

Welcome to Worship at  
Immanuel Lutheran Church



Holy Week

Good Friday, April 3, 2026  
6:30 p.m. Service Bulletin  
Year A Lectionary

## THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP WITH US!



**WE BELIEVE THAT GUESTS ARE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, and we seek to make your visit faithful and positive! Please scan the QR code to left or sign the Pew Register (red notebook) as it is passed down your pew.

**WE BELIEVE THAT SERVING CHRIST MEANS SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS.** Our name, Immanuel, means “God with us.” Everything we do is to welcome and serve the Lord who is here among us, in you, and in our neighbors. Our ministries, from our Worship to our Soup Kitchen and Food Bank, from our Jail Ministry to our Women’s Drug Recovery house, from our Homeless Children’s Ministry to our Campus Ministry at Lander University, are all designed and carried out to share “God with us” with our surrounding neighborhood and city. God’s Love is inexhaustible! People from all around town work alongside us to share this Love with our neighbors. You can too!

**WE BELIEVE THAT CHURCH** is where disagreements may occur, and the love of Christ draws us together to worship and work together. We do not all agree on everything, but we do love God and each other, and that is enough!

**WE BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES EVERYONE**, so we do too! ALL are welcome here!

**RESTROOMS** - Our Handicap Accessible Restroom is located just outside the door by the pulpit. We also have nearby restrooms downstairs.

### ABOUT THE GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**SEVEN CANDLES** are in front of the Chancel. During the meditation on the “Seven Last Words of Christ” the candles are extinguished, and the lights are dimmed representing Jesus’s last hours of life. The seventh candle is not extinguished and is removed from the Chancel. Just as Christ’s body was hidden in the grave until the third day so also is the seventh candle removed from sight for a short time. The seventh candle is returned to its place at the end of the service foreshadowing Christ’s return from death to life.

## Order of Worship

*\*As the voluntary begins, please prepare your heart and mind for Worship in SILENT meditation.*

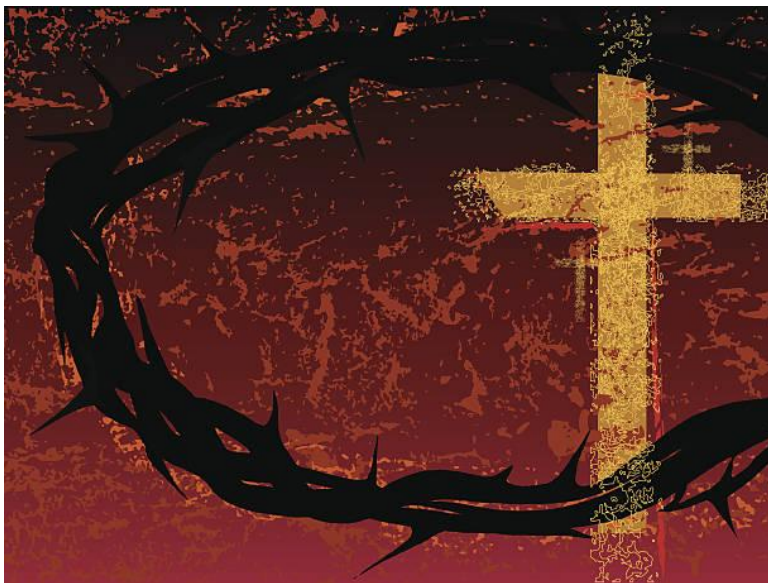
### ✝ THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *His Life for Mine* Rebecca J. Peck

Quartet: Vivian Ewart, Nancy Hogan, Bill Hogan, and John Kinard

*His heart was broken, mine was mended  
He became sin, now I am clean.  
The cross He carried bore my burden.  
The nails that held Him set me free.*

*Chorus: His life for mine, His life for mine  
How could it ever be?  
That he would die, God's son would die  
To save a wretch like me  
What love divine, He gave his life for mine.*

*His scars of suffering brought me healing  
He spilled his blood to fill my soul.  
His crown of thorns made me royalty  
His sorrow gave me joy untold.*



# ✝ THE CALL TO WORSHIP *King of the Jews* Dale E. Jones

Narrated by Tracie Rush and The Rev. John Uldrick

\*The following is an arrangement of scripture that connects the birth and death of Christ.

*And it came to pass in those days, that there went up a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed... and all went to be taxed, everyone*

*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

*And Joseph also went up from Galilee.*

*When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man was a Galilean, and as soon as he knew that he belonged unto Herod's jurisdiction,*

*he sent him to Herod.*

*Out of the city of Nazareth.*

*Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?*

*Into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem. Behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, "*

*Where is he that is born king of the Jews?"*

*And all his acquaintances stood afar off, beholding these things.*

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them,*

*From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.*

*And they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear Not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."*

*For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles.*

*"For unto you is born this day..."*

*And shall be mocked*

*"In the city of David..."*

*And spitefully entreated*

*"A savior..."*

*And spit on*

*"Which is Christ the Lord."*

*"Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."*

*And so it was, that while they were there,*

*the days were accomplished she should*

*be delivered. And having said this, he gave up the ghost.*

*And she brought forth her firstborn son,;*

*And when Joseph had taken the body*

*And wrapped Him in swaddling clothes*

*He wrapped it in a clean linen cloth*

*And laid Him in a manger*

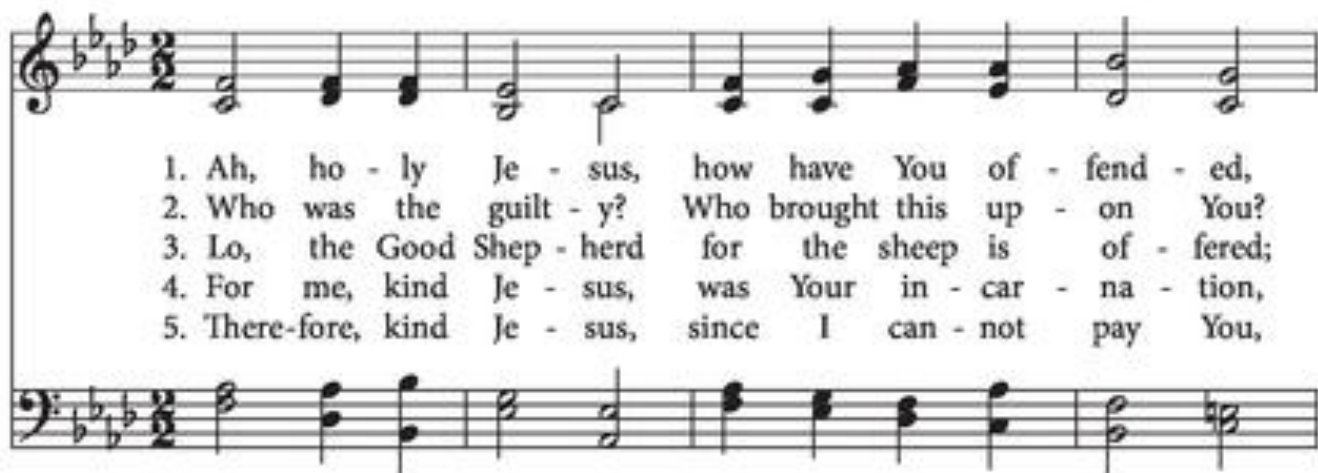
*And laid it in his own new tomb.*

# ✠ THE OPENING HYMN

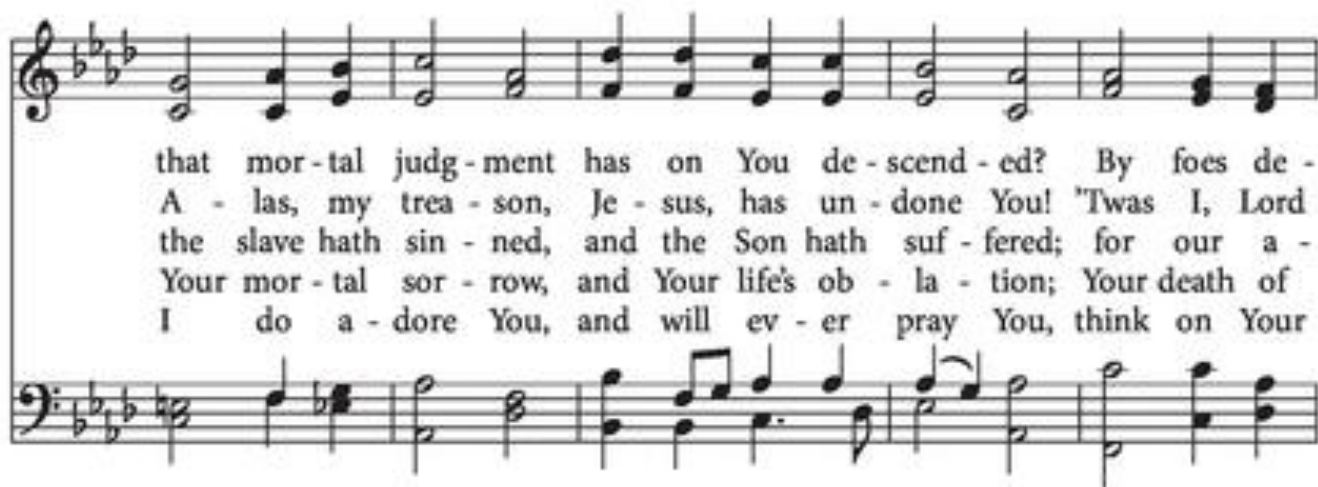
Ah, Holy Jesus

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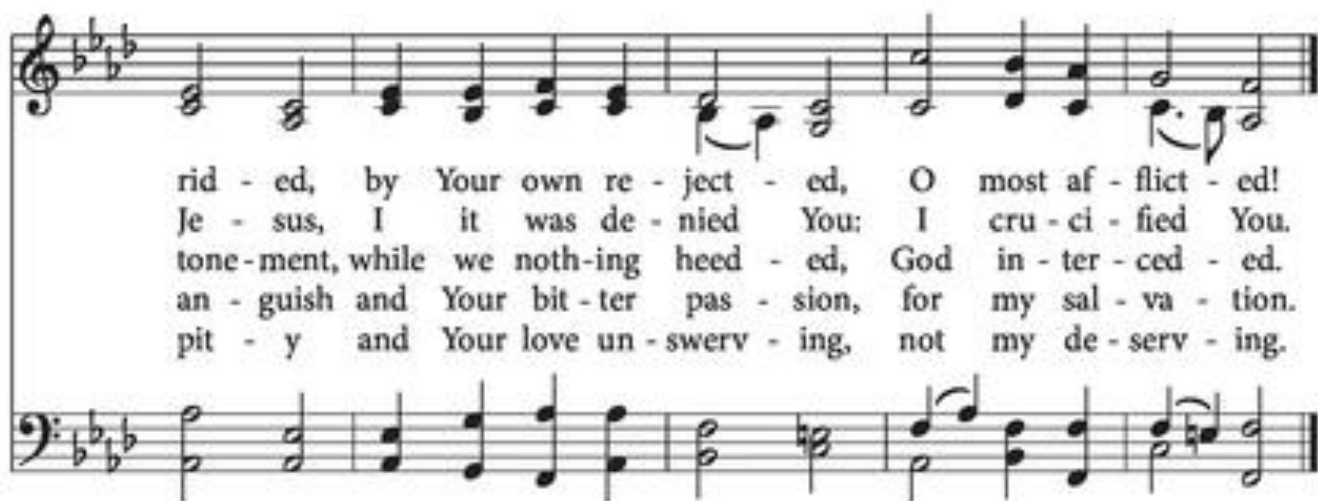
*Please stand, as you are able.*



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how have You of - fend - ed,  
2. Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on You?  
3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
4. For me, kind Je - sus, was Your in - car - na - tion,  
5. There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay You,



that mor - tal judg - ment has on You de - scend - ed? By foes de -  
A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, has un - done You! 'Twas I, Lord  
the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
Your mor - tal sor - row, and Your life's ob - la - tion; Your death of  
I do a - dore You, and will ev - er pray You, think on Your



rid - ed, by Your own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
Je - sus, I it was de - nied You: I cru - ci - fied You.  
tone-ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
an - guish and Your bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
pit - y and Your love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## ✠ THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor      Merciful God, Jesus was lifted on the cross to draw ALL people to you.  
ALL          Grant that we who have been born out of Christ's wounded side may always  
find mercy in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated.*

✠ THE LESSON      Hebrews 10:16-25      John Kinard, Lector

### Summary

Lector      *In the death of Jesus, forgiveness of sins is accomplished and access to God is established. Hence, when we gather for worship and when we LOVE others, we experience anew the benefits of Jesus' death. Now, the lesson from the book of Hebrews in the New Testament.*

Lector      <sup>16</sup> "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," <sup>17</sup> God also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."  
<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.  
<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Lector      Here ends the lesson. For the word given to us,  
ALL          Thanks be to God.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

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Cantor My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

ALL My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor <sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? <sup>2</sup> My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer; by night, but I find no rest.

ALL My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor <sup>3</sup> Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel. <sup>4</sup> Our ancestors put their trust in you, they trusted, and you rescued them. <sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

ALL My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor <sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm and not human, scorned by all and despised by the people. <sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips; they shake their head <sup>8</sup> "Trust in the Lord; let the Lord deliver; let God rescue him if God so delights in him."

ALL My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Cantor <sup>9</sup> Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb, and kept me safe on my mother's breast. <sup>10</sup> I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb. <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

ALL My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

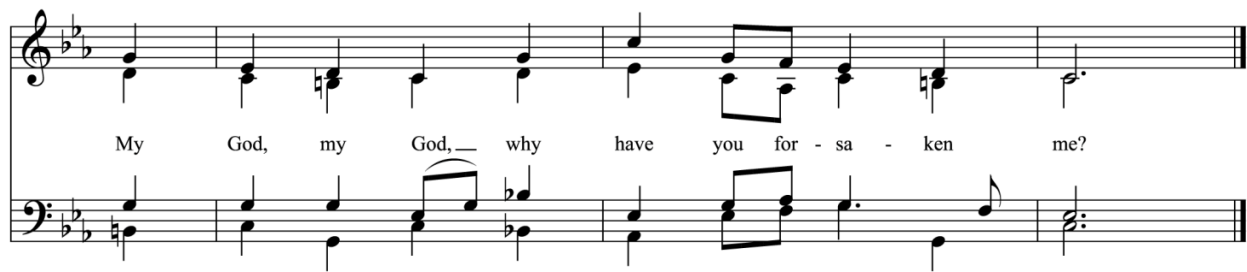
Cantor <sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is no one to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many young bulls encircle me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

<sup>13</sup> They open wide their jaws at me, like a slashing and roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; my heart within my breast is melting wax. <sup>15</sup> My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; and you have laid me in the dust of death.

ALL My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?



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Cantor <sup>16</sup> Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me; they pierce my hands and my feet. <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones while they stare at me and gloat.

**ALL** **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Cantor <sup>18</sup> They divide my garments among them; for my clothing, they cast lots. <sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid. <sup>20</sup> Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog. <sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**ALL** **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Cantor <sup>22</sup> I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you. <sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel. <sup>24</sup> For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

**ALL** **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Cantor <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord. <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the Earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God. <sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.

**ALL** **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Cantor <sup>29</sup> Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the Lord. <sup>30</sup> Their descendants shall serve the Lord, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. <sup>31</sup> They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

**ALL** **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

# THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Narrated by The Rev. Chris Christopher and The Rev. John Uldrick

## ✝ THE FIRST WORD Luke 23:33-34

Narrator Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Jesus to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Narrator God demonstrates love;  
ALL Christ died for ALL.

*Silence for meditation is observed, the Taizé Chant is sung three times, and the first candle is extinguished.*

### Jesus, Remember Me

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The first system shows the vocal line with a melodic line and the piano accompaniment with a bass line. The second system repeats the same melody and accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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## ✝ THE SECOND WORD Luke 23:38-43

Narrator            There was a written notice above Jesus, which read: this is the king of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Narrator            God demonstrates love;  
**ALL**                    **Christ died for ALL.**

*Silence for meditation is observed, the Taizé Chant is sung three times, and the second candle is extinguished.*

## ✝ THE THIRD WORD John 19:25-27

Narrator            Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Narrator            God demonstrates love;  
**ALL**                    **Christ died for ALL.**

*Silence for meditation is observed, the Taizé Chant is sung three times, and the third candle is extinguished.*

# ✝ THE FOURTH WORD

Matthew 27:45-49

Narrator From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” ... They said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.

Narrator God demonstrates love;

ALL Christ died for ALL.

*Silence for meditation is observed, the Taizé Chant is sung three times, and the fourth candle is extinguished.*

## Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 7/8 time signature. It contains four measures of music with lyrics underneath. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, containing four measures of accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The second system of musical notation is identical in structure to the first, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics and accompaniment.

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## ✝ THE FIFTH WORD      John 19:28-29

Narrator      Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

Narrator      God demonstrates love;

**ALL**              **Christ died for ALL.**

*Silence for meditation is observed, the Taizé Chant is sung three times, and the fifth candle is extinguished.*

## ✝ THE SIXTH WORD      John 19:30

Narrator      When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”

Narrator      God demonstrates love;

**ALL**              **Christ died for ALL.**

*Silence for meditation is observed, the Taizé Chant is sung three times, and the sixth candle is extinguished.*

## ✝ THE SEVENTH WORD      Luke 23:44-56

Narrator      It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Narrator      God demonstrates love;

**ALL**              **Christ died for ALL.**

*Silence for meditation is observed. The seventh candle is not extinguished and is removed from view, just as Christ was for a time hidden from sight in the tomb. Even on Good Friday we Worship the living Christ, the guarantor that we, too, will never die, but live forever in the Kingdom of God.*

# ✠ THE CHOIR ANTHEM

Deep, Deep Love Lee Dengler

Members of The Chancel Choirs at Immanuel and First Baptist

Deeper than the nails driven into his Hands, is the love a Father who gives His only Son.  
Deeper than the thorns pressing into His brow, is the love of a Son who dies for everyone.

Love, so amazing, deep, deep love. Love, so divine, deep deep love.

Love never failing to hear my call demands my soul, my life, my all.

Deeper than the spear piercing into His side, is the love of God who takes away my sin.

Deeper than the pain of the mob's bitter words is the love of the Savior who only says "forgive."

Love, so amazing, deep, deep love. Love, so divine, deep, deep love. Love never failing to hear my call  
demands my soul, my life, my all. Love, so amazing demands my soul, my life, my all.

# ✠ THE HYMN OF THE DAY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW # 803

*Please stand, as you are able.*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a  
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,  
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748  
Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

# ✝ THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated or kneel.*      AM = Assisting Minister

AM            Let us pray for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer*

AM            Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to ALL people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL            AMEN.

AM            Let us pray for ALL bishops, pastors and deacons, for ALL who serve in the various capacities of the church, and for ALL the people of God.

*Silent prayer*

AM            Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL            AMEN.

AM            Let us pray for ALL those preparing for Baptism.

*Silent prayer*

AM            Almighty and eternal God, You continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL            AMEN.

AM            Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, You give your church unity. Look with favor on ALL who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

AM Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

AM Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace ALL those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

AM Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, You created humanity so that ALL may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that ALL may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

AM Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, You are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold ALL the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

AM Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, You are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that ALL people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

AM Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer*

AM Almighty and eternal God, You give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL AMEN.

## ✝ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Finally, let us pray for ALL those things for which our Lord would have us ask and pray the prayer Christ taught us:

ALL **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.**

# ✝ THE CLOSING HYMN

Were You There

ELW# 353

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

*Refrain*

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?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WERE YOU THERE, African American spiritual  
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In keeping with the solemnity of the day, there is no post-service music. The service ends in **SILENCE**. Worshipers are invited to remain after the service for as long as they wish for prayer and meditation. ALL are asked to leave the sanctuary, the narthex, and the parking lot in **SILENCE**. The stillness and darkness of tonight are intended to contrast with the bright and glorious celebration of Easter morning.

# YOU'RE INVITED EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GREENWOOD

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8:45 am | Church Wide Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

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9:40 am | Baptism in Chapel

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10 AM | Sunday School Classes

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11 AM | Worship in Sanctuary

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**Flowering the Cross:** Plan to bring some flowers to add to the cross, which will be placed under the covered entrance outside the Fellowship Hall.

**Family Photos:** We will have someone to take pictures of families in front of the flowered cross during breakfast, prior to Sunday School and worship, and after worship.

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Easter Brunch at Immanuel 10 a.m. (Fellowship Center)  
Easter Egg Hunt for children / youth during brunch.

# GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of eternal life

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Merciful Father,

Today, we remember how your son died on the cross for us. He suffered betrayal, humiliation, and mockery for our sake.

He was beaten and wounded for our sins. He was crowned with thorns and crucified so that we may be saved. Our hearts are heavy as we remember his sufferings.

Though we mourn today, we find comfort in the hope that his death and resurrection brought to us.

Because he died, we have the gift of eternal life

Because he overcame death, we know we are more than conquerors

Thank you Father for this ultimate demonstration of love. Thank you for the gift of eternal life. Thank you for the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

*Amen*



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