

# GOOD FRIDAY

A crown of thorns, made of dark, sharp, and tangled branches, is the central focus. Three wooden nails are placed across the lower right portion of the crown. The background is a dark, grainy surface, possibly stone or concrete, with strong shadows cast by the crown and nails.

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ABIDING SAVIOR  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
AT 4 & 6:30 PM

# Abiding Savior Lutheran Church

Good Friday | April 18, 2025

4:00 PM & 6:30 PM Worship Services

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Welcome to Good Friday Worship at Abiding Savior. Tonight we will hear the Passion of Christ as told by St. Mark with music performed by Pastor Dave Rogge and other guests. At the end of our Passion pilgrimage the Christ candle is carried out of the Sanctuary, symbolizing the death of Jesus. A loud noise (*strepitus*, "great noise") is heard symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb. The service concludes as the Christ Candle returns symbolizing the hope of Easter. After the return of the Christ Candle, we leave in silence to wait for Easter morning.

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## PRELUDE

*Mercy* | by Richter

Janelle Schauer | Piano & Mary Larew | Violin

**READING:** Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW #352 verses 1 & 3

**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.**

**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.**

## \*DIALOGUE

P "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son  
C **that whoever believes in him may not perish, but have everlasting life."** (*John 3:16*)  
P "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
C **but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."** (*1 Corinthians 1:18*)  
P "We proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,  
C **but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.**  
P for God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." (*1 Corinthians 1:23-25*)

## **\*PRAYER**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

*Ushers will come around and collect your offering. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe in the front of the church. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania. Adults are encouraged to give their spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.*

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC**

*There is a Green Hill Far Away* | by Megargel

Janelle Schauer & Mary Larew

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### **Jesus is the Bread of Life**

The Passion of Our Lord According to Mark

Music by Pastor Dave Rogge

Pastor Dave Rogge, Ron Huesman, Mary Larew, Lisa & Jim Schlotterback

P Now hear the Passion of our Lord Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark.

### ***A Child is Born {And Mary holds the Bread of Life}***

On the first of the Days of Unleavened Bread, the day they prepare the Passover sacrifice, Jesus' disciples asked him, "Where do you want us to go and make preparations so you can eat the Passover meal?" He directed two of his disciples, "Go into the city. A man carrying a water jug will meet you. Follow him. Ask the owner of whichever house he enters, 'The Teacher wants to know, Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?'" He will show you a spacious second-story room, swept and ready. Prepare for us there." The disciples left, came to the city, found everything just as he had told them, and prepared the Passover meal.

## ***Judas***

After sunset he came with the Twelve. As they were at the supper table eating, Jesus said, “I have something hard but important to say to you: One of you is going to hand me over to the conspirators, one who at this moment is eating with me.” Stunned, they started asking, one after another, “It isn’t me, is it?” He said, “It’s one of the Twelve, one who eats with me out of the same bowl. In one sense, it turns out that the Son of Man is entering into a way of treachery well-marked by the Scriptures—no surprises here. In another sense, the man who turns him in, turns traitor to the Son of Man—better never to have been born than do this!”

## ***Take and Eat***

In the course of their meal, having taken and blessed the bread, he broke it and gave it to them. Then he said, “Take, this is my body.” Taking the chalice, he gave it to them, thanking God, and they all drank from it. He said, “This is my blood, God’s new covenant, poured out for many people. I’ll not be drinking wine again until the new day when I drink it in the kingdom of God.”

## ***Go to Dark Gethsemane vs. 1***

They came to an area called Gethsemane. Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James, and John with him. He sank into a pit of suffocating darkness. He told them, “I feel bad enough right now to die. Stay here and keep vigil with me.” Going a little ahead, he fell to the ground and prayed for a way out: “Papa, Father, you can—can’t you?—get me out of this. Take this cup away from me. But please, not what I want—what do you want?” He came back and found them sound asleep. He said to Peter, “Simon, you went to sleep on me? Can’t you stick it out with me a single hour? Stay alert, be in prayer, so you don’t enter the danger zone without even knowing it. Don’t be naive. Part of you is eager, ready for anything in God; but another part is as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire.” He then went back and prayed the same prayer. Returning, he again found them sound asleep. They simply couldn’t keep their eyes open, and they didn’t have a plausible excuse.

## ***Gethsemane {In a Garden Dark} vs 1***

He came back a third time and said, “Are you going to sleep all night? No—you’ve slept long enough. Time’s up. The Son of Man is about to be betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up. Let’s get going. My betrayer has arrived.” No sooner were the words out of his mouth when Judas, the one out of the Twelve, showed up, and with him a bunch of thugs, sent by the high priests, religion scholars, and leaders, brandishing swords and clubs. The betrayer had worked out a signal with them: “The one I kiss, that’s the one—seize him. Make sure he doesn’t get away.” He went straight to Jesus and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. The others then grabbed him and roughed him up. One of the men standing there unsheathed his sword, swung, and came down on the Chief Priest’s servant, lopping off the man’s ear.



Jesus said to them, “What is this, coming after me with swords and clubs as if I were a dangerous criminal? Day after day I’ve been sitting in the Temple teaching, and you never so much as lifted a hand against me. What you in fact have done is confirm the prophetic writings.” All the disciples fled and left Jesus.

### ***Gethsemane {They Led Him Away} vs 2***

They led Jesus to the Chief Priest, where the high priests, religious leaders, and scholars had gathered together. Peter followed at a safe distance until they got to the Chief Priest’s courtyard, where he mingled with the servants and warmed himself at the fire. The high priests conspiring with the Jewish Council looked high and low for evidence against Jesus by which they could sentence him to death. They found nothing. Plenty of people were willing to bring in false charges, but nothing added up, and they ended up canceling each other out. Then a few of them stood up and lied: “We heard him say, ‘I am going to tear down this Temple, built by hard labor, and in three days build another without lifting a hand.’” But even they couldn’t agree exactly.

### ***Gethsemane {The Trial Went On} vs 3***

In the middle of this, the Chief Priest stood up and asked Jesus, “What do you have to say to the accusation?” Jesus was silent. He said nothing. The Chief Priest tried again, this time asking, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed?” Jesus said, “Yes, I am, and you’ll see it yourself:

The Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Mighty One, arriving on the clouds of heaven.”

### ***Gethsemane {Are We All Too Blind?} vs 4***

The Chief Priest lost his temper. Ripping his clothes, he yelled, “Did you hear that? After that do we need witnesses? You heard the blasphemy. Are you going to stand for it?” They condemned him, one and all. The sentence: death.

Some of them started spitting at him. They blindfolded his eyes, then hit him, saying, “Who hit you? Prophecy!” The guards, punching and slapping, took him away.

### ***Crucify Him {Long Time Ago} vs. 1***

At dawn’s first light, the high priests, with the religious leaders and scholars, arranged a conference with the entire Jewish Council. After tying Jesus securely, they took him out and presented him to Pilate. Pilate asked him, “Are you the ‘King of the Jews’?” He answered, “If you say so.” The high priests let loose a barrage of accusations.

Pilate asked again, “Aren’t you going to answer anything? That’s quite a list of accusations.” Still, he said nothing. Pilate was impressed, really impressed. It was a custom at the Feast to release a prisoner, anyone the people asked for. There was one prisoner called Barabbas, locked up with the insurrectionists who had committed murder during the uprising against Rome. As the crowd came up and began to present its petition for him to release a prisoner, Pilate anticipated them: “Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?” Pilate knew by this time that it was through sheer spite that the high priests had turned Jesus over to him.

But the high priests by then had worked up the crowd to ask for the release of Barabbas. Pilate came back, “So what do I do with this man you call King of the Jews?” They yelled, “Nail him to a cross!” Pilate objected, “But for what crime?”

But they yelled all the louder, “Nail him to a cross!” Pilate gave the crowd what it wanted, set Barabbas free and turned Jesus over for whipping and crucifixion.

### ***Crucify Him {They Arrested This Man Though He Did No Wrong Thing} vs. 2***

The soldiers took Jesus into the palace and called together the entire brigade. They dressed him up in purple and put a crown plaited from a thornbush on his head. Then they began their mockery: “Bravo, King of the Jews!” They banged on his head with a club, spit on him, and knelt down in mock worship. After they had had their fun, they took off the purple cape and put his own clothes back on him. Then they marched out to nail him to the cross.

There was a man walking by, coming from work, Simon from Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. They made him carry Jesus’ cross. The soldiers brought Jesus to Golgotha, meaning “Skull Hill.” They offered him a mild painkiller (wine mixed with myrrh), but he wouldn’t take it. And they nailed him to the cross. They divided up his clothes and threw dice to see who would get them. They nailed him up at nine o’clock in the morning. The charge against him—***THE KING OF THE JEWS***—was scrawled across a sign. Along with him, they crucified two criminals, one to his right, the other to his left. People passing along the road jeered, shaking their heads in mock lament: “You bragged that you could tear down the Temple and then rebuild it in three days—so show us your stuff! Save yourself! If you’re really God’s Son, come down from that cross!”

The high priests, along with the religion scholars, were right there mixing it up with the rest of them, having a great time poking fun at him: “He saved others—but he can’t save himself! Messiah, is he? King of Israel? Then let him climb down from that cross. We’ll all become believers then!” Even the men crucified alongside him joined in the mockery.

### ***Crucify Him {The Day Grew Dark} vs. 3***

At noon the sky became extremely dark. The darkness lasted three hours. At three o'clock, Jesus groaned out of the depths, crying loudly, "*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*" which means, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Some of the bystanders who heard him said, "Listen, he's calling for Elijah." Someone ran off, soaked a sponge in sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down." But Jesus, with a loud cry, gave his last breath. At that moment the Temple curtain ripped right down the middle. When the Roman captain standing guard in front of him saw that he had quit breathing, he said, "This has to be the Son of God!"

### ***Crucify Him {Then a Voice was Heard from the Cross Where He Died} vs. 4***

There were women watching from a distance, among them Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of the younger James and Joses, and Salome. When Jesus was in Galilee, these women followed and served him, and had come up with him to Jerusalem.

### ***Crucify Him {The Crowd Went Away} vs. 5***

Late in the afternoon, since it was the Day of Preparation (that is, Sabbath eve), Joseph of Arimathea, a highly respected member of the Jewish Council, came. He was one who lived expectantly, on the lookout for the kingdom of God. Working up his courage, he went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate questioned whether he could be dead that soon and called for the captain to verify that he was really dead. Assured by the captain, he gave Joseph the corpse.

### ***The Bread of Life {The Father holds the Bread of Life}***

Having already purchased a linen shroud, Joseph took Jesus down, wrapped him in the shroud, placed him in a tomb that had been cut into the rock, and rolled a large stone across the opening.

### ***Were You There vs. 1 and 5***

The Pascal (Christ) Candle is removed from the sanctuary. The strepitus, a loud noise, is heard, symbolizing the sealing of the tomb. Then, anticipating the joy of Easter morning, the Pascal (Christ) Candle is returned. We leave in silence and without Benediction because the story is continued with the events of Easter morning. Once the Pascal (Christ) Candle has been returned to the altar, we leave in silence.



***We leave in silence***

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*We invite you to our remaining Holy Week Worship Services*

Easter Sunday | April 20, 2025 | Worship at 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Easter Breakfast | Served by our Youth between services | 9-10:00 am



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