



## **Good Friday 2024**

*The Way of the Cross*

Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin

Tre Ore Service (12–3 p.m.)



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## 12:00 NOON

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*Please stand and face the back as the bell tolls 12 times.*

*The following is spoken three times before the image of Christ crucified:*

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

**C:** **Oh, come, let us adore him.**

*After the image of Christ crucified is placed in its stand, please be seated.*

### **IMPROPERIA** (“Reproaches”)

**L:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people.

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

**Response:**     **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off’ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff’ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!**

**L:** Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

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.

**Response:**      **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off'ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff'ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!**

L: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people.

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.

**HYMN** "Sing, My Tongue" (*Stanzas 1 & 4*) ... LSB #454  
          *The Soloist will sing Stanza 1*  
          *The Congregation will sing Stanza 4*

**LESSON** Isaiah 52:13–53:12

**HYMN** "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" ... LSB #440

**LESSON** Hebrews 4:12–5:10

**PRAYER** *Please kneel.*

P: Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, at this hour you bore our sins in your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live to righteousness. Have mercy upon us now and at the hour of our death, and grant to us, your servants, with all others who devoutly remember your blessed Passion, a holy and peaceful life in this world and, through your grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God forever.

**C: Amen**

*An organ interlude is played.*



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## 12:20 PM: The First Station

"JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH."

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**HYMN** "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" (*stanzas 1 & 2*) ... LSB #438

**P:** God spared not his only Son.

**C:** But delivered him up for us all.

**LESSON** Mark 15:1-5, 15

### RESPONSE

**C:** Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off'ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff'ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!

**MEDITATION** Pr. Christopher Johnson

### CHORAL OFFERING

"He Stood Before the Court" ... Christopher M. Idle and Leland B. Sateren

*Please kneel.*

### PRAYER

**P:** Almighty God,

**C:** we beg you, in your great love, to look on us, your family, for which our Lord Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death on the cross; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

### BLESSING

*An organ interlude is played.*



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## 12:40 PM: The Second Station

"JESUS RECEIVES HIS BITTER CROSS"

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**HYMN** "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" (*stanzas 1 – 3*) ... LSB #451

**P:** The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

**C:** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

**LESSON** Matthew 27:27-31; John 19:16b-17

### RESPONSE

**C:** Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off'ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff'ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!

**MEDITATION** Pr. Steven Gjerde

### CHORAL OFFERING

"O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head"

... Henry E. Hardy

*Please kneel.*

### PRAYER

**P:** Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross:

**C:** Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may obtain remission of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### BLESSING

*An organ interlude is played.*



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## 1:00 PM: The Third Station

"SIMON HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS"

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**HYMN** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

... LSB #426

**P:** Whoever does not carry his cross and come after me,

**C:** cannot be my disciple.

**LESSON** Mark 15:21

### RESPONSE

**C:** Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off'ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff'ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!

**MEDITATION** Pr. Christopher Johnson

### CHORAL OFFERING

"The Tree of Life"

... Stephen P. Starke and Bruce W. Becker

*Please kneel.*

### PRAYER

**P:** Merciful God, who has not spared your only Son, but delivered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross:

**C:** Grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we may not fear any trouble, but take up our cross in his same spirit of compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### BLESSING

*An organ interlude is played.*



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## 1:20 PM: The Fourth Station

“WOMEN OF JERUSALEM WEEP OVER JESUS”

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### HYMN “At the Cross, Her Station Keeping”

1. At the cross her sta - tion keep - ing, Stood the mourn - ful  
2. Oh, how sad and sore dis - tressed - ed Was that moth - er  
3. Who, on Christ's dear moth - er gaz - ing, Pierced by an - guish

moth - er weep - ing, Close to Je - sus to the last.  
high - ly bless - ed Of the sole - be - got - ten one!  
so a - maz - ing, Born of wom - an, would not weep?

Through her heart, his sor - row shar - ing, All his bit - ter  
Oh, the depth of her af - flic - tion As she saw the  
Who, on Christ's dear moth - er think - ing, Such a cup of

an - guish bear - ing, Now at length the sword had passed.  
cru - ci - fix - ion Of her dy - ing, glo - rious Son!  
sor - row drink - ing, Would not share her sor - rows deep?

P: You have turned my mourning into gladness.

C: **Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.**

LESSON Luke 23:27-31

### RESPONSE

C: **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off'ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff'ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!**

**MEDITATION** Pr. Steven Gjerde

**CHORAL OFFERING**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

... Jeffrey Blersch

*Please kneel.*

**PRAYER**

P: O God, the Comfort of all who hope in you:

C: **teach us not to weep for your Son’s pain, but for the sins that his pain forgave, and make his mercy for the whole human race our greatest consolation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**BLESSING**

*An organ interlude is played.*



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**1:40 PM: The Fifth Station**

**“JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS”**

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**HYMN** “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

... LSB #437

P: They divided my garments among them.

C: **And for my vesture they did cast lots.**

**LESSON** John 19:23-25

**RESPONSE**

C: **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off’ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff’ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!**



**MEDITATION** Pr. Christopher Johnson

**CHORAL OFFERING**

"The Blood of Jesus"

... Mark Knickelbein

*Please kneel.*

**PRAYER**

P: Strip us, O Lord, of our former self with its evil deeds and ways,

C: **and clothe us with the holiness of Christ, that we, his brethren, with all the children of Adam and Eve, may be adorned with glory, now and forever. Amen**

**BLESSING**

*An organ interlude is played.*



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**2:00 PM: The Sixth Station**

**"JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS "**

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**HYMN** "Upon the Cross Extended" (*stanzas 1, 6 & 7*)

... LSB #453

P: They have pierced my hands and my feet.

C: **They have numbered all my bones.**

**LESSON** Luke 23:32-33

**RESPONSE**

C: **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off'ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff'ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!**

**MEDITATION** Pr. Steven Gjerde

**CHORAL OFFERING**

“Deep Were His Wounds”

... Leland B. Sateren

*Please kneel.*

**PRAYER**

P: O Jesus, crucified for me,

C: **subdue my heart with your holy fear and love, and since my sins were the cruel nails that pierced you, grant that in sorrow for my past life I may pierce and nail to your cross all that offends you. Amen**

**BLESSING**

*An organ interlude is played.*



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**2:20 PM: The Seventh Station**

“JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS”

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**HYMN** “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes” (*stanzas 1 – 3*)

... LSB #447

P: Christ for our sake became obedient unto death,

C: **even the death of the cross.**

**LESSON** Matthew 27:45-54

**RESPONSE**

C: **Lamb of God, pure and sinless, Once on the cross an off’ring,  
Patient, meek, though guiltless, Forsaken in your suff’ring!  
You died our guilt to banish That none in sin need perish!  
Grant us your mercy, O Jesus!**

**MEDITATION** Pr. Christopher Johnson

## CHORAL OFFERING

"It is Fulfilled"

... J.S. Bach

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,

C: **who at the sixth hour was crucified for the redemption of the world, and did shed your precious blood for the remission of our sins: grant us, we beg you, that when we die we may enter the gates of Paradise through your merits and your victory over death. Amen**

## BLESSING

*An organ interlude is played.*



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## 2:40 PM: The Eighth Station

"JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB"

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**HYMN** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (*stanzas 1 – 3, 7*)

... LSB #450

P: My body also shall rest in hope,

C: **for you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your Holy One see the pit.**

**LESSON** Matthew 27:55-61

**MEDITATION** Pr. Steven Gjerde

*Please kneel.*

## PRAYER

P: O Jesus, most compassionate Lord,

C: **we adore you, who are enclosed in the tomb. We desire to enclose**

**you within our hearts, that, united with you, we may rise to newness of life, and by the gift of faithful confession, may also die in your grace. Amen**

**CHORAL OFFERING** "Pie Jesu" ... Maurice Durufle

*"Blessed Jesus, Christ our Lord, grant them everlasting rest. Bestow on them peaceful sleep, sleep that brings a kind repose, everlasting calm relief. Faithful Jesus, Lord our God, grant your servants everlasting sleep and rest."*

**LITANY OF THE PASSION** *Please kneel.*

P: O Lord,

**C: have mercy upon us.**

P: O Christ,

**C: have mercy upon us.**

P: O Lord,

**C: have mercy upon us.**

P: God the Father in heaven,

**C: have mercy upon us.**

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C: have mercy upon us.**

P: God the Holy Spirit, sanctifying us in Holy Baptism,

**C: have mercy upon us.**

P: O holy and blessed Trinity,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

P: O Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, hated by the world, sold for thirty pieces of silver, sweating blood in your bitter agony, betrayed by Judas, forsaken by your disciples,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

P: O Jesus Christ, struck upon the cheek, accused by false witnesses, spit upon in the face, denied by Peter, mocked by Herod, scourged by Pilate, rejected for Barabbas,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

P: O Jesus, burdened with the cross, crowned with thorns, stripped of your clothing, nailed to the tree, reviled by your nation's leaders, taunted by the malefactor, wounded in the side, giving your holy and precious blood, forsaken by your Father, dying for our sins,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

P: O Jesus, taken gently from the cross, laid in the sepulcher, rising gloriously, ascending brilliantly into heaven, sending upon your Church the Holy Spirit,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

P: O Jesus our Sacrifice, our Prophet, Priest, and King,

**C: have mercy and hear us.**

P: Be merciful.

**C: Spare us, O Lord.**

P: Be merciful.

**C: Graciously hear us, O Lord.**

P: From all sin, from all evil, from anger and hatred,

**C: Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

P: From malice and revenge, from unbelief and hardness of heart,

**C: Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

P: From blasphemy and sacrilege, from hypocrisy and covetousness,

**C: Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

P: From blindness to the one true faith, from danger of soul and body,

**C: Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

P: From everlasting death,

**C: Lord Jesus, deliver us.**

P: We sinners beseech you to hear us, good Lord: That you would spare us, pardon us, defend your one holy Church, bless your own, convert your foes, spread the truth, destroy error, break to pieces false gods, and increase your elect,

**C: we beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: have mercy on us.**

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: grant us your peace.**

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless your name forever;

**C: by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach 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**

*Please stand.*

## HYMN "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God"

O Christ, thou Lamb of God  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us!  
O Christ, thou Lamb of God  
That takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us thy peace! A – men

## SILENT RECESSION

*The pastors will lead the congregation to Grant Street, then east on Grant Street and circling the block to Luther Square, where a brief outdoor devotion will be held.*

*After the devotion, the cross will proceed westward around the block and return to church through the Grant Street entrance.*

*Please follow quietly and reverently. At each corner (symbolizing the corners of the earth), we pause to proclaim:*

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;

C: **By your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.**

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## **Serving at Worship**

<u>Pastors:</u>	The Rev. Dr. Steven K. Gjerde The Rev. Christopher S. Johnson
<u>Organist:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Choir Director:</u>	Kantor Irene Beethe
<u>Choir:</u>	The Zion Kantorei
<u>Vocalists:</u>	Cyndi Reuter; Jim Speckhard; Karla Tennant
<u>Horn:</u>	Meagan Cihlar
<u>Violin:</u>	Mary Premeau
<u>Radio:</u>	Dick Ames, Paul Fandrey
<u>Elder:</u>	Abby Daniels

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## **Zion Lutheran Church**

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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