



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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April 18, 2025

Good Friday

10:30am

..... ✝ **GATHERING** ✝

All gather in silence.

<We stand.>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Redeeming Creator, **Dust and rocks groan. Deserts and prairies weep. Bushes and trees moan. Rivers and oceans roar. Animals of land, sea, and sky recoil. Sun covers and moon wanes. Humanity fails. And darkness laughs. But it will not have its way with us forever. Amen.**

..... ✝ **WORD** ✝

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:32-47

Pew Bible page 859

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

<We sit.>

SERMON

Pastor Matthew Titus

Silence for reflection follows.

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW Hymn 349

BIDDING PRAYER

This is a more formal prayer that we participate in as a community on Good Friday.

<We sit or kneel as we are comfortable and able.>

Each prayer petition will end with "We ask this through Christ our Lord," and the response is "Amen." Pastor Matt will conclude the prayers with "Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask."

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.

<We stand.>

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.

The following is repeated three times:

Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.
Oh, come, let us worship him.

During this time, or at the end of the service, worshipers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

<We sit or kneel as we are comfortable and able.>

SOLEMN REPROACHES

A litany of Jesus' lament for Good Friday.

Each reproach will end with "but you have prepared a cross for your Savior."

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

The Solemn Reproaches conclude as Pastor Matt says "We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you."

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

<We stand.>

HYMN

Were You There

ELW Hymn 353

WE GLORY IN YOUR CROSS

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you.

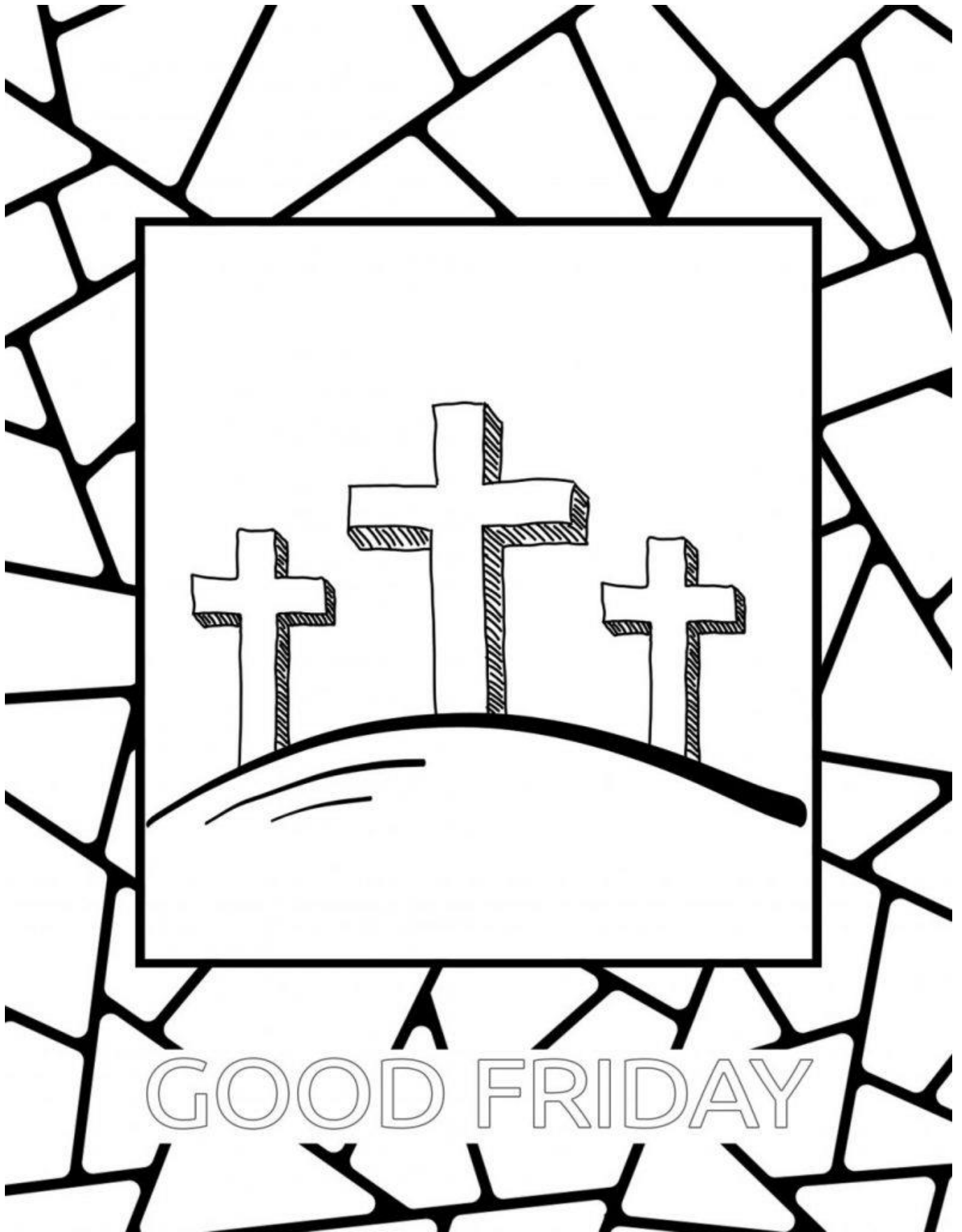
By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

*All depart in silence.
If you have not done so,
you may reverence the cross before departing*

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*You are invited to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord this
Sunday, April 20 at 7:00 am or 10:30 am*

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
Aubrey Guyton, Youth Director
Annette Belcher, Wayden Dean, or Nikki Chapman, Audio · Matt Bowers, Video
Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper



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