

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**@ Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
April 18, 2025  
Ecumenical Service at 12 Noon  
Worship Service at 6:30 p.m.



***Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!***

*So that we may come to know each other better...please fill out the maroon Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along for others to do the same. Once completed, return it and note the names of the others seated next to you so you may greet one another after the service.*

***A Word about Worship Today: Good Friday***

*This service, adapted from the ancient **Tenebrae**, a word meaning “Shadows”, originated during the early years of the church and is designed to impress on the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior’s sacrifice. The service begins in silence and ends in almost total darkness. The extinguishing of the candles has come to signify the flight of the disciples and the gathering darkness of death at the crucifixion.*

*Please maintain **silence** prior to the service and while leaving the church at the close of the service.*

*No offering will be received during the Service. Place your offering in the baskets near the exit as you leave in silence.*

*The **chancel is empty** of all signs of life; It is barren and dark, to represent the observance of Good Friday.*

***There is no Easter  
apart from Good Friday.***

***There is no resurrection  
without the cross,***

***No rising with Christ  
except in dying to self that we might live again,  
or rather, that the Risen Christ  
might live through us.***

**Please join us for:**

**April 20    Easter Festival Worship Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

No Sunday School or Bible Study on Easter.

Classes resume April 27.

*Congregational responses are in bold.*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L Come, let us worship and bow down.

**C Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

L Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord,

**C Lord, hear my voice.**

L Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C And renew a right spirit within me.**

L Let us pray. Bless us, Heavenly Father, as on this holy day we remember the sufferings and death of our dear Lord. Keep his holy example ever before us. Grant that we may follow him in willing obedience and learn his gracious humility. Fill us with his love and spirit of self-sacrifice that we may learn the lessons of a life pleasing to you and helpful to all others. This we pray through him who loves us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### **BIDDING PRAYERS**

*The assisting minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister will lead each petition, which will end with "We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

*The congregation responds with "Amen."*

L: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

*A silent meditation will occur after each candle is extinguished.*

### Hymn

### "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

ELW #338



- 1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
- 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
- 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

***The first candle is extinguished.***

## ***The Betrayal***

Luke 22:1-6, 21-22

<sup>1</sup>Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. <sup>2</sup>The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; <sup>4</sup>he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. <sup>5</sup>They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup>So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present. <sup>21</sup>At the Passover meal, Jesus said to his disciples, "See, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. <sup>22</sup>For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!"

### **Hymn**

### **"They Crucified My Lord"**

ELW #350



1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;

they cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;  
they nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word;

not a word, not a word, not a word.

***The second candle is extinguished.***

## *The Agony*

### **Luke 22:39-46**

<sup>39</sup> Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> When he reached the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." <sup>41</sup> Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, <sup>42</sup> Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done. [ <sup>43</sup> Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. <sup>44</sup> In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. ] <sup>45</sup> When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial."

### **Hymn**

### **"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

ELW #347



The musical notation is written on three staves in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The notation includes various note values such as quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests.

I Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
your Re-deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.

***The third candle is extinguished.***

## ***The Arrest***

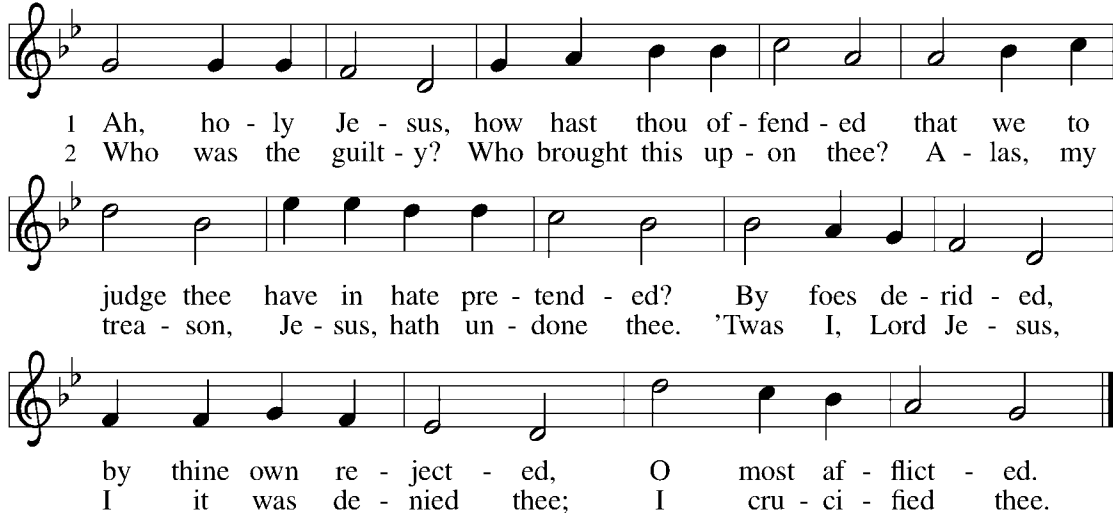
### **Luke 22:47-54**

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; <sup>48</sup>but Jesus said to him, "Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?" <sup>49</sup>When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked, "Lord, should we strike with the sword?" <sup>50</sup>Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. <sup>51</sup>But Jesus said, "No more of this!" And he touched his ear and healed him. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit?" <sup>53</sup>When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!" <sup>54</sup>Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.

### **Hymn**

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

**ELW #349**



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to  
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my

judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,  
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,

by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.  
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.

***The fourth candle is extinguished.***

### ***The Sentence***

#### **Luke 23:1-5, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>They began to accuse him, saying, "We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king." <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He answered, "You say so." <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no basis for an accusation against this man." <sup>5</sup>But they were insistent and said, "He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place." <sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore have him flogged and release him." <sup>18</sup>Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!" <sup>19</sup>(This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) <sup>20</sup>Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him." <sup>23</sup>But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.



# Hymn

## "Were You There"

ELW #347



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

***The fifth candle is extinguished.***

## *The Crucifixion*

### **Luke 23:26, 32-38, 39-43**

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>32</sup>Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

### **Hymn**

### **"They Crucified My Lord"**

ELW #350

4 The blood came stream-in' down, and he nev-er said a mum-ba-lin' word;  
5 He hung his head and died, and he nev-er said a mum-ba-lin' word;

the blood came stream-in' down, and he nev-er said a mum-ba-lin' word;  
he hung his head and died, and he nev-er said a mum-ba-lin' word;

not a word, not a word, not a word.

***The sixth candle is extinguished.***

## ***The Death***

### **Luke 23: 44-47, 52-53**

<sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. <sup>47</sup>When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

### **Hymn**

### **"Were You There"**

ELW #347

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

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

***The seventh candle is extinguished.***

***The Cross is recessed***

***All leave in silence.***

## **Noon Worship Service**

### **Presiding Ministers:**

Rev. Amy Engebose, **St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Rev. Tabitha & Rev. Jon Gallatin, **Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**

Rev. Jon Strasman, **Our Savior Lutheran Church**

Rev. Dr. Niveen Ibrahim Sarras, **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

**Minister of Music:** Myron Jones

**Ushers:** Chip Brown & Mel Kiekhaefer

## **6:30 p.m. Worship Service**

**Presiding Ministers:** Rev. Tabitha & Rev. Jon Gallatin

**Minister of Music:** Myron Jones

**Liturgy Assistant:** Jay Olson

**Readers:** Brett Christensen & Jay Olson

**Ushers:** Annette & Don Sikma

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