

IT IS FINISHED



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 | WORSHIP AT 7 P.M.

~ WE GATHER IN SILENCE ~

Life and death stand side by side as we live into Good Friday. In St. John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. In the presence of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient Bidding Prayer, as Christ's death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, with the promise that the cross around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and anticipate the good news of Easter Sunday morning.

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALL TO WORSHIP*

P: Let us remember

C: how the sky went dark.

P: Let us remember

C: how his mother was there.

P: Let us remember

C: how people mocked him.

P: Let us remember

C: how his friends fled.

P: Let us remember,

C: how in the midst of all that, Jesus still chose love.

P: Let us worship holy God.

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: The Light has come into the world.

C: But the world loved darkness, rather than light.

P: Come, let us worship the Lord, who was obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ELW Hymn #338

SERMON Interim Pastor Rich Kramer

MUSIC *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* Aria & Wren Kindseth
Gretchen Kindseth, piano

On Good Friday, the story of Jesus' passion - from his arrest to his burial - is read in it's entirety from the Gospel of John.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD: THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

SCRIPTURE READING Jesus is Arrested John 18:1-14

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW Hymn #351

SCRIPTURE READING Peter's Denial John 18:15-27

MUSIC *Via Dolorosa* Michael Marcotte
Yen Lee Loh, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Jesus before Pilate John 18:28-19:3

MUSIC *Go to Dark Gethsemane* Yen Lee Loh, piano

SCRIPTURE READING Jesus is Sentenced to be Crucified John 19:4-16a

HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus* ELW Hymn #349

SCRIPTURE READING The Crucifixion John 19:16b-22

MUSIC *At the Foot of the Cross* Cathedral Choir
Michael Marcotte, *dir.* with Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING The Crucifixion John 19: 23-30

SILENCE

SCRIPTURE READING The Death and Burial of Jesus John 19: 31-42

MUSIC *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Cathedral Choir
Michael Marcotte, *dir.* with Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION

CONCLUDING PRAYER

P: In the darkness of this hour, Lord, be our light. By the breath of your Spirit,
whisper the Word of life that death cannot destroy: Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY BIDDING PRAYER

P: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE 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.**

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

P: Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

C: Oh, come, let us worship him.

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

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

The congregation may remain for silent meditation.

All are invited to kneel before the cross in prayer.

~ PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE ~

The Good Friday offering will be received at the doors.

Easter Sunday Celebration at United

Sunday, April 5, 2026
Services at 9am and 11am
 Worship includes Communion, full music ministry of the congregation & Northern Plains Brass
Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
 Serving from 8am - 9am and 10am - 11am




NORTHERN PLAINS BRASS



United is pleased to welcome
Northern Plains Brass
 to our Easter Celebration
 services, April 5 at 9am & 11am!

WORSHIP LEADERS
Interim Pastor
 Pr. Rich Kramer
Director of Youth and Family Ministry
 Molly Haagenson
Worship Accompanist
 Yen Lee Loh
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Ushers
 Linda Paulson
 Katie Bratvold
 Cobi DeLong
Music
 Aria & Wren Kindseth
 Gretchen Kindseth, *piano*
 Michael Marcotte
 Yen Lee Loh, *piano*
 Yen Lee Loh, *piano*
 Cathedral Choir
 Michael Marcotte, *dir.*
 Yen Lee Loh, *piano*

EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST



YOUTH FUNDRAISER TOWARDS SERVICE TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 5 | serving from 8am - 9am & 10am - 11am



Readers
 Curtis Olson
 Mandi Johnson
 Loretta Svedjan
 Alli Osborn
 John Fick
 Dawnn Morken
 Pr. Rich Kramer
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We are looking for a few extra helping hands to set-up Easter lilies and flowers on Saturday, April 4 at 9am. If you are interested in helping, please come to the sanctuary at 9am on April 4! Thank you!

Alleluia Offering
 Season of Easter
 April 5 - May 17, 2026

This Easter season, as a way of giving thanks to God, you are invited to give a special Alleluia Offering. An Alleluia Offering is an offering given in addition to our usual Sunday offering as a way of reflecting our joy in the new life given to us in Jesus' resurrection. Your gift will be an Alleluia of thanks!
 Special Alleluia Offering envelopes are available on the ushers tables and you can place them in the offering plate or bring to the church office!

Welcome to worship at United Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here.
Our Mission:
 We are United, proclaiming God's salvation by welcoming all to LIVE, LEARN, and SHARE the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

Spring INTO SPRING



with United Lutheran Church
 Wednesday, April 8th
 5pm - 7pm + RSVP today!
 Northern Air Action Park





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