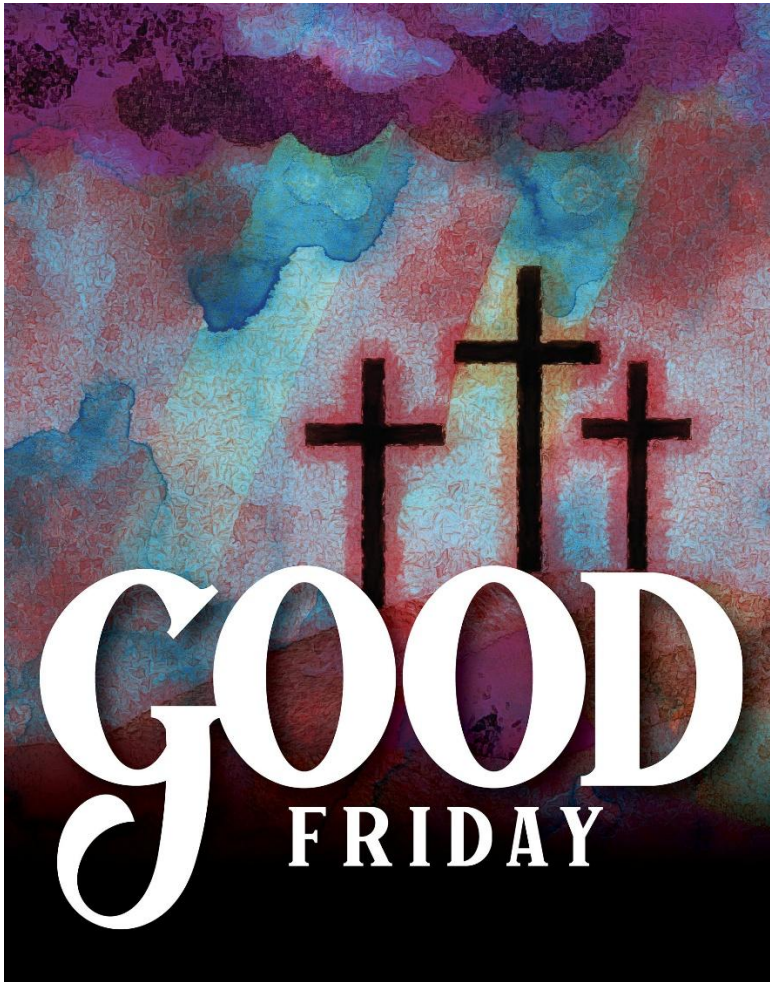


**The American Lutheran Church  
of Windom  
Bethany Lutheran Church**



***Good Friday Worship***  
**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, 6:30 PM**  
**Pastor Adam Roberts**

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

### 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.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Loving One, we who cried "Hosanna" are now shouting "Crucify!"

**C: God, have mercy.**

L: Christ in love bears the pain of our sin, and yet forgives us.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

L: Holy Spirit, be with us as we behold the mystery of the cross.

**C: God, have mercy.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

FIRST READING:                      **Isaiah 52:13- 53:12**      Pew Bible p. 596

Reader: Sheryl Hanefeld

SECOND READING                      **Hebrews 10:16-25**      Pew Bible p. KJV

Reader: Keith Bloomgren

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 151 Setting 4)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

### **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**ACCORDING TO JOHN (18:1—19:42)**

**The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus**

## **Jesus before the High Priest**

### **Peter Denies Jesus**

### **The High Priest Questions Jesus**

HYMN                    ***“Go to Dark Gethsemane”***                    ELW #347 vs 2

### **Peter Denies Jesus Again**

HYMN                    ***“Ah, Holy Jesus”***                    ELW #349 v. 2

## **Jesus Before Pilate**

### **Jesus Sentenced to Death**

HYMN    ***“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”***    ALC #29 vs 3

### **The Crucifixion of Jesus**

HYMN                    ***“Jesus, Remember Me”***    ELW #616 (3 times)

### **Jesus’ Side is Pierced**

HYMN                    ***“Were You There”***                    ELW #353 vs 3

### **The Burial of Jesus**

HYMN                    ***“Go To Dark Gethsemane”***    ELW #347 vs 3

*Silence for prayer and reflection*

BIDDING PRAYER

**C: Respond “Amen” after each petition**

LORD’S PRAYER

PROCESSION of the CROSS

*Moment of Silence*

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

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

*Moment of Silence*

CHOIR ANTHEM

***“He Dies For Me At Calvary”***

(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.***

PARTICIPANTS:

**Organist:** Carol Vought

**Readers:** Sheryl Hanefeld, Keith Bloomgren, Addison Spielman, Dana Wallace, Lilly Derickson, Xavier Roberts

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
  - 7:00 AM Bethany Lutheran Easter Worship
  - 8:00 AM -10:00 AM Easter Breakfast put on by Youth
  - 10:00 AM Festival Easter Worship with Holy Communion