

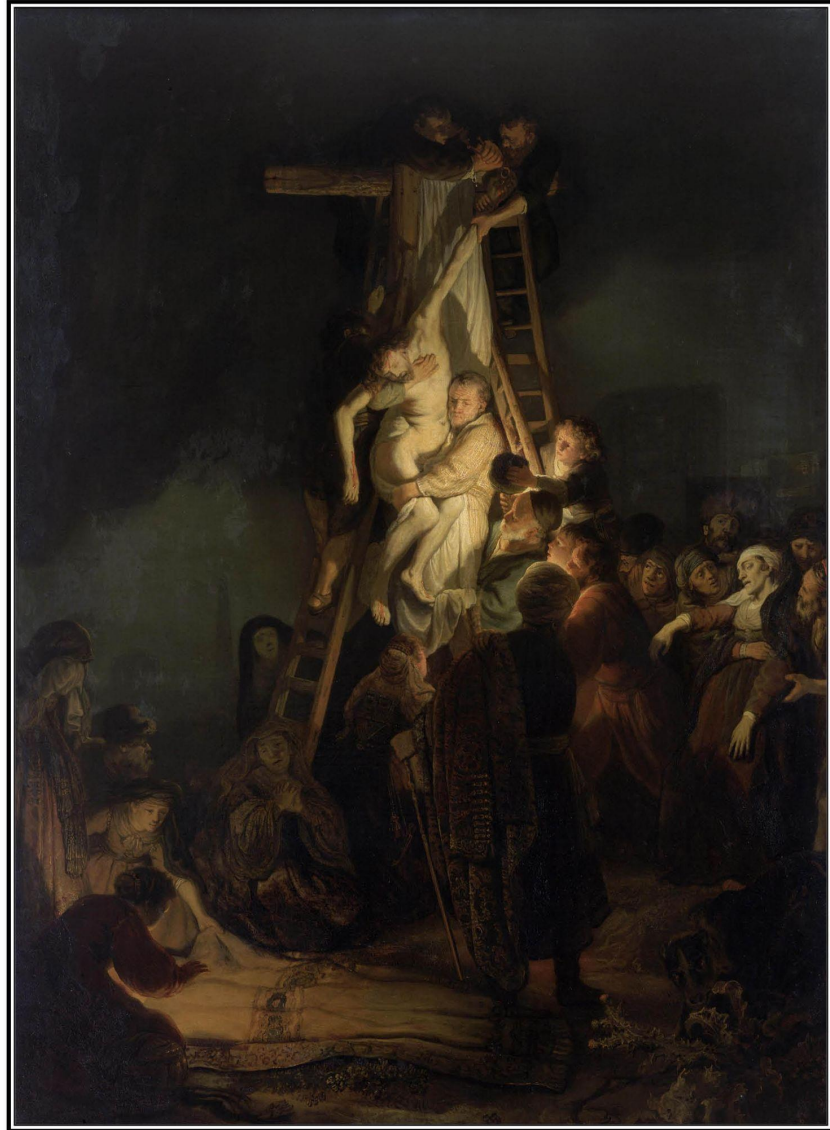
LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ GOOD FRIDAY ✠

APRIL 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we gather is indeed a tree of life.

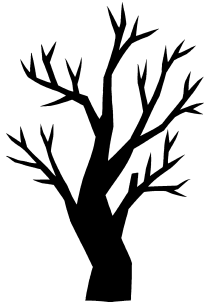


Descent from the Cross, Rembrandt van Rijn, 1634

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*

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Call to Worship

Invocation & Prayer

*Please stand
as you are able.*

The Scriptural Stations of the Cross is an ecumenical Lenten tradition inviting prayer and reflection on Jesus' final days through the visitation of 14 stations, each representing a part of our savior's journey to the grave. The Scriptural Stations is a modern version of the ancient Christian devotion. This version was inaugurated on Good Friday 1991 by Pope John Paul II in Rome's Colosseum.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, again this day, the day in which our Lord died, and rested in death in the kingdom of the dead, we have gathered to hear the story of his selfless and life-giving sacrifice upon the cross. Let us mark, therefore, the events and words of this day which proclaim God's victory and our salvation. Solemnly, may we pass before his cross and contemplate his act of love and mercy, forgiveness and grace.

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ:

In whom is our salvation, our life and our resurrection.

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

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

Anthem



Remember Me

Deborah Govenor

*In the night in which our Savior was betray'd,
He broke the bread and to His friend he said,
"Take and eat, this is my body given for you,
take and drink this blood is shed for you.
Do this always to remember me."*

*In the night in which our Savior was denied,
He bowed His head and to the Father cried,
"If it be your will let this cup pass from me,
if it be your will spare me this agony.
In my darkest hour will you remember me."*

*In the night in which the my deepest doubts are known,
you come to me and I am not alone.*

*When I taste your blood and body giv'n for me,
when I hear your prayer in dark Gethsemane,
then I know you will remember me*

First Station

✠ JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Matthew 26:36-41

Then, while Jesus was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. His betrayer had arranged a signal with them, saying, “the man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him and lead him away securely.” He came and immediately went over to him and said, “Rabbi.” And he kissed him. At this they laid hands on him and arrested him.

Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.



Second Station

✠ JESUS, BETRAYED BY JUDAS, IS ARRESTED ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Mark 14:43-46

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Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through thy suff'rings, death, and merit, eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.*

Third Station

✠ JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 22:66-71

When day came, the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us," but he replied to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God." They all asked, "Are you then the Son of God?" He replied to them, "You say that I am." Then they said, "What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth."

Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Fourth Station

✠ JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Matthew 26:69-75



Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.*

Fifth Station

✠ JESUS IS JUDGED BY PILATE ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Mark 15:1-5, 15



The chief priests with the elders and the scribes, that is, the whole Sanhedrin, held a council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He said to him in reply, "You say so." The chief priests accused him of many things. Again Pilate questioned him, "Have you no answer? See how many things they accuse you of." Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.... Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas... [and] handed [Jesus] over to be crucified.

Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees.
Amen.

Sixth Station

✠ JESUS IS SCOURGED & CROWNED WITH THORNS ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

John 19:1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown out of thorns and placed it on his head, and clothed him in a purple cloak, and they came him and said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck him repeatedly.

Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;
yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.*

Seventh Station

✠ JESUS BEARS THE CROSS ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

John 19:6, 15-17



When the chief priests and the guards saw Jesus they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him. I find no guilt in him." They cried out, "Take him away, take him away! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha.

Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Eighth Station

✠ JESUS IS HELPED ✠

BY SIMON THE CYRENIAN TO CARRY THE CROSS

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Mark 15:21

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross.

Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth.

Amen. Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Heartless scoffers did surround thee, treating thee with cruel scorn,
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee. All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne
that as thine thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.*

Ninth Station

✠ JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM ✠

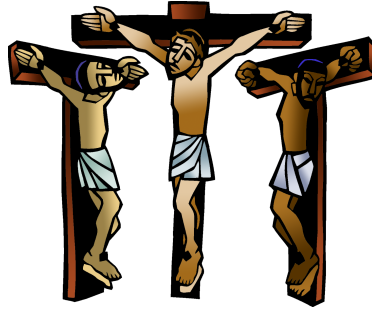
We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children, for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, 'Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.' At that time, people will say to the mountains, 'Fall upon us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us!' for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?"

Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.



Tenth Station

✠ JESUS IS CRUCIFIED ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 23:33-34

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee that from pain I might be free;
falsely did thy foes accuse thee: thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.*

Eleventh Station

✠ JESUS PROMISES HIS KINGDOM TO THE GOOD THIEF ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 23:39-43

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.



Twelfth Station

✠ JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS MOTHER AND THE DISCIPLE ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

John 19:25-27

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.*

Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thirteenth Station

✠ JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Luke 23:44-46

It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"; and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Lord, grant us trust in you that when our time on earth is ended our spirits may come to you without delay. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.



Fourteenth Station

✠ JESUS IS PLACED IN THE TOMB ✠

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Matthew 27:57-60

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.

Hymn

*Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.*

Homily



Solo

Meine Seele ist erschüttert Christus am Ölberge, Op. 85: No. 3

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

My whole soul within me trembles, From the torture drawing near.

O behold me, see me tremble. See the pain that fills my soul.

How my heart is full of sorrow. With the thought of deathly pain.

Drops of blood and sweat of torment, From my forehead fall like rain.

Father! O glorify Thou me, With the glory that is Thine,

And the power if Thou are willing; Take away this cup from me.

✠ Holy Communion ✠



Words of Institution

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.

Words of Invitation

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his blood which was shed for you.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Lamb of God

O Christ Thou Lamb of God

LBW #103

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

Distribution Music

Für Alina

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Litany of the Cross
*Please stand as
you are able.*

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me. I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way. I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit. I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I gave you a royal scepter, but you give me a crown of thorns. I gave you a kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, gave you my peace and my truth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy, God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me. I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink; a stranger, and you do not welcome me, naked and you do not clothe me, sick and in prison, and you did not visit me, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Holy God! Holy and strong! Holy immortal One, have mercy on us.

Veneration
of the Cross
Spoken three times.

Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Anthem

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee ~ The Seven Last Words of Christ

Théodore Dubois (1827-1934)

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.

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, your passion and death is the sacrifice that unites earth and heaven and reconciles all people to you. May we who have faithfully reflected on these mysteries follow in your steps and so come to share your glory in heaven where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS THIS EVENING

Pastor.....*Rev. Dr. Arden D. Haug*
Organist.....*Dr. Kristina Rizzotto*
Soloist.....*Sean Lundquist*
Worship Assistant.....*Kathy Hering*
Communion Assistant.....*Mary Sabatke*
Usher.....*Eric Amann*
Altar Servers.....*Linda Nelson*
Readers.....*Bill Fredell, Kathy Fredell,*
Mary Jubenville, Mary Sabatke,
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