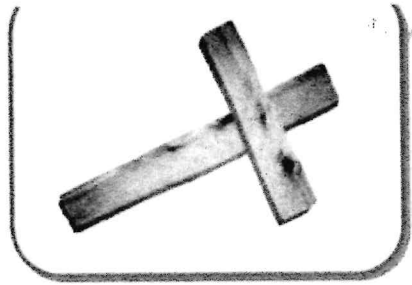


*Divine Service for Good Friday*

## SOTERIOS



*April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026*

*6:30 p.m.*



A CONTEMPLATIVE REFLECTION...

## SOTERIOS

from the Greek... means “SALVATION.” In the WOUNDS OF CHRIST we are forgiven and saved from our sins. Our souls are healed from the results of sin - death.

Our service tonight focuses on Christ’s wounds. As we contemplate the immensity of Jesus’ sacrifice, the Christ Candle will be brought into the church through the congregation thus reminding us that Jesus is the Light of the World who has come among us. The forces of hell will not prevail against the Light of Christ. Jesus’ resurrection is sure.

The Light of the World lives and shines forever

The peace (Solace) that comes from KNOWING that the Sacrifice of our Savior brings healing and remedy to the soul...

It brings salvation! SOTERIOS!

Please Remain Silent Before the Service Begins



## THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS

### *Opening Hymn of Meditation*

“Rock of Ages”

[LSB #761...vs. 1 thru 3]

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from it's guilt and pow'r.
2. Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
3. Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

### *Invocation*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### *Prayer for Good Friday*

### *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.**

## Offering

### “LAMB OF GOD”

*Maria Kanyova, Judy Koehlert, Nichole Matovich*

*David Meier, Jess Wendt*

*Kris Bartelt - accompanist*

## Hymn Response

### “O Sacred Head Now Wounded” [LSB #449... vs. 1 and 2]

1. O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,  
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Your only crown.  
O sacred head, what glory And bliss did one combine;  
Though now despised and gory, I joy to call You mine!
2. How pale You are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!  
Your face, Your eyes now languish, Which once were bright as morn.  
Now from Your cheeks has vanished Their color once so fair;  
From loving lips is banished The splendor that was there.



### - *Tenebrae [Service of Darkness]* -

*He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities,  
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him.  
And by His wounds, we are healed.*

*Isaiah 53:5*

### *First Reading - Jesus is Betrayed & Arrested*

**- John 18:1-11 -**

*Silent Prayer and Hymn Response*

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

[LSB #449... vs. 3 and 4]

3. All this for my transgression, My wayward soul to win;  
This torment of Your Passion, To set me free from sin.  
I cast myself before You, Your wrath my rightful lot;  
Have mercy, I implore You, O Lord, condemn me not!
4. Here will I stand beside You, Your death for me my plea;  
Let all the world deride You, I clasp You close to me.  
My awe cannot be spoken, To see You crucified;  
But in Your body broken, Redeemed, I safely hide!

*Second Reading - Jesus before Annas & Peter's Denial*

*- John 18:12-27 -*

*Silent Prayer and Hymn Response*

“Nothing but the Blood”

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Chorus:       **O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
                  No other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.***

2. For my pardon this I see:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
For my cleansing this my plea:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.       *(Chorus)*
3. This is all my hope and peace:  
nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness:  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.       *(Chorus)*

## Third Reading - Jesus before Pilate

- John 18:28-40 -

### Silent Prayer and Praise Response

#### "By His Wounds"

*He was pierced for our transgressions,  
He was crushed for our sins,  
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him.*

*And by His wounds,  
By His wounds we are healed.*

Chorus: **We are healed by Your sacrifice,  
In the life that You gave.  
We are healed for You paid the price,  
By Your grace we are saved We are saved.** to vs.

Ending: *And by His wounds,  
By His wounds...*

(Leader) *What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

(ALL) *What can make me whole again...  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

## Fourth Reading - Jesus Sentenced to be Crucified

- John 19:1-16 -

### Silent Prayer and Hymn Response

#### "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted" [LSB #451]

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!  
Tis' the Christ, by man rejected, Yes my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long Expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: Tis the true and faithful Word.

(continues)

2. Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His"  
Friends, through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting his distress  
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the Sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm Foundation, Here the Refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the Name on which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrificed to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded Who, on Him their hope have built.

*Pastor's Meditation*

## **"TRUE LOVE"**

### *Fifth Reading - The Crucifixion*

- John 19:17-24 -

*The Christ Candle Enters / Choral Meditation* *[please rise and face the Christ candle]*

**"A LAMB GOES UNCOMPLAINING FORTH"** [Jessie Wendt + David Meier]

### *Sixth Reading - The Death of Jesus*

- John 19:25-30 -

*Silent Prayer and Praise Response* "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

1. How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His Treasure.  
*How great the pain of searing loss; The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.* *(continues)*

2. Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.

*It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;*

*His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished..*

*Ending: Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.*

*But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.*

## *Shadows and Darkness*

- John 19:31-42 -

### "Were You There"

[LSB #456...vs. 1 thru 3]

1. 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?
2. 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?
3. 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?

## *Removal of the Christ Candle*

[Burial of Jesus]

- *Strepitus* (judgement fulfilled)





*We invite you to STAY in the sanctuary to meditate and PRAY in silence.*

*As you depart, please leave IN SILENCE, waiting to greet others until  
you are completely outside the sanctuary.*

*PONDER these holy things in your heart over Holy Saturday,  
and then JOIN US on Easter morning*