

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



Good Friday Worship
Friday, April 18, 2025, 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.

The Way of the Cross

THE PATH BEGINS

Isaiah 52:13-15

“My Song is Love Unknown”

(vs 1)

ELW #343

JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Matthew 26:36-46

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

(vs 1)

ELW #347

PRAYER

JESUS BETRAYED BY JUDAS

John 18:2-11

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

(vs 1)

ELW #349

JESUS CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN

John 18:12-14

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

(vs 2)

ELW #347

JESUS DENIED BY PETER

John 18:15-23

POEM

“Judas, Peter”

JESUS CONDEMNED BY THE PEOPLE

Isaiah 53:4-6

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

(vs 2)

ELW #349

JESUS CROWNED WITH THORNS AND CLOTHED IN PURPLE

John 19: 1-3

JESUS CARRIES THE CROSS

John 19: 16b-17

POEM

“Lord, Here Is Your Cross”

PRAYER

JESUS ASSISTED BY SIMON OF CYRENE

Mark 15:20-22

“Beautiful Savior”

(vs 1)

ELW #838

JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

Luke 23:27-28

POEM

“They Weep”

KYRIE

ELW p. 154

JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

John 19:17-24

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

(vs 1 & 2)

ELW #352

JESUS SPEAKS TO THE THIEF

Luke 23: 39-43

POEM

“No One”

“Jesus, Remember Me”

(sing 3x)

ELW #616

JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS MOTHER

John 19: 25-27

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Luke 23:44-49

MESSAGE

Pastor Sarah

POUNDING OF THE NAILS IN THE CROSS

*Worshippers are invited to come forward and drive a nail partway
into the cross at the front of the church.*

JESUS IS BURIED

Mark 15: 42-47

L: 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.*

PARTICIPANTS:

Organist: Carol Vought

Readers: Pastor Sarah Tadé, Pastor Adam Roberts, Tera Elness, Jane Cartwright, Lilly Derickson, Xavier Roberts, Harriet Lohse, Zadie-Anne Johnson

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.

EASTER SCHEDULE

- Easter Saturday Chapel Service 5:30 PM
- Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord
 - 7:00 AM Sunrise Service led by Youth with Holy Communion
 - 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