

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Online | April 18, 2025



At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion according to John, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's lifegiving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life.

This is a continuation of the Maundy Thursday worship, so we gather in silence.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING

The Suffering Servant - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO THE READING

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"; ELW #803 vs. 1-2

BIDDING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Silence is kept

HOMILY Pastor Brian Halverson

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

The Darkness of Betrayal

Reading: John 18:1-11

Response: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"; ELW #345

The Darkness of Denial

Reading: John 18:12-27

Response: "Go to Dark Gethsemane"
ELW #347, verses 1 & 2

The Darkness of Injustice

Reading: John 18:28-40

Response: "Ah, Holy Jesus"
setting Helmut Walcha, organ

The Darkness of Rejection

Reading: John 19:1-16a

Response: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
ELW #803 vs. 3-4

The Darkness of Crucifixion

Reading: John 19:16b-22

Response: "They Crucified My Lord"
ELW #350, verses 1 & 2

Reading: John 19:23-30

Response: "When on the Cross the Savior Hung"
J.S. Bach, organ

Reading: John 19:31-42

Response: "Were You There"
ELW 353, verses 1, 3, & 5

CLOSING PRAYER

RECESSION OF THE CROSS

*We end in silence,
following the cross,
reflecting on our Lord's crucifixion.*

*We gather again on Sunday for
the Easter celebration.*

Thank you:

Pastor Brian Halverson, Presiding

Organist: Becky Whelpley

Reader: Roy Osmon

Announcements

On the Calendar:

April 27	Bluegrass music at 10:45
May 4	Confirmation Day and Pancake Breakfast
May 25	Memorial Day - one worship at 9:00 Pastor Brian's last Sunday
June 1	One worship - outside at 9:00 Annual Meeting (10:15)
June 8	Summer worship schedule begins (8:30 inside, 10:00 outside)

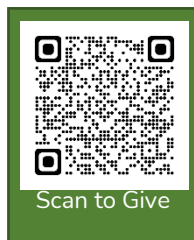
Confirmation Sunday is May 4

8:30	worship
9:00	pancake breakfast
9:45	HAWS presentation
10:45	worship service with confirmation

Worshipful Giving

Offering may be given by:

- Placing it in the offering plate
- Going to our website makedisciples.com and clicking on "Ways to Give"
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Register for VBS

Join us this summer for Build VBS! Kids ages 4 years-5th grade will learn to BUILD their lives on the Solid Rock of Jesus! Each day the Bible lesson will connect Lego and STEM as we explore putting our faith in action as we build a Giant Lego Man!

VBS runs August 4-7, from 9:00am-12:00pm. The early bird cost is \$35/child for the week (\$100 family maximum) if registered before June 1.



Registration deadline is July 20 or when classes are full. Register using this QR code or on our website under Ministries – Child & Youth – VBS.

HAWS Presentation

During April, Abby is collecting items for HAWS (Humane Animal Welfare Society of Waukesha) as her confirmation service project. On May 4, Confirmation Sunday, HAWS will bring their mobile unit to St. John's. They will give a presentation that includes animals available for adoption!

EASTER WORSHIP

6:00 a.m.	sunrise worship outside in the columbarium with a cappella music
8:30 a.m.	traditional worship with music led by organ and brass (live streamed)
9:30 a.m.	Donut Hour fellowship hosted by our youth
10:45 a.m.	contemporary worship with music led by the Praise Band

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