



I was glad when they said to me,  
**LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!**



# SECOND DAY OF TRIDUUM

**Good Friday**  
**April 3, 2026**

# A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

The Lord's Supper will most likely be served today. This is also called Holy Communion. We follow our Lord's instructions alone here, and not the opinions of men. Please be sure to read The Lord's Supper statement on the previous page. Visitors, if you did not have a chance to speak to the pastor prior to the service, please take no offence if the pastor does not serve you should you come up to the rail. He will certainly offer a blessing and prayer over you. You should speak to him as quickly as possible after the service.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

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## Today's Theme

For this Good Friday, the second day of Triduum, we will follow the historic Tenebrae order, also known as "The Service of Darkness." We will base our readings on the hymn, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," and walk through our Lord's crucifixion from judgment to burial. At the end of the service we will be in darkness. Be prepared for the loud "strepitus," just before we leave which serves to remind us of our Lord's tomb being closed as He is laid to rest.

# Service of the Word

Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 52:13—53:12*

Epistle

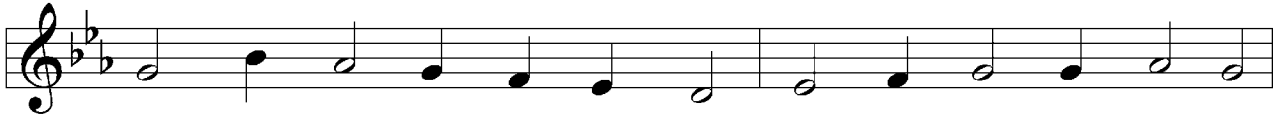
*Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

## The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

*440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now st. 1*



1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;



With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.



Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish



Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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Introduction to Readings

## The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

*John 18:1–11*

Hymn

1 O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.  
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

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## Jesus Before the High Priest and the Denial of Peter

*John 18:12–27*

### Hymn

*450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 2*

- 2 How pale Thou art with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
How doth Thy face now languish That once was bright as morn!  
Grim death, with cruel rigor, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vigor, Thy strength, in this sad strife.

## Jesus Before Pilate

*John 18:28–40*

### Hymn

*450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 3*

- 3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

## Jesus Prepared for Crucifixion

*John 19:1–16a*

### Hymn

*450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 4*

- 4 My Shepherd, now receive me; My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me To heav'nly joys above.

## The Crucifixion of Jesus

*John 19:16b–24*

### Hymn

*450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 5*

- 5 What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

## Jesus' Mother and His Death

*John 19:25–30*

### Hymn

*450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 6*

- 6 My Savior, be Thou near me When death is at my door;  
Then let Thy presence cheer me, Forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish, O leave me not alone,  
But take away mine anguish By virtue of Thine own!

# Jesus' Side is Pierced

John 19:31-42

## Hymn

450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded st. 7

7 Be Thou my consolation, My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee, Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee. Who dieth thus dies well.

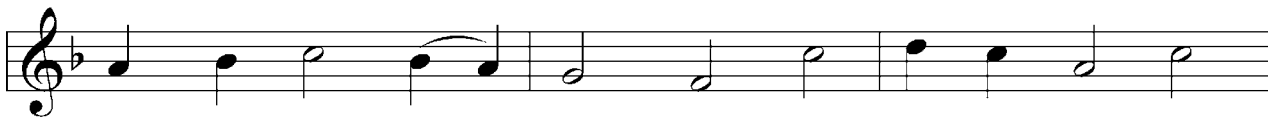
## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The  
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll  
4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the  
Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther  
bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to  
taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



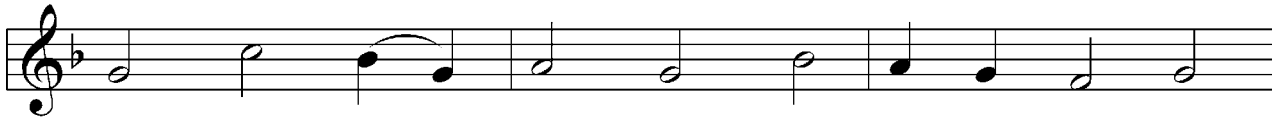
sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes  
chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go  
Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O  
robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



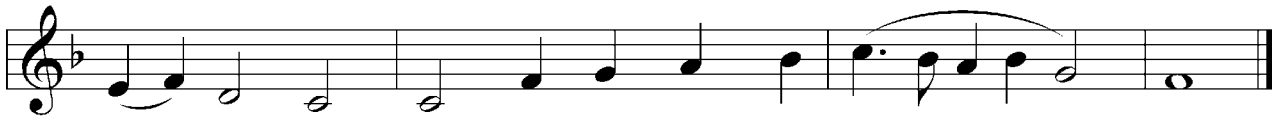
pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -  
forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren  
won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers  
I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com-plaint, That spot-less life to of - fer, He bears the  
 from their dread Of guilt and con-dem - na - tion. The wrath and  
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how  
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and  
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion  
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -  
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall

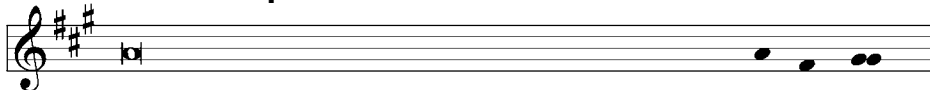


yet re - plies, "All this I glad - ly suf - fer."  
 they will share The fruit of Your sal - va - tion."  
 to the grave Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 we be brought To stand in joy be - side You.

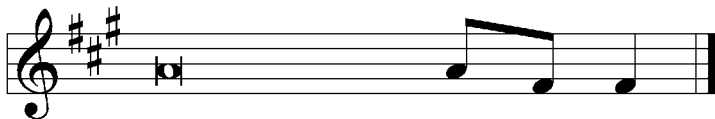
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## Bidding Prayer

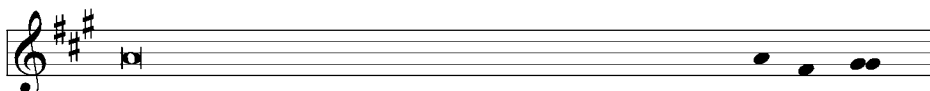
### Sentence and Response



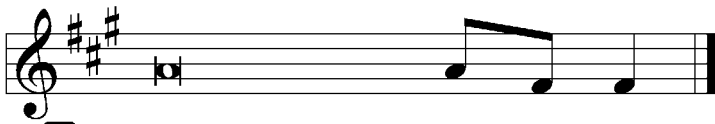
**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



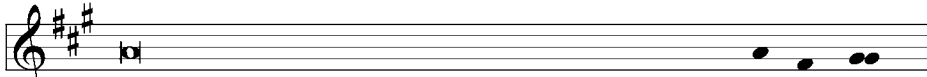
**R** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



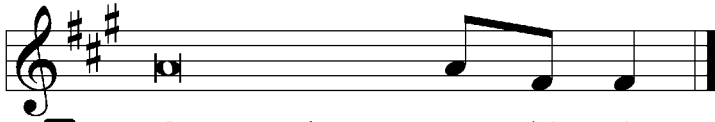
**P** Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.



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**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

## Reproaches

### First Reproach (Pastor)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people... nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

### Youth Choir

*Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.*

### Congregation

*434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy st. 1*



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

## Second Reproach (Pastor)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people... Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

## Youth Choir

*Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.*

## Congregation

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy st. 2



2 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

## Third Reproach (Pastor)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people... is this how you thank your God? O My people.

## Youth Choir

*Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.*

## Congregation

434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy st. 3



3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,

Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.

All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:

Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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## Adoration of Christ

TONE F

- ☐ We adore You, | O Lord,\***  
 and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.  
 For behold, by the wood | of Your cross\*  
 joy has come into | all the world.  
 God be merciful to us and | bless us,\*  
 and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.  
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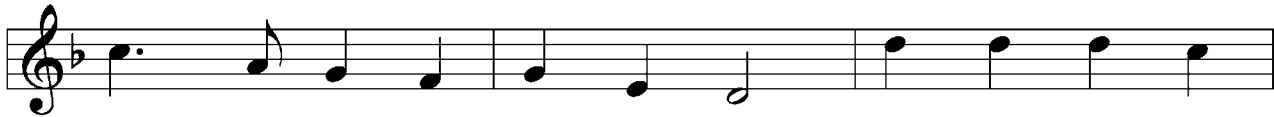
## Final Hymn

454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle sts. 1–4

- 1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
 2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
 3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
 4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!

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## Streptus (a loud noise)

*The congregation and assistants leave in complete silence. Join us tomorrow night for Easter Vigil at 6pm. We begin outside around a fire.*

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# Easter Vigil

If you have never attended the Easter Vigil, consider attending tomorrow night. Easter Vigil is one of the oldest formal services in the Christian church, finding its beginnings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries. We will also accept the first year Confirmation class for First Communion.

Easter Vigil starts outside around a campfire. We enter into the church with candles because the lights will all be off. About ½ way through the service, after several readings, we adorn the church and sanctuary for Easter and begin the celebration of our Lord's birth. Traditionally, the second half of the service is done just after midnight, but we won't keep you here that long.

## Prayer Requests

Chuck VanDonsel

Susan Lorenz

Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

Watch! I am about to do a new thing. Indeed, I will make a road in the wilderness. In the wasteland I will make rivers.

Isaiah 43:18-19 (EHV)

“Behold! I am making everything new!”  
Revelation 21:5 (ESV)