



Welcome to Worship!

April 3, 2026 — 6:30 p.m. – Good Friday

Worship Leader: Patti Happel Accompanist: Lynn Wegner

Order of Worship

(ELW—Evangelical Lutheran Worship—red hymnal; WOV –With One Voice—blue hymnal)

ASSEMBLE IN SILENCE

OFFERING HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, **your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

HYMN *There in God's Garden* ELW 342 v 1-4

THE FIRST WORD: John 18: 1-11

HYMN *Lamb of God* ELW 336

THE SECOND WORD: John 18: 12-27

HYMN *Go to Dark Gethsemane* ELW 347 (v 2-3)

THE THIRD WORD: John 18: 28-40

HYMN *Ah, Holy Jesus* ELW 349 (v 1-3)

THE FOURTH WORD: John 19: 1-7

HYMN *They Crucified My Lord* ELW 350 (v 1-2)

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19: 8-16a

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW 351 (v 1-3)

THE SIXTH WORD: John 19: 16b-22

HYMN

Were You There?

ELW 353

THE SEVENTH WORD: John 19: 23-30

ANTHEM

I Will Boast

THE EIGHTH WORD: John 19: 31-42

ANTHEM

Crown of Thorns

MEDITATION

Silence for reflection follows. At this time all the lights in the church will be turned off. The bell will toll, symbolizing that Jesus has died.

PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

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

Oh, come, let us worship him.

ADORATION OF THE CROSS

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

We glory in your cross, O Lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.

After brief silence:

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

By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Worshippers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.

We shall depart in silence.