

ENCHIRIDION.

Der Kleine

Catechismus.

Für die gemeine
Pfarhere und
Prediger.

D. Mart. Luther.

Leipzig. 1542.

Welcome to worship at . . .
First Lutheran Church
Rev. William P. Schultz, Pastor
Curtis L. King, Organ

Good Friday Worship

April 18, 2025

Announcements, Prelude, and Candlelighting

Call To Worship

- L *The Lord is near you;*
C **On your lips and in your heart.**
L *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,*
C **And believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**
L *Faith comes from what is heard,*
C **And what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

Opening Hymn

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
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The Prayer of the Day

The Passion Reading Matthew 27:27-66

Silence

A Special Liturgy on the Cross of Christ

- L *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*
C **And also with you.**

L *Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.*

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

L *In this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil —*

C **All that keeps us from loving God and each other.**

L *This is the struggle to which we were committed at Baptism; God's forgiveness and the power of his Spirit to amend our lives*

C **Continue with us because of his love for us in Jesus, our Savior.**

L *Within the community of his Church,*

C **God never wearies of giving peace and new life.**

L *In the words of absolution,*

C **we receive forgiveness as from God himself.**

L *This absolution we should not doubt,*

C **But firmly believe that thereby our sins are forgiven before God in heaven,**

L *For it comes to us in the name and by the command of our Lord:*

C **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

L *We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another,*

C **And to be servant to each other as Jesus became our servant.**

L *Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.*

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

L *The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,*

C **But to those of us who are being saved it is the power of God.**

L *Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?*

C **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?**

L *For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom,*

C **But we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,**

L *But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,*

C **Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

L *For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom,*

C **And God's weakness is stronger than human strength.**

L *Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.*

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

L *Jesus, Lamb of God,*

C **Have mercy on us.**

L *Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

C **Have mercy on us.**

L *Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

C **Give us your peace; Give us your peace.**

L *If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.*

C **If we endure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.**

L *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,*

C **And cleanse me from my sin.**

L *Behold the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.*

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

(Brief Silence)

The Lesson Mark 8:34-37

Theme Hymn

A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Homily

The Cross: The Whole Cross

(A Brief Silence follows)

Theme Hymn

Before your cross I humbled stand,
In awe that you would die for me.
Nails pierced through you, both foot and hand;
Scarce can I watch I run and flee.
Yet, only by the cross,
Full shows both gain and loss;
By suffering I am healed;
God's grace to me revealed,
E'en though 'twas I who crucified thee.

God's Word forever shall abide,

No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Special Music Offering

(The Offering is shared by Elijah Shiley)

Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Departing Hymn

"Were You There"

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(No Offering is received during the Worship, as there is nothing we have to "repay" Christ for all he has given for us. There is an Offering Plate available as you leave, for those who desire.)