

**C: Hail, King of the Jews!**  
 N: Pilate brought Jesus out and said to the crowd,  
 Pilate: Behold the man!  
 N: But they cried out,  
**C: Crucify him! Crucify him!**  
 N: Pilate asked,  
 Pilate: Shall I crucify your king?  
 Chief Priest: We have no king but the emperor.  
 N: Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified.

**HYMN** *Ah Holy Jesus* **ELW#349**  
*verse 3*

**THE CRUCIFIXION (JOHN 19:17–30)**

Narrator: Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to the place called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate had an inscription written and placed on the cross: “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many read this sign, and the chief priests protested. But Pilate answered,  
 Pilate: What I have written, I have written.  
 N: The soldiers divided Jesus’ clothing among themselves and cast lots for his tunic. Standing near the cross were his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said,  
 J: Woman, here is your son.  
 N: Then he said to the disciple,  
 J: Here is your mother.  
 N: From that hour the disciple took her into his own home. Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, Jesus said,  
 J: I am thirsty.  
 N: A sponge full of sour wine was lifted to his mouth. When Jesus had received it, he said,  
 J: It is finished.  
 N: Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.  
*(Silence is kept.)*

**HYMN** *Broken*

**THE BURIAL OF JESUS (JOHN 19:31–42)**

Narrator: Since it was the day of preparation, the leaders asked that the bodies not remain on the crosses during the sabbath. The soldiers came and broke the legs of the two who were crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, a disciple of Jesus though secretly, asked Pilate for permission to take away the body of Jesus. Nicodemus also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the day of preparation, they laid Jesus there.

L: The Passion of our Lord!  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN** *Lacrymosa*

**BIDDING PRAYER**  
 After each bidding prayer, please respond to the words,  
 L: We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**  
*Silence for prayer follows each bid.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY SONG**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

L: Holy God, the earth waits in silence. We tremble before your throne. On this day, we see and feel the immensity of your love and our own unworthiness. Open our hearts now to receive your redeeming grace and love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

**HYMN** *Were You There* **ELW#353**  
*verses 1, 3 + 5*

**BENEDICTION**

L: Jesus, we wait here by your tomb. We carry the grief of the betrayer, the grief of the denier, the grief of the crucified. We carry the grief of the lost, the heartbroken, the bereft. Upon you was laid the grief of us all. It is finished. God of endings, God of darkness. God of the tomb, God of dark days and great loss, be with us now as we wait with Jesus.

*Please depart in silence*



**Holy Week continues — and tonight we stand at the cross.**

Together we have walked the story of Jesus—from the table to this moment of sacrifice and love. Good Friday invites us into solemn reflection as we remember Christ’s suffering, the depth of God’s grace, and the love poured out for the world.

Whether this is your first visit, you come every week, or you haven’t been in a while, you are welcome here. No pressure, no expectations—just space to be present, to reflect, to pray, and to remember God’s love for you.

**Holy Week Worship:**  
 ⇒ *Palm Sunday*, March 29 – *Thank you to all who came!*  
 ⇒ *Maundy Thursday*, April 2 – *Thank you for joining!*  
 ⇒ *Good Friday*, April 3 – 7:00 PM

**Easter Sunday Celebration – April 5:**  
 ⇒ 8:45 AM & 10:45 AM

**Even in the shadow of the cross, hope remains. Come as you are. Bring your people. There’s a place for you here.**

**HOLY WEEK WORSHIP**  
**April 3rd, 2026 †**  
 OUR SAVIOR’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Good Friday* | 7:00PM WORSHIP

**SERVING AT WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. Leland Armbright Peter: Stacy Hemming  
 Rev. Susie Modrow The Chief Priest: Stacy Hemming  
 Narrator: Ruel Carpenter **Congregation: Everyone**  
 Jesus: Martin Remus Chancel Singers Choir  
 Pilate: Johnnie Timm Cornerstone

**PRELUDE** *Lead Me to the Cross*

**WELCOME**

*You are invited to come forward during the songs this evening to place a nail in the cross. This is an opportunity to reflect upon the sins we carry, and the sins we have been delivered from.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Christ is with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
 L: From the busy-ness of our lives, we have come this evening to a night that is different.  
**C: In the midst of a world, which holds the promise of spring and new life, we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.**  
 L: Come and hear the tale, come and share the tragedy, come and embrace the darkness.

**GATHERING HYMN** *Go to Dark Gethsemane* **ELW#347**  
*verses 1 - 3*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray, Merciful God,  
**C: Your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side, may at all times, find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**JESUS IS ARRESTED (JOHN 18:1–11)**

Narrator: Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a garden, where they entered together. Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. Judas came there with soldiers and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees. They carried lanterns, torches, and weapons. Jesus, knowing all that was about to happen, stepped forward and said,

Jesus: Whom are you looking for?

**C: Jesus of Nazareth.**  
 J: I am he.  
 N: When he said this, they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them,  
 J: Whom are you looking for?

**C: Jesus of Nazareth.**  
 J: I told you that I am he. If you are looking for me, let these others go.

N: Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. The servant’s name was Malchus. But Jesus said to Peter,  
 J: Put your sword back into its sheath. Shall I not drink the

cup the Father has given me?  
 N: So the soldiers arrested Jesus, bound him, and led him away.

**HYMN** *Ah Holy Jesus* **ELW#349**  
*verse 1*

**JESUS BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST (JOHN 18:12–27)**

Narrator: They first took Jesus to Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Peter stood outside the courtyard gate. When questioned, Peter denied knowing Jesus. Three times he was asked whether he was one of Jesus’ disciples. Three times he said,  
 Peter: I am not.

N: And immediately a rooster crowed. Inside, the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and his teaching. Jesus answered,

Jesus: I have spoken openly to the world. I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the people gather. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them.

N: When he said this, one of the officers struck Jesus. But Jesus replied,

J: If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?

**HYMN** *Ah Holy Jesus* **ELW#349**  
*verse 2*

**JESUS BEFORE PILATE (JOHN 18:28–40)**

Narrator: They led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor’s headquarters. It was early morning. Pilate went out to them and asked,

Pilate: What accusation do you bring against this man?

N: They answered that he was a criminal and demanded judgment. Pilate entered again and asked Jesus,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

J: Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?

Pilate: Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?

J: My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over. But my kingdom is not from here.

Pilate: So you are a king?

J: You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.

Pilate: What is truth?

N: Pilate told the crowd he found no case against Jesus. But they demanded the release of Barabbas instead. Barabbas was a bandit.

**HYMN** *A Wind Blew Over Calvary*

**THE MOCKING OF JESUS (JOHN 19:1–16)**

Narrator: Pilate had Jesus flogged. The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and placed it on his head. They clothed him in a purple robe and mocked him, saying,