

# Trinity Lutheran Church & School

*Know Christ + Grow in Christ + Make Christ Known*



## Good Friday Service

April 3, 2026 | Noon

Trinity Lutheran School Gymnasium  
1361 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SW | Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE.....“More Precious Than Silver/The Wondrous Cross” -arr. Pethel  
Matt Sprengeler, trombone

WELCOME

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”.....LSB 436



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the  
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb Where they laid His



tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,  
life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
breath - less clay; All is sol - i - tude and gloom.



Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His  
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"  
Who has tak - en Him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.  
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

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VERSICLES

P: O Lord, open my lips,  
C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.** (*Psalm 51:15*)

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.** (*Psalm 70:1*)

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Praise to You, O Christ,  
C: **Lamb of our salvation.**

PSALMODY.....*Psalm 51:1-12; antiphon: Psalm 51:17*

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C: **so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

P: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C: **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

C: **and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C: **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P: Let me hear joy and gladness;

C: **let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

P: Hide your face from my sins

C: **and blot out all my iniquity.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from your presence,

C: **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation

C: **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

*All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.*

P: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C: **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

After the reading:

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

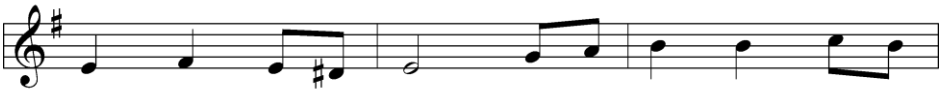
HYMN: “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”.....LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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EPISTLE..... Hebrews 4:14—5:10

*After the reading:*

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM.....“Psalm 23” -Townend  
*Trinity Lutheran School K-8 Students & Staff*

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want  
He makes me lie in pastures green  
He leads me by the still still waters  
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone  
And I will trust in You alone  
For Your endless mercy follows me  
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness  
And He anoints my head with oil  
And my cup it overflows with joy  
I feast on His pure delights

And though I walk the darkest path  
I will not fear the evil one  
For You are with me  
And Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know

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HOLY GOSPEL..... John 18:1—19:42

RESPONSORY

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

C: **Have mercy on us.**

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**ALL: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.  
Grant us peace. Amen.**

HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”.....LSB 425



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet      4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!      That were a tribute far too small;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet      Love so amazing, so divine,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?      Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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SERMON: “I Am the LORD Your God”

A Sermon for Good Friday on the Close of the Commandments—  
Words from the God of Our Salvation, Who Wants Us to Cling  
to Him and to Him Alone

PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. We implore You, O Lord, that Your abundant blessing may be upon Your people who have held the passion and death of Your Son in devout remembrance, that we may receive Your pardon and the gift of Your comfort, and may increase in faith and take hold of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord:            C: **have mercy on us.**

P: O Christ:        C: **have mercy on us.**

P: O Lord:            C: **have mercy on us.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

*Due to the unified character of the Triduum services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), the Benediction is omitted.*

HYMN: "Were You There"..... LSB 456  
(Final stanza for voices alone)



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



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...  
there when God raised Him from the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
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Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

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**It is finished.**

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**Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 4, 6:00 pm**

The Easter Vigil, beginning in semi-darkness with the lighting of a new flame, is an ancient service of Light, Readings, Prayer, Remembrance of Baptism, Word, and Lord’s Supper that ushers in the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection.

**Easter Sunday – April 5, 7:00 am & 9:00 am**

Easter breakfast will be served between services by Trinity’s youth.