

Community Worship Service:

Emaus Lutheran Church

House of Prayer Lutheran Church

Journey in Faith Church

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church

**WAY OF THE CROSS
JOURNEY**

**GOOD
FRIDAY**
APRIL 2, 2021
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INTRODUCTION TO GOOD FRIDAY

We join as a community of Lutheran Congregations today, and as saints across time and space, as we observe this Good Friday together. This was the day when all things changed, when darkness fell upon the earth, when Jesus was crucified. We encourage you to darken your room/area as we proceed through the service today. As this time of worship ends today...we invite you to take time to pause in prayer and reflection.

Please join in with the bold responses during the worship service.

OPENING PRAYER *(Lutheran Church of the Redeemer)*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Holy God, we remember Pilate's question: What is truth?

**Now we have seen the truth: Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
betrayed, denied, mocked and beaten, put to death on a cross, buried in the tomb.**

We have seen the truth. But there is more ...

**Now show us the truth of your saving power; show us the way beyond the grave;
show us the life that is everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Amen.

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.

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Mercifully assist us, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may remember with joy the mighty acts whereby you have given us life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WAY OF
the cross
JOURNEY
begins...



We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

**By your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**



Station Reflection:

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate spoke to the crowd: "What do you wish me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So, after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

God did not spare his own Son,
but delivered him up for us all.

Hymn:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

TFF 193

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

When my way grows drear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand, lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

Let us pray,

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of sinners and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

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you have redeemed the world.**



Station Reflection:

Carrying the cross by himself, Jesus went out to the place called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.

The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all:

for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Hymn:

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

TFF 73

Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.

Let us pray,

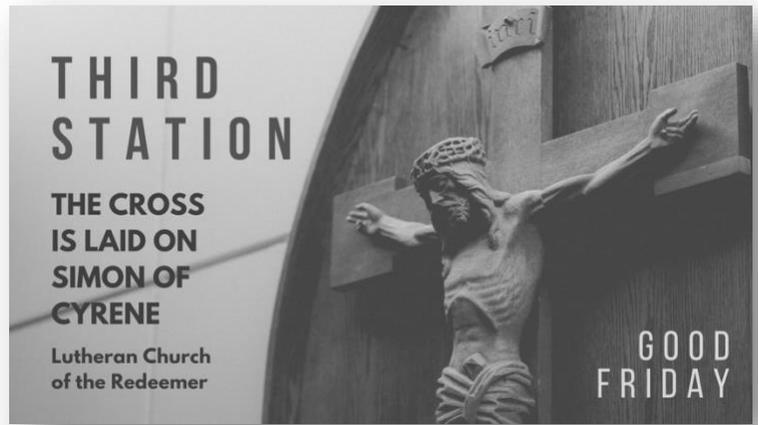
Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

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Station Reflection:

As they led Jesus 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. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me
cannot be my disciple.

Musical Reflection of Hymn:

Lead Me, Guide Me

TFF 70

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

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Station Reflection:

A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.”

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

Hymn:

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

TFF 66

I want Jesus to walk with me;	in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;	in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,	when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.	Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Let us pray,

Teach your church, O Lord, to mourn the sins of which it is guilty, and to repent and forsake them; that, by your pardoning grace, the results of our iniquities may not be visited upon our children and our children’s children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

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Station Reflection:

When they came to a place called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. The soldiers divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

They gave me gall to eat,
and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Hymn:

When the Storms of Life are Raging

TFF 198

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the world is tossing me
like a ship upon the sea;
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
in the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
when the hosts of hell assail,
and my strength begins to fail,
thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

Let us pray,

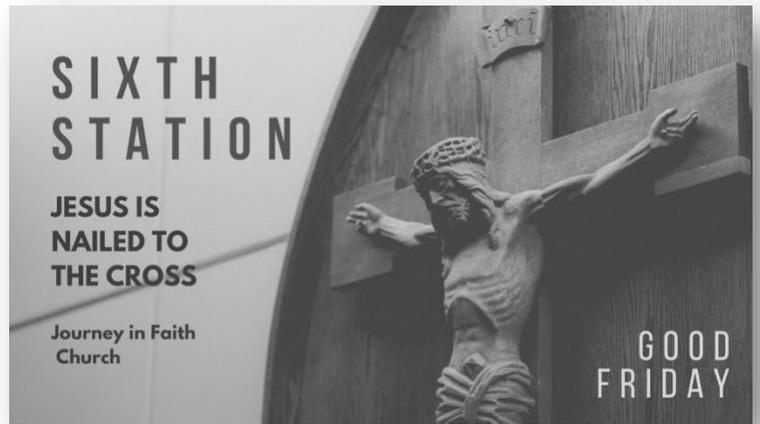
O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

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Station Reflection:

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus; and with him they crucified two criminals, one on the right, and one on the left. He poured out himself to death, and yet he bore the sin of many.

They pierce my hands and my feet;
they stare and gloat over me.

Hymn:

Were You There (vs. 1-3)

TFF 81

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Let us pray,

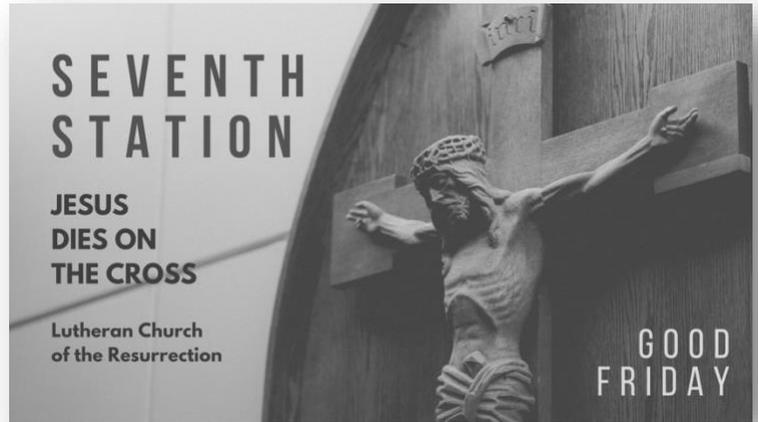
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So, clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

**By your holy cross
you have redeemed the world.**



Station Reflection:

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” And when Jesus had received the vinegar he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Christ for us became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.

Hymn:

What Can Wash Away My Sin?

TFF 69

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow
that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow
that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Let us pray,

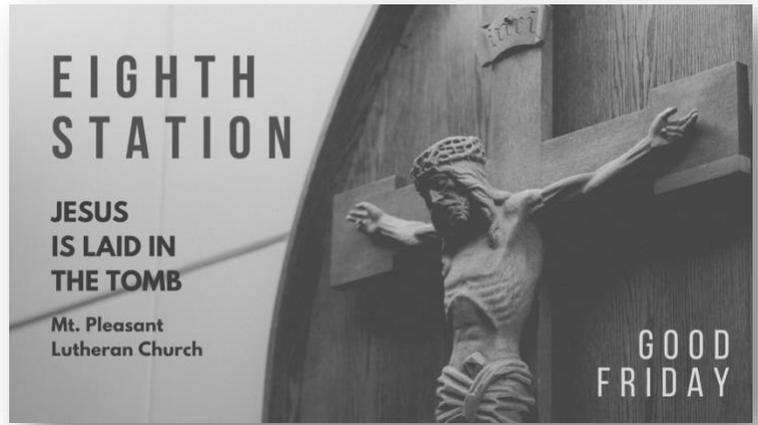
O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, who lives and reigns now and forever.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

We adore you, O Christ,
and we bless you.

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Station Reflection:

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So, Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

You will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

Hymn:

Were You There (vs. 4 & 5)

TFF 81

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble,
tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Let us pray,

O God, your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day. Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy and hear us.

CLOSING PETITION / PRAYER *(House of Prayer Lutheran Church)*

Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us.

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Let us pray,

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

SENDING *(Emaus Lutheran Church)*

To Christ our Lord who loves us, washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen

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