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Our nursery is staffed with two adults who have background checks and infant and child CPR certifications. The nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old.

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Online Worship

Community Good Friday Service

April 3rd, 2026

6:40 PM

If you're joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE Alex Sandor

WELCOME ON BEHALF OF THE MINISTERIUM

***CALL TO WORSHIP & INTROIT** Your Only Son #518

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: Holy One, some of us have struggled, stumbled, and sprinted towards Holy Week. Some of us wonder if violence could ever give us a "Good" Friday. Still, we are here and we give You thanks for the story, a story about Christ, the One who has changed our lives and given us so much.

All: We praise You for the good news of the gospel, all of it, even in those moments where it doesn't seem so good.

One: Forgive us Holy God on this dark day, when we celebrate violence and hate or even result to it, to settle a score ourselves.

All: Forgive us in your mercy.

One: We get things wrong and we miss the mark.

All: In Your mercy, soften our hearts and mend the broken places in our lives and communities.

One: Collectively ground us in grace, justice, and love with hope for a better tomorrow.

All: We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Matthew 27:1-10	This Is The Night	#206
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REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS AND THE FORGIVENESS WE EXPERIENCE

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends there is a lot that has gone wrong in our lives and in the life of the world.

All: We've offered it all to God.

One: Rightly you should. Witness and believe the good news of the gospel: God is a God of mercy and grace. Because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection

All: We are all forgiven.

One: Thanks be to God...

All: For yet another place where we can say, God is here and God forgives. Amen.

COMMUNITY CHOIR Who Is The Lamb?

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

COMMUNITY OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alex Sandor
***RESPONSE** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #606

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: God of who dies for us to liberate us from sin and shame, thank You for Your unwavering grace. May we always reach out to our neighbors, whoever they are, wherever they are from, with care. Help us to give of our time, talents, and treasures as we serve the Superior community. May we live Your expansive love. We give You thanks for all of these gifts and what they mean for the kingdom of God. Send Your Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for our congregations, Superior community, and world. May we each be able to share the good news that Christ is at work in our communities! Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

LORD'S PRAYER (Here's our suggested version, but feel free to pray the version you are most familiar with.)

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** What Wondrous Love Is This #215

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Via Dolorosa Johanna Halonen & Megan Birk

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 27:1-54

27:1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. **2** They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. **3** When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. **4** He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." **5** Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. **6** But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." **7** After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. **8** For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. **9** Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, **10** and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." **11** Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." **12** But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. **13** Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" **14** But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. **15** Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. **16** At that time they had a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas. **17** So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" **18** For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. **19** While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." **20** Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. **21** The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." **22** Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" **23** Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" **24** So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." **25** Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" **26** So he released Barabbas for them, and after flogging Jesus he handed him over to be crucified. **27** Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. **28** They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him,

29 and after twisting some thorns into a crown they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" **30** They spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. **31** After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. **32** As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. **33** And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), **34** they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. **35** And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; **36** then they sat down there and kept watch over him. **37** Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." **38** Then two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. **39** Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads **40** and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." **41** In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, **42** "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. **43** He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to, for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" **44** The rebels who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. **45** From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. **46** And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" **47** When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." **48** At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. **49** But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." **50** Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. **51** At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. **52** The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. **53** After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. **54** Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Your Only Son

Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

This Is the Night



1 This is the night, dear friends, the night for weep - ing,
 2 This night the trai - tor, wolf with - in the sheep - fold,
 3 This night Christ in - sti - tutes his ho - ly sup - per,
 4 This night the Lord by slaves shall be ar - rest - ed,
 5 O make us shar - ers, Sav - ior, of your Pas - sion,



when powers of dark - ness o - ver - come the day,
 be - trays him - self in - to his vic - tim's will,
 blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
 he who de - stroy's our slav - er - y to sin;
 that we may share your glo - ry that shall be;



the night the faith - ful mourn the weight of e - vil
 the Lamb of God for sac - ri - fice pre - par - ing;
 this night in - jus - tice joins its hand to trea - son's,
 ac - cused of crime, to crim - i - nals be giv - en,
 let us pass through these three dark nights of sor - row



where - by our sins the Son of Man be - tray.
 sin brings a - bout the cure for sin's own ill.
 and buys the ran - som - price of hu - man - kind.
 that judg - ment on the righ - teous Judge be - gin.
 to Eas - ter's laugh - ter and its lib - er - ty.

They Crucified My Lord 219

He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word

1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord,
 2 They nailed him to a tree,
 3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a
 4 The blood came trick - a - lin' down,
 5 He bowed his head and died,

mum - ba - lin' word; they cru - ci - fied my Lord,
 they nailed him to a tree,
 they pierced him in the side,
 the blood came trick - a - lin' down,
 he bowed his head and died,

and he nev - er said a mum - ba - lin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighd down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain;
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

212 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and
 2 Was it for sins that I have done he
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and
 4 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the

did my Sov - ereign die! Would he de - vote that
 suf - fered on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y!
 shut its glo - ries in, when Christ, the great Re -
 debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give my -

sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I!
 Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 deem - er, died for hu - man crea - tures' sin.
 self a - way; 'tis all that I can do.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be-neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day,
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise *him, all crea - tures

here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



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