

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 – Traditional
11:15 – Contemporary style
3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15—
Service of the Word for Wholeness

A Service of Worship on Good Friday 12:00 noon and 7pm —March 29, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

P: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 53:1-9

P: Who has believed what we have heard?

C: **And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

P: For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

C: **He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account.**

P: Surely, he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

C: **But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.**

P: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: **He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; 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.**

P: By a perversion of justice, he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

C: **They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

THE FIRST WORD

Luke 23:32-38

Gail Bufalini 12 p.m.

Laura Hall 7 p.m.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with (Jesus). 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. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 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!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Meditation

Hymn

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

ELW 349

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Extinguishing of the Candle

THE SECOND WORD

Luke 23:39-43

Lori Calbeck 12 p.m.

Laura Hall 7 p.m.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Meditation

Hymn

“Jesus, Remember Me”

ELW 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. *To be repeated*

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THE THIRD WORD

John 19:25b-27

Gwen Fitzgerald 12 p.m.

Janet Gehrke 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and 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 to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Meditation

Hymn

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW 338

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

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THE FOURTH WORD

Mark 15:33-34

Gwen Fitzgerald 12 p.m.

Janet Gehrke 7 p.m.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Meditation

Hymn

"Were You There"

ELW 353

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

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THE FIFTH WORD

John 19:28

Anne Oliver 12 p.m.

Janet Gehrke 7 p.m.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty."

Meditation

Hymn

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

ELW 337

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.

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THE SIXTH WORD

John 19:29-30a

Anne Oliver 12 p.m.

Annette George 7 p.m.

A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished."

Meditation

Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

ELW 351

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.
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.

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THE SEVENTH WORD

Luke 23:46-49

Wayne Geik 12 p.m.

Annette George 7 p.m.

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Meditation

Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

ELW 609

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heav'ns above,
deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous thought—
found me when I sought him not.

O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word!
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;
grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

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SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

P: Lord God, you have given us everything. You have not held anything back. Help us in like manner to give of ourselves. Make us holy in Christ's name. Bless us in all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others. We ask this and all things that we ask of you through Jesus, who taught us to pray....

C: **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.**

Remain and pray as long as you wish.

*If you wish to leave an offering,
an offering plate will be available
as you exit the worship space.*

We thank you for worshiping with us this Good Friday. We look forward to seeing you this Sunday for the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. The cross is central to our faith, but because of Jesus's Resurrection, death no longer has the final say. Jesus has won the victory of life for us. On Easter Sunday, that great day of the Resurrection, we will worship at 9:00 (traditional) and 11:15 (contemporary) a.m. in person and livestreamed.