

**The American Lutheran Church  
of Windom  
Bethany Lutheran Church**

**Good  
Friday**



***Good Friday Worship***  
**Friday, April 15th, 2022, 6:30 PM**  
**Pastors Sarah Tadé & Adam Roberts**

BEGIN IN SILENCE

*Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John's passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot 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, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, keeping holy these days until the joy of Easter morning.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... ELW Pg. 142  
*“Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”*

READING                                  John 19:31-42                                  Pew Bible p 882

Reader: Jane Holmen

Response before: The Holy Gospel according to John, the Nineteenth Chapter. / **Glory to you, O Lord.** Response after: The Gospel of the Lord. / **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN                                  **“Were You There?”**                                  (vs 1-4)                                  ELW #353

- 1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Were you there when they pierced him in the side? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4 Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Were you there when the sun refused to shine? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

"Were You There?" Text: African American spiritual Public Domain.

MESSAGE

Pastor Adam

BIDDING PRAYER

*Each petition ends with "We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

*Response: **AMEN***

LORD'S PRAYER

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

C: "**Oh, come, let us worship him.**"

SILENCE

HYMN

**"Ah, Holy Jesus"**

ELW #349

1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

3 Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

4 For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

5 Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee; think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Public Domain.

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

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

(PLEASE DEPART IN SILENCE)

*You may leave your offering in the plates located on the tables in the Narthex, the entrance of the sanctuary.*

**Worship Note:**

*As we leave with Christ in the tomb, we invite you to sit in silence for as long as you need. This is a time of prayer and reflection, as we recall the death and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. If there is anything you wish to be released from, any fault, any failing, any brokenness or sin that you wish to bury with Christ, we invite you to pray and place those broken places in your life in the tomb of Christ. On Easter morning, when we proclaim the tomb to be empty and Christ raised from the dead, those things that kept you from relationship with God and others may be proclaimed gone and forgiven as well. Our prayer for you this Holy Week is that Easter morning be a dawning of a new chapter in your life. Rest deeply tonight trusting God is with you always and that nothing can separate you from the love God has for you.*

***Please leave in silence as we mourn the death of our Lord.***

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

- Easter Saturday Chapel Service 5:30 PM with Holy Communion
- Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord
  - 7:00 AM Sunrise Service with Holy Communion led by Youth
  - 8:00 AM Easter Breakfast put on by Youth
  - 8:00 AM Bethany Lutheran Easter Worship
  - 9:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion
  - 11:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion