For us you  
 4 All trem - bling na - ture quaked to see Its dy - ing

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all who trust your word; You come to those who  
 ev - 'ry stream - ing wound; Its pow'r our in - bred  
 veiled in flesh your light, And deigned our mor - tal  
 king up - on the tree; And when you drew your

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seek your way; Now come and hear us as we pray.  
 sin con - trols, And breaks our bonds and frees our souls,  
 form to wear, And shared our hu - man want and care.  
 fi - nal breath The dark - 'ning skies con - fessed your death.

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 Dispel our fears, shine through our night,  
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