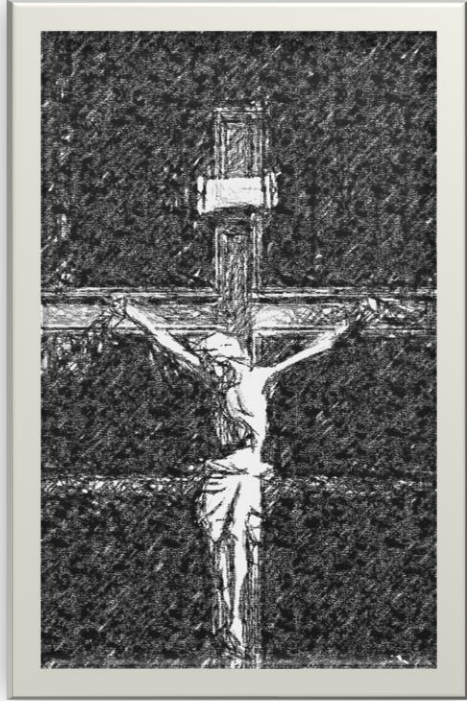




GOOD FRIDAY

Matthew 27:37



And they put up over His head
the accusation written against Him:

THIS IS JESUS
THE KING OF THE JEWS

Order of Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 172 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (vv. 1, 4, 8)

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

P All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way. (Isaiah 53:6)

C **Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51:4-5)**

P But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed! (Isaiah 53:5)

C **Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. (Micah 7:18)**

P Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

C **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith. (1 Peter 5:6-9)**

P In the mercy of our almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Jn. 1:12; Phil. 1:6)

C **Amen.**

♪ Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.
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The Crucifixion Account According to Matthew (27:33-66)

Confession of Faith:

(Smalcald Articles, Part II, Article II)

☐ The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification. And He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. And God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all. Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit (freely, and without their own works or merits) by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood. Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us as St. Paul says, “For we conclude that a man is justified by faith, without the deeds of the Law. That He might be just, and the Justifier of him who believes in Christ.” Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered nor can anything be granted or permitted contrary to it, even though heaven and earth and whatever will not abide, should sink to ruin. “For there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved,” says Peter. And with His stripes we are healed.

Hymn

TLH 171 *Upon the Cross Extended* (vv. 1, 7-9, 12)

Sermon Text:

Matthew 27:46

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

THE FINAL SEARCHING QUESTION:

“WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

TLH 179 On my Heart Imprint Thine Image

♪ On my heart imprint Thine image,
Blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Have no pow'r Thee to efface.
This the superscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
and my glory and salvation. ♪

Service of the Sacrament

P On Good Friday, we see the body of Christ given into death for our sins and the blood of Christ shed for our iniquities. Christ is not merely reminding us of His sacrifice here but rather, is bestowing to us His true body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the remission of sin. Christ is not sacrificed repeatedly in the Sacrament, but rather He gives of His body and blood which was offered once to bear the sins of all. *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

Confession and Absolution

(using the Christian Questions)

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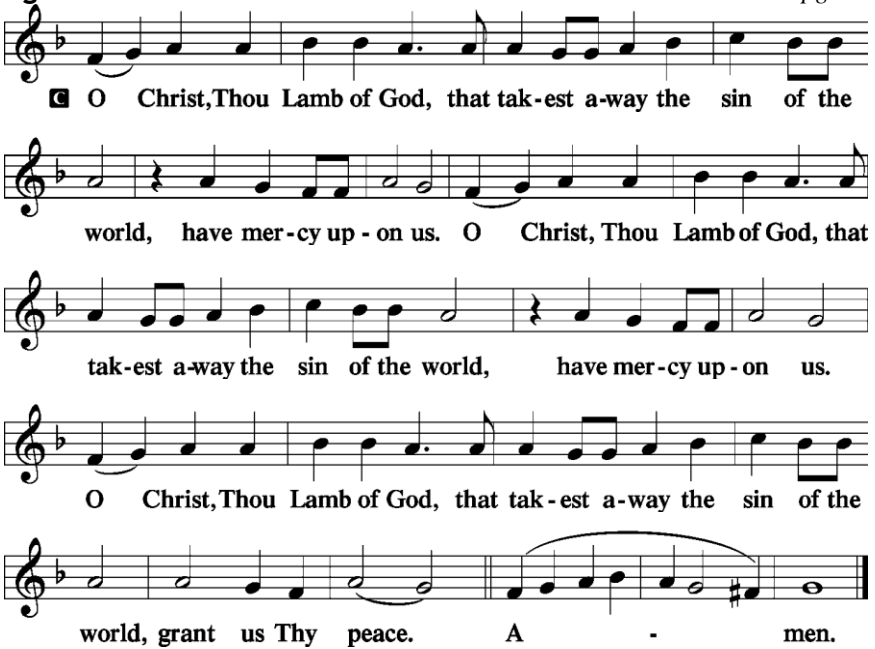
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



Agnus Dei

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C 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

A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION: All CLC churches practice "close communion." **We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament.** This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another.

Prayer + Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Announcements

- We welcome any guests or visitors and invite you to sign our guest registry in the entryway. We hope you'll join us again soon!
- Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary.
- The victory service for Ivan Zarling will be held tomorrow, Saturday April 16th, beginning at 1pm.
- Easter breakfast begins at 9am on Sunday, April 17th, in the church basement. Worship will follow at 10:30am.

Closing Hymn

TLH 167 *O Darkest Woe* (vv. 1-2, 5-7)

The loud closing of the book is a reminder of the somber closing of the garden tomb, wherein Christ's body was laid. The congregation is asked to depart in silent contemplation of our sinfulness and the price of our redemption. We look forward in eager anticipation to the blessed news of Easter Sunday.