



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.



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is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
“**Reconciling in Christ**”
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE APRIL 15, 2022 AT 12:00 PM

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life.

A Assisting Minister **C** Congregation

We gather in silence.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Merciful God, 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.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The fourth servant poem promises ultimate vindication for the servant, who made his life an offering for sin. The servant pours himself out to death and is numbered with the transgressors, images that the early church saw as important keys for understanding the death of Jesus.

After the reading:

A Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22

The psalm is read in unison.

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

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer;

by night, but I find no rest.

Yet you are the Holy One,

enthroned on the praises of Israel.

Our ancestors put their trust in you,

they trusted, and you rescued them.

They cried out to you and were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

But as for me, I am a worm and not human,

scorned by all and despised by the people.

All who see me laugh me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they shake their heads.

“Trust in the LORD; let the LORD deliver;

let God rescue him if God so delights in him.”

Yet you are the one who drew me forth from the womb,

and kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;

you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near,

and there is no one to help.

Many young bulls encircle me;

strong bulls of Bashan surround me.

They open wide their jaws at me,

like a slashing and roaring lion.

I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint;

my heart within my breast is melting wax.

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.

Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers circles round me;

they pierce my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones

while they stare at me and gloat.

They divide my garments among them;

for my clothing, they cast lots.

But you, O LORD, be not far away;

O my help, hasten to my aid.

Deliver me from the sword,
 my life from the power of the dog.
 Save me from the lion's mouth!
 From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
 I will declare your name to my people;
 in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.
 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.
 For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
 neither is the LORD's face hid-den from them;
 but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.
 From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied.
 Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
 all the families of nations shall bow before God.

 For dominion belongs to the LORD,
 who rules over the nations.
 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.
 Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
 whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.
 They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
 saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

In his death Jesus functions as great high priest who experiences temptation and suffering in order that we would receive mercy and find grace, because he is the source of true salvation.

After the reading:

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 18:1-19:42

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion – from his arrest to his burial - is read in its entirety from the Gospel of John.

- A** The Holy Gospel according to John.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

- A** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

ORGAN MEDITATION

Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BWV 742 (O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)

J. S. Bach

BIDDING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

After brief silence. Each petition concludes:

- A** We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C** Amen

After the final petition:

- A** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.
- C** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

- A** Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
- C** Oh, come, let us worship him.

SOLEMN REPROACHES

- A** O my people, O my church,...but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
- C** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

After the final petition:

- A** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
- C** By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

You may stay and meditate before departing in silence.