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## ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship 7:00pm

## Good Friday

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### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... **Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

### First Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

[After the Holy Spirit says,] <sup>16</sup>“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,” <sup>17</sup>he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” <sup>18</sup>Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

John 18:1-11 (*video*)

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (ELW 349) (*verse 1*)

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.

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John 18:12-27 (*video*)

Hymn: “Ah, Holy Jesus” (ELW 349) (*verse 2*)

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.

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John 18:28-40 (*video*)

Hymn: “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (ELW 351) (*verse 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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John 19:1-16a (*video*)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (ELW 351) (*verse 2*)

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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John 19:16b-27 (*video*)

Hymn: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (ELW 351) (*verse 3*)

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

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John 19:28-42 (*video*)

Hymn: "Ah, Holy Jesus" (ELW 349) (*verse 2*)

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.

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P: This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Bidding Prayer (ELW page 263)

P: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, Synodical Bishop, Craig Satterlee, for Pastor Julie Bailey, and all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer*

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer*

Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

*All pray the Lord's Prayer.*

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.**

Procession of the Cross (ELW page 264)

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of <sup>l</sup> the whole world.

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P: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

**C: May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

P: We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

*After a brief silence, the presiding minister continues.*

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

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

Song: "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 nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
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?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
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?  
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?

*Leave in silence*

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