

FIRST
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CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS



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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.

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.

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.

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Good Friday Family Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold type**

We will gather in the first few rows.

THE FIRST STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DEATH

HYMN: *Stay With Me*

Stay with me, remain here with me:

watch and pray, watch and pray.

(Repeat)

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 15:1, 8 – 15

Very early in the morning, the leading priests, the Jewish elders, the teachers of the law, and all the Jewish council decided what to do with Jesus. They tied him, led him away, and turned him over to Pilate, the governor.

The crowd came to Pilate and asked him to free a prisoner as he always did.

Pilate asked them, “Do you want me to free the king of the Jews?” Pilate knew that the leading priests had given Jesus to him because they were jealous of Jesus. And the leading priests had persuaded the people to ask Pilate to free Barabbas, not Jesus.

Pilate asked the crowd again, “So what should I do with this man you call the king of the Jews?”

They shouted, “Kill him on a cross!”

Pilate asked, “Why? What wrong has he done?”

But they shouted louder and louder, “Kill him on a cross!”

Pilate wanted to please the crowd. So he freed Barabbas for them. And Pilate told the soldiers to beat Jesus with whips. Then he gave Jesus to the soldiers to be killed on a cross.

WE LOOK AT THE PICTURE AND WONDER ABOUT IT
I wonder what you can see in this picture.
I wonder how Jesus is feeling.
I wonder what colors you can see.
I wonder where you are in this picture.

PRAYER

My people, what have I done to you?
I created you and loved you.
You sent me to Pilate to be judged.
I led you out of slavery in Egypt.
You asked for me to be killed on a cross.
God, I am sorry.
Please forgive me.

A child is invited to blow out the first candle.

We go to the second station, singing the hymn.

HYMN: *Were You There*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE SECOND STATION: SIMON OF CYRENE CARRIES THE CROSS OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 23:26 – 27

The soldiers led Jesus away. At that time, there was a man coming into the city from the fields. His name was Simon, and he was from the city of Cyrene. The soldiers forced Simon to carry Jesus' cross and walk behind him. A large crowd of people was following Jesus. Some of the women were sad and crying.

WE LOOK AT THE PICTURE AND WONDER ABOUT IT

I wonder what you can see in this picture.

I wonder if Simon knew who Jesus was.

I wonder what it would have been like to be there that day.

I wonder if the sound of people crying was loud.

PRAYER

My people, what have I done to you?

I came to be your Prince of Peace.

You gave me a crown of thorns to wear.

I came to give you eternal life.

You gave me a cross too heavy to carry.

God, I am sorry.

Please forgive me.

A child is invited to blow out the second candle.

We go to the third station, singing the hymn.

HYMN: *Were You There*

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

THE THIRD STATION: JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 19:17 – 18, 23a, 25 – 27

Carrying his own cross, Jesus went out to a place called The Place of the Skull. (In the Jewish language this place is called Golgotha.) There they nailed Jesus to the cross.

They also put two other men on crosses, one on each side of Jesus with Jesus in the middle.

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After the soldiers nailed Jesus to the cross, they took his clothes. They divided them into four parts. Each soldier got one part.

Jesus' mother stood near his cross. His mother's sister was also standing there, with Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. Jesus saw his mother. He also saw the follower he loved standing there. He said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son." Then he said to the follower, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this follower took her to live in his home.

WE LOOK AT THE PICTURE AND WONDER ABOUT IT

I wonder what you can see in this picture.

I wonder how this picture makes you feel.

I wonder how this picture is different from the last one.

I wonder what his mother Mary and his disciples are feeling.

PRAYER

My people, what have I done to you?

I made you my special people.

You took my clothes and left me bare on a cross.

I told you how to treat each other with kindness.

You killed me at The Place of the Skull.

God, I am sorry.

Please forgive me.

A child is invited to blow out the third candle.

We go to the fourth station, singing the hymn.

HYMN: *Jesus, Remember Me*

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

(Repeat)

THE FOURTH STATION: JESUS DIES

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 15:33 – 34, 37, 38 – 39

At noon the whole country became dark. This darkness lasted for three hours. At three o'clock Jesus cried in a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you left me alone?"

Then Jesus cried in a loud voice and died.

When Jesus died, the curtain in the temple split into two pieces. The tear started at the top and tore all the way to the bottom. The army officer that was standing there before the cross saw what happened when Jesus died. The officer said, "This man really was the Son of God!"

WE LOOK AT THE PICTURE AND WONDER ABOUT IT

I wonder what you can see in this picture.

I wonder why the artist used these colors.

I wonder how Jesus' friends felt when he died.

I wonder why Jesus had to die.

We are silent for a minute.

PRAYER

My people, what have I done to you?

I never left your side.

You left me alone on the cross.

I died on the cross.

You did not truly believe until I was gone.

God, I am sorry.

Please forgive me.

A child is invited to blow out the fourth candle.

We go to the fifth station, singing the hymn.

HYMN: *Were You There*

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE FIFTH STATION: JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 23:50 – 56a

A man from the Jewish town of Arimathea was there, too. His name was Joseph. He was a good, religious man. He wanted the kingdom of God to come. Joseph was a member of the Jewish council, but he had not agreed when the other leaders decided to kill Jesus. Joseph went to Pilate to ask for the body of Jesus. So Joseph took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in cloth. Then he put Jesus' body in a tomb that was cut in a wall of rock. This tomb had never been used before. This was late on Preparation Day. When the sun went down, the Sabbath day would begin.

The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus followed Joseph. They saw the tomb and saw inside where the body of Jesus was laid. Then the women left to prepare perfumes and spices.

A child is invited to blow out the fifth candle.

Each of the children is given a plant in a pot. One child is given the Jesus figure, wrapped in grave bands. We process to the Easter garden as music plays. We place our plants around the tomb, and a child places Jesus in the tomb and then rolls the stone across the door of the tomb.

When the music is finished, we close with the following prayer:

PRAYER

God, we are sorry for the way you were treated.
We are sorry that we have not remembered your love.
We are sorry that we have not acted as you taught us.

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving us.

Help us to remember this cross.

Help us to remember this tomb.

We love you and want to be with you always.

Amen.

Children are welcome to remain in the Easter garden, exploring it as they wish. When you are finished, please leave the worship center in silence.



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GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3

TENEBRAE (Service of Darkness) 7 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL – APRIL 4

Join us for an EASTER EGG HUNT at 10 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE at 6:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP: 7:45, 9, 10:15, and 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center.

Come join us in the Peel House for Easter Breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.!

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