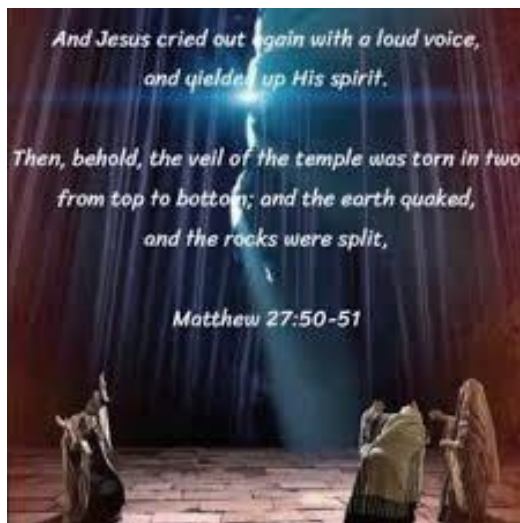


Good Friday
“The Torn Curtain – Access Restored” Matthew 27:50,51
April 3, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
6:30 p.m.



The Suffrages, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, page 140

1. Heritage Choir “Jesus, Name All Names Above” Strom/Carolyn Jennings

*Jesus, Name all names above, Jesus, best and dearest;
Jesus, fount of perfect love, Holiest, tenderest, nearest;
Thou the source of grace completest, Thou the purest, Thou the sweetest,
Thou the well of power divine, Make me, keep me, seal me thine.*

*Jesus, crowned with bitter thorn, By mankind forsaken,
Jesus, who through scourge and scorn Held thy faith unshaken,
Jesus, clad in purple raiment, For man’s evils making payment:
Let not all thy woe and pain, Let not Calvary be in vain.*

*Jesus, show thy way to me, Heaven’s glory open wide,
As thou did on Calvary for a sinner by thy side,
In thy endless mercy hear me, Through my life be ever near me,
And may I, too, hear thee say, “Thou shalt be with me today”. Amen*

2. Invocation

Pastor In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

3. The Kyrie

Pastor Kyrie eleison

Congregation Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor Christe eleison.

Congregation Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor Kyrie eleison.

Congregation Lord, have mercy upon us.

4. The Lord's Prayer (*Spoken by all*)

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

5. The Creed (*Spoken by all*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Suffrages:

Pastor Lord, be merciful to me;

Congregation Heal my soul, for I have sinned against you.

Pastor Return, O Lord! How long?

Congregation And have compassion on Your servants.

Pastor Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

Congregation Just as we hope in You.

Pastor Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness,

Congregation And let Your saints shout for joy.

Pastor O Lord, save our rulers,

Congregation Let them hear us when we call.

Pastor Save Your people and bless Your inheritance;

Congregation Shepherd them also, and lift them up forever.

Pastor Remember Your congregation,

Congregation Which You have purchased of old.

Pastor Peace be within your walls,

Congregation Prosperity within your palaces.

Pastor Let us pray for those of the faith who are not present with us:

Congregation Save Your servants who trust in You.

Pastor Let us pray for the broken-hearted and the captives:

Congregation Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles.

Pastor Send them help from the sanctuary,

Congregation And strengthen them out of Zion.

Pastor Hear my prayer, O Lord,

Congregation And let my cry come before you.

7. Psalm 22:1-22

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;
¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.
¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—
¹⁷ I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;
¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.
¹⁹ But you, O LORD, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!
²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!
²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

8. Hymn #295 “Over Kedron Jesus Treadeth” (verses 1,3,4,5,8)

1 Over Kedron Jesus treadeth To His passion for us all;
 Ev'ry human eye be weeping, Tears of bitter grief let fall!
 Round His spirit flock the foes, Place their shafts and bend their bows,
 Aiming at the Savior solely, While the world forsakes Him wholly.

3 Enter now the restful garden As a peaceful quiet space,
 Sorrow soon begins to darken, Follow Thee in ev'ry place!
 Come now, Adam, come and see Enter blest Gethsemane!
 See the Lord of heaven shaking Hellish anguish for us taking.

4 See how, anguish-struck, He falleth Prostrate, and with struggling breath,
 Three times on His God He calleth, Praying that the bitter death
 And the cup of doom may go, Still He cries, in all His woe:
 "Not My will, but Thine, O Father!" And the angels round Him gather.

5 See how, in that hour of darkness, Battling with the evil pow'r,
 Agonies untold assail Him, On His soul the arrows show'r;
 All the garden flow'rs are wet With the drops of bloody sweat,
 From His anguished frame distilling – World's redemption thus fulfilling!

8 Daily I am gladly yearning E'er to go to Kedron's stream
 And from earthly pleasure turning In a penitential theme!
 Daily in Gethsemane With my spirit I shall see
 Jesus' bleeding and His sighing For my soul is all His dying.

9. Passion reading – Parts 6 & 7

Jesus' Death on the Cross

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means The Place of the Skull. And they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, He refused to drink it.

It was the third hour when they crucified Him, along with the criminals - one on His right, the other on His left, and Jesus in the middle. Thus the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “He was counted with the lawless ones.” Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened above His head on the cross. The written charge against Him read, Jesus Of Nazareth, The King Of The Jews. The sign was written in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, “Do not write ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews.”

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them. They cast lots to see what each would get. The undergarment remained. It was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided My garments among themselves and cast lots for My clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. And sitting down, they kept watch over Him there. The people too stood watching. Those who passed by hurled insults at Him, shaking their heads and saying, "So! You who are going to destroy the Temple and build it in three days, come down from the cross and save Yourself! Come down from the cross, if You are the Son of God!" Even the rulers sneered at Him. In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the Law mocked Him among themselves. "He saved others," they said, "but He can't save Himself! Let this Christ, this King of Israel, come down now from the cross, that we may see and believe. He trusts in God. Let God rescue Him now if He wants Him, for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'" In the same way the robbers who were crucified with Him heaped insults on Him. The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself!"

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "Since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

Hymn #296 "Savior When In Dust To Thee"

1 Savior, when in dust to Thee
Low we bow th'adoring knee;
When, repentant, to the skies
Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;
O by all thy pains and woe
Suffered once for man below,
Bending from Thy throne on high,
Hear our solemn litany!

2 By thy helpless infant years,
By thy life of want and tears,
By thy days of sore distress
In the savage wilderness,
By the dread, mysterious hour
Of th'insulting tempter's pow'r,
Turn, O turn, a fav'ring eye;
Hear our solemn litany!

3 By thine hour of dire despair,
By thine agony of prayer,
By the cross, the nail, the thorn,
Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,
By the gloom that veiled the skies
O'er the dreadful sacrifice,
Listen to our humble cry;
Hear our solemn litany!

4 By Thy deep expiring groan,
By the sad sepulchral stone,
By the vault whose dark abode
Held in vain the rising God,
O from earth to heav'n restored,
Mighty, reascended Lord,
Listen, listen to the cry;
Hear our solemn litany!

Jesus' Burial

Later, as evening approached on the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, there came a man named Joseph, a rich man from the Judean town of Arimathea, also a prominent member of the Council, who had not consented to their decision and action. He was a good, upright man who was waiting for the kingdom of God, and he was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, because he feared the Jews.

Going to Pilate, he asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised to hear that He was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he had learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. Joseph took the body down and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, which he had bought.

He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night.

Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus'

body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs.

At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb cut out of rock in which no one had ever been laid. They laid Jesus there because it was nearby and also because it was the Jewish Day of Preparation and the Sabbath was about to begin. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how His body was laid in it. Joseph rolled a big stone in front of the entrance of the tomb and went away. The women went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. "Sir," they said, "we remember that while He was still alive that impostor said, 'After three days I will rise again.'. So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, His disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that He has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first!"

"Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting a guard.

10. Hymn #330 "Beneath The Cross Of Jesus"

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

2 O faithful cross, thy Burden Brings comfort to the world.
The branches of no other tree, No banner e'er unfurled,
Proclaim the wondrous love of God So clear for all to see;
The tree of life, the holy cross, Declares God's love for me.

3 O holy cross of Jesus, O wondrous mystery,
That God, the Lord of heav'n and earth, Should die upon the tree.
God's pain brings glory, Death brings life, The hosts of hell must flee!
In weakness God shows forth His strength And wins the victory!

11. Good Friday Sermon "The Torn Curtain – Access Restored" Matthew 27:50,51

⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. ⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

12. Hymn #308 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

1 When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that harm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

13. The Offering Collection

14. The Suffrages, Concluded:

Pastor Restore us, O God of hosts;

Congregation Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

Pastor Arise for our help, O Christ,

Congregation And redeem us for Your Mercy's sake

Pastor O Lord, incline Your ear to me;

Congregation Answer me speedily when I call.

15. The Good Friday Prayer

16. The Benedicamus

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

17. The Benediction

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation Amen.

**18. Heritage Choir “Adoramus te, Christe,” Dubois
from “The Seven Last Words of Christ”**

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever,

for on the Holy Cross hast Thou the world from sin redeemed.

Christ, we do all adore Thee, and we do praise Thee forever.

Christ, we do all adore Thee!

Worshippers are invited to remain as long as they like in silent prayer.

It is a Good Friday tradition that worshippers leave the service in silence.

Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Saturday April 4 – No Saturday Service

Easter Breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday April 5, 9:00 am Divine Service with Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast – The Inreach Board will be serving Easter Breakfast this year. Please RSVP on the volunteer board if you and your family will be attending. There is also a sign-up sheet for food items needed for breakfast. **If you are bringing an egg bake, breakfast meat, or fruit, please bring it to church by 7:45 am (hot and ready to serve).** Easter breakfast will be served starting at 8:00 am on Easter Sunday.