

Friday, April 3rd, 2026
Good Friday

Standing at the Cross

A Worship Series for Lent, Holy Week and Easter on Themes from Martin Luther

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Good Friday: Standing in Forgiveness

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

HYMN

Drawn to the Cross

LSB #560

**Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in Thee my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain,
Christ crucified, I come.**

**And then for work to do for Thee,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.**

INVOCATION AND RESPONSIVE READING

John 3:16-17

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C That whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal

life.

P For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,

C But in order that the world might be saved through him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.

C Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We do not follow our Savior and live in love as we should. We listen to the temptations of the devil, the world and our own sinful desires. Have mercy and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his only Son to be our Savior.

Jesus, the innocent Lamb of God, was sacrificed for our sins.

Through his death and resurrection you have forgiveness and life. I

announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. With Jesus' wounds we are healed.

HYMN

God So Loved

LSB #571 vs.1

**God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.**

OLD TESTAMENT ... Isaiah 53:4-10

EPISTLE ... Romans 5:6-11

HYMN

Chief of Sinners

LSB #611 vs.1

**Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me. Died that
I might live on high, lives that I might never die. As the branch is to
the vine, I am his, and he is mine.**

“In his greatest suffering, torment, and disgrace, he appears not to see or feel anything; his only concern, all that he sees and cares for, is your and my misery, our anguish, and great distress. Could there be greater, more fervent love than that?”

(Martin Luther, his fourth sermon for Holy Week, 1534)

SERMON: “Standing in Forgiveness”

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love, higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, lasting as eternity! Love that found
me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought him not.**

OFFERING

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

P The Passion of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to
the disciple and gospel writer John:

READING 1 (*Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus*) John 18:1-11

HYMN "*Beautiful Savior*" LSB #537 vs.1&4

**Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,**

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

**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?**

**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?**

READING 4 (*Jesus prepared for crucifixion.*) John 19:1-16a

HYMN "My Song Is Love" LSB #430 vs.1-3

**My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?**

**He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!**

**Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.**

READING 5 (*The Crucifixion of Jesus*) John 19:16b-24

HYMN "*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues*" LSB #528 vs.1&6

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

**See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.**

READING 6 (*Jesus' Mother and His Death*) John 19:25-30

HYMN "The Lamb" LSB #547 vs.1-4

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. REFRAIN**

**The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will
On our behalf the Law to fill. REFRAIN**

**He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. REFRAIN**

READING 7 (*Jesus' side is pierced.*) John 19:31-42

HYMN

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB #571 vs.2-3

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**We LEAVE IN SILENCE, anticipating the joy of Easter
while contemplating the solemn mood of Good Friday.**

*Tonight's worship is over, but the story is not yet over! Come and share
in the good news yet to come on Easter Sunday at 10:00AM.*

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