

FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS



good friday

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Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

Today, as since 1892, we welcome members and guests to glorify God and exalt his name.

NEW HERE? HAVE A QUESTION?

Visit the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place, just north of the Sanctuary. First-time visitors receive a special gift.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service; all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at his table. To receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest. Our children celebrate First Communion in Grade 3. Earlier participation in communion is at the discretion of parents or guardians.

NEED HEARING ASSISTANCE?

Assistive Listening Devices are available and may be used with headphones or with a neck loop for T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. Please leave the devices in the Sanctuary after the service.

CHILD CARE

All ages are welcome in worship; our professionally-staffed child care center is, however, an option for young children during services. The center is near the elevator on the main level.

A PLACE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Our **Sunday School** program meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Children may be dropped off as early as 9:15 a.m. Adults are invited to join our quarterly Adult Education classes.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Our newest service takes place at 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center on the second level – a distinctively Lutheran approach to contemporary worship. During the sermon, **First Kids** is offered in the Fireside Room for children aged Preschool through Grade 2.

ONLINE WORSHIP: YOUTUBE

Never miss a service on our YouTube channel! Search for *First Lutheran Colorado Springs* and click **SUBSCRIBE** to be notified when we upload or stream new videos.

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Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026
12 P.M.

📖 · Hymn found in the bulletin
Congregational responses are printed in **bold type**

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN 📖 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*



1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee,
shame_ weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed
sin - ners' gain; mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion,
dear - est Friend, for this, thy dy - ing sor - row,
with thorns thine on - ly crown: how pale_ thou art with
but thine the dead - ly pain. Lo! here_ I fall, my
thy pit - y with - out end? O make_ me thine for -
an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn! How does_ that
Sav - ior; 'tis I de - serve thy place. Look on_ me
ev - er, and should I faint - ing be, Lord, let_ me
vis - age lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
with thy fav - or, as - sist me with thy grace.
nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee. [3]

CALL TO CONFESSION

We must die to sin if we are to live. We confess, O God, that we are sinners. Put to death our sins of self-pride, self-gain, and self-interest. Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, took our sins on himself, carried the full weight of our transgressions, and lived and died for the sake of others. Through him, O God, forgive us.

We take a moment for silent reflection.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

You may be seated.

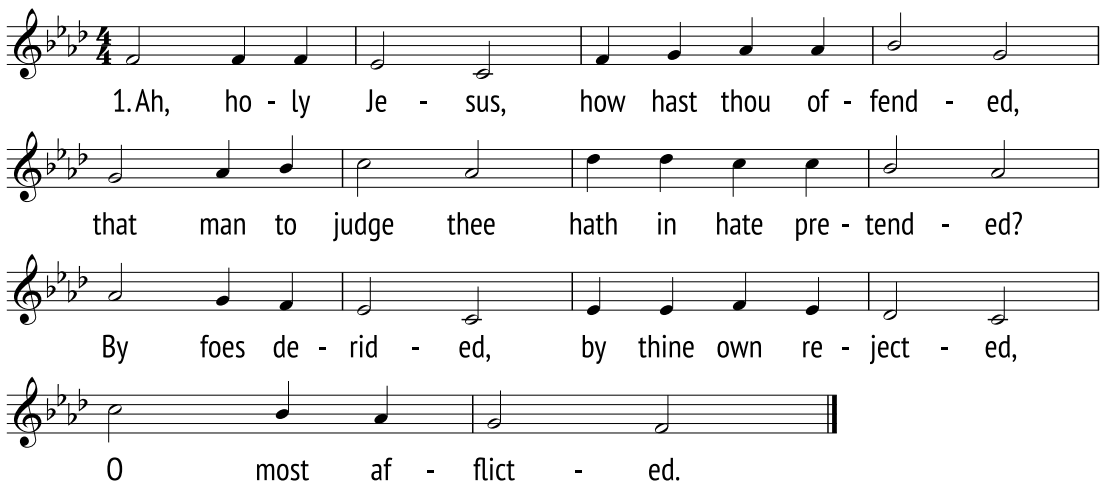
ANTHEM: *The Power of the Cross*

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

After Jesus had [finished praying], he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go." This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, "I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me." Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave's name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given

me?” So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people. (John 18:1 – 14)

HYMN 📖 *Ah, Holy Jesus*



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed?
By foes de - rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed,
O most af - flict - ed.

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Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. The woman said to Peter, “You are not also one of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself. Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. Jesus answered, “I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said.”

When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed. (John 18:15 – 27)

HYMN: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?

Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.

'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;

I crucified thee.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate's headquarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. So Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" They answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.) Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” They shouted in reply, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a bandit.

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. They kept coming up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and striking him on the face. Pilate went out again and said to them, “Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Here is the man!” When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, “Crucify him! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God.” (John 18:28 – 19:7)

HYMN: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
for man’s atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.

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Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave him no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.” From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, “If you release this man, you are no friend of the emperor. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against the emperor.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge’s bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, “Here

is your King!” They cried out, “Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!” Pilate asked them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but the emperor.”

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

(John 19:8 – 16a)

HYMN: *Ah, Holy Jesus*

For me, kind Jesus, was thine Incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion,
for my salvation.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

Please stand as you are able.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.” And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to

fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:16b – 30)

HYMN 📖 *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

1. Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____

O! _____ Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. _____

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? _____

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN
You may be seated.

Since it was the day of Preparation, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the cross during the sabbath, especially because that sabbath was a day of great solemnity. So they asked Pilate to have the legs of the crucified men broken and the bodies removed. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. (He who saw this has testified so that you also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth.) These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled, “None of his bones shall be broken.” And again another passage of scripture says, “They will look on the one whom they have pierced.” (John 19:31 – 37)

HYMN: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO JOHN

After these things, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, though a secret one because of his fear of the Jews, asked Pilate to let him take away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave him permission; so he came and removed his body. Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, weighing about a hundred pounds. They took the body of Jesus and wrapped with the spices in linen cloths, according to the burial custom of the Jews. Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:38 – 42)

HYMN: *Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

The Good Friday portion of the Three Days liturgy – which comprises Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter – concludes with an opportunity for us to proclaim our confidence in Christ's triumph on the cross.

The cantor sings, and we join in the response.

This is repeated twice as the cross is carried in procession.

Cantor: Behold the life-giving cross,
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y,
 ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy on us.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way. I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate. I guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit. I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I poured out saving water from the rock, but you gave me vinegar to drink. I poured out my life and gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown of thorns. I gave you the kingdom and crowned you with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed. I gave you my peace, but you drew the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I parted the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you pierced my side with a spear. I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high on a cross. I raised you from death and prepared for you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me! I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters; I was hungry, and you gave me no food. I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink. I was a stranger, and you did not welcome me. I was naked, and you did not clothe me. I was sick and in prison, and you did not visit me; and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

We join in singing the response.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

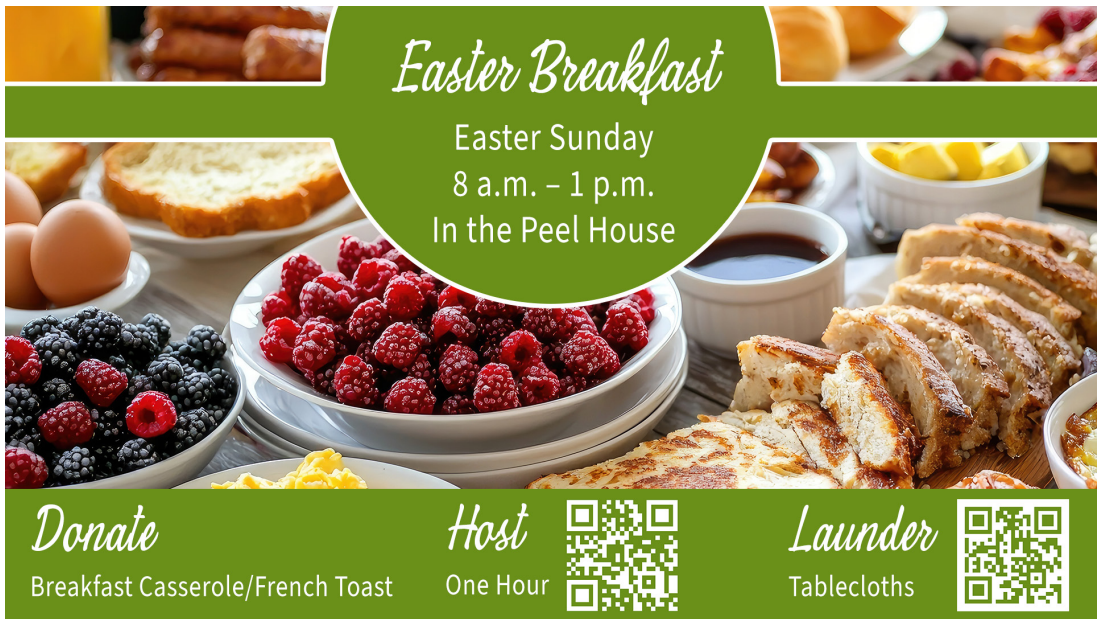
Please whisper as we pray:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

You are invited to reverently come forward and touch the cross as we depart in silence.



Easter Breakfast

Easter Sunday
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
In the Peel House

Donate
Breakfast Casserole/French Toast

Host
One Hour

Laundry
Tablecloths

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP • APRIL 3

TENEBRAE SERVICE at 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY • APRIL 4

EASTER EGG HUNT 10 a.m.

DECORATING FLOWER CROSS at 10 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE at 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP • APRIL 5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP in Sanctuary

7:45, 9, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.

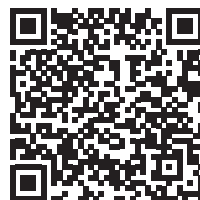
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

in Worship Center 10:15 a.m.

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