

# *Good Friday*



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Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Sunday School and Bible Class: 11:00am

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## *Welcome to Shepherd of the Lakes*

We're here to shepherd Christ's flock and seek the lost sheep by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with all. Come, let us worship!

### *For Your Convenience...*

A room for any parents with children in need of a quiet place is located in the back corner of the sanctuary. Restrooms are located on the lower level. Please ask if you have any further questions or concerns.

### *Prayer before worship*

Heavenly Father, as I worship you today, curb my wandering thoughts. Speak to my heart. Encourage me with your Word, that my faith is strengthened, my confidence and hope renewed, and I am recommitted to serve you faithfully. In Jesus' name, amen.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Good Friday: A Meditation on the Suffering Servant

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**AS WE GATHER** we do so in silence not because this is a funeral service for Christ, but to reflect in a somber manner the significance of Christ's death for us. The altar is stripped symbolizing that Jesus was abandoned by his disciples.

**ABOUT THE SERVICE:** Our service will be shortened with reflection focusing on the Suffering Servant as prophesied by Isaiah. Isaiah prophesied that the Suffering Servant would be sent by God to save his people from captivity. While Isaiah prophesied to a people in captivity in Babylon, Isaiah was looking even further. He was looking to our captivity to sin and the freedom we would find through the Suffering Servant of God on the cross. Looking at a different aspect of the Suffering Servant, we will break up one of Isaiah's greatest prophecy, taking time to meditate on each portion. **To help with you with thoughts to ponder during the silence for meditation, consider meditating on the words of the hymn verses sung prior to that time.** The lighting is dim in the sanctuary symbolizing the three hours of darkness that fell over the earth on that first Good Friday. Following the burial of Christ, there will be a strepitus (a loud noise) symbolizing the closing of our Savior's tomb. While we may be apart, do consider still gathering in silence as you prepare to watch, along with a moment of silence after. While apart, we still want to take time to consider and meditate on what has just happened to our Savior. . . for us.

**Offerings** can be mailed to our church office at **517 Tilden Street, Fairmont, MN 56031**

**To our visitors or guests joining us online:** Our offering is not a debt we owe God, but a way that we return to God a portion of what he generously gave to us. Our motivation, then, is not obligation, but love for God. Please do not feel obligated to contribute. We're happy that you're with us to hear about God's love for you.

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**OPENING HYMN: CW 98 v.1,2,5,6** .....Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

### GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## The Suffering Servant: Our Savior

### ISAIAH 52:13-15: JESUS IS EXALTED

<sup>13</sup> See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

<sup>14</sup> Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being  
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

<sup>15</sup> so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

**HYMN: CW 105 v.1**.....O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**Silence for meditation**

### ISAIAH 53:1-3: JESUS WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED

*Who has believed our message  
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?*

<sup>2</sup> *He grew up before him like a tender shoot,  
and like a root out of dry ground.*

*He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.*

<sup>3</sup> *He was despised and rejected by mankind,  
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.*

*Like one from whom people hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.*

**HYMN: CW 105 v. 2..** ..... *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

### ISAIAH 53:4-6: By JESUS' WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

<sup>4</sup> *Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.*

<sup>5</sup> *But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.*

<sup>6</sup> *We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.*

**HYMN: CW 105 vv. 4,6**..... *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

### ISAIAH 53:7-9: HE SUFFERED PATIENTLY AND WILLINGLY

<sup>7</sup> *He was oppressed and afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,  
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.*

<sup>8</sup> *By oppression and judgment he was taken away.  
Yet who of his generation protested?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living;  
for the transgression of my people he was punished.*

<sup>9</sup> *He was assigned a grave with the wicked,  
and with the rich in his death,  
though he had done no violence,  
nor was any deceit in his mouth.*

**HYMN: CW 105 vv. 3,5** .....*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**ISAIAH 53:10-12: HE COMPLETED THE LORD’S PLAN**

*Yet it was the LORD’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer,  
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,  
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,  
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.*

<sup>11</sup> *After he has suffered,  
he will see the light of life and be satisfied<sup>l</sup>;  
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,  
and he will bear their iniquities.*

<sup>12</sup> *Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,  
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,  
because he poured out his life unto death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors.*

*For he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.*

**HYMN: CW 105 v.7** .....*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

**READING FROM JOHN 18:1-19:37**

**HYMN: CW 125 vv. 1,3**.....*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**BURIAL Mark 15:42-46**

**THE STREPITUS** *A book is slammed down on a hard surface as a reminder of the sealing of the tomb with a stone rolled in front of it*

**PARTING**

*The hymn verse is sung by the minister*

Lord, let at last your angels come; To Abram’s bosom bear me home  
That I may die unfearing. And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until your reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise you without end. (CW 434:3)

*You may remain in meditation or prayer as long as you like. The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Christ’s resurrection on Easter. Our Easter service begins at 9:30 Sunday morning.*