

# *Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*April 3, 2026*

*Good Friday*



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Worshippers may gather in silence.

A bell is tolled seven times to begin the service.

The ministers enter in silence.

*Please stand.*

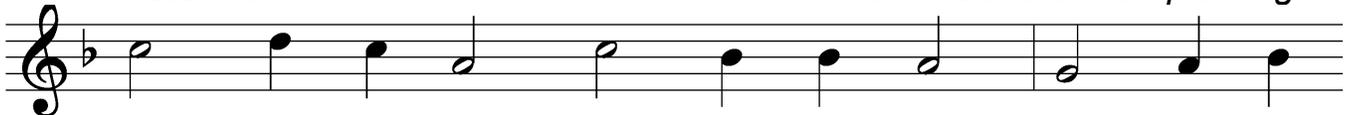
Reading

*Isaiah 52:13—53:12 (GW)*

*Be seated.*

Hymn #422 sts.1-3

*“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”*



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and  
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of  
3 “Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,  
to gain for us his fa - vor. “Go forth, my Son,”  
I'll do what you have asked me.” O won - drous Love,



grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
the Fa - ther said, “and free my chil - dren from their dread  
what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes  
of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong

*Hymn continues next page.*



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,  
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share  
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave



“Will - ing all this I suf - fer.”  
 the fruit of your sal - va - tion.”  
 who built the earth’s foun - da - tion.

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### First Word

*Luke 23:32–34*

M: <sup>32</sup>Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. <sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

M: Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;

**C: They pierce my hands and my feet.**

M: They divide my garments among them

**C: and cast lots for my clothing.**

M: He bore the sin of many,

**C: and made intercession for the transgressors.**

M: Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

**C: Amen.**

# Hymn #434 sts.1,4

# "Upon the Cross Extended"



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, see, world, your  
4 Your soul in griefs un - bound - ed, your head with



Lord sus - pend - ed; your Sav - ior yields his breath.  
thorns sur - round - ed, you died to ran - som me.



The Prince of life from heav - en him - self has free - ly  
The cross for me en - dur - ing, the crown for me se -



giv - en to shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
cur - ing, you healed my wounds and set me free.

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*A candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation.*

## Second Word

*Luke 23:35–43*

M: <sup>35</sup>The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

<sup>36</sup>The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar

<sup>37</sup>and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

<sup>38</sup>There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

<sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

M: All who see me mock me;

**C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads.**

M: "He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him.

**C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."**

M: Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

C: **Come to my aid when you save them.**

M: Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn #429 sts.1–2,5

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and  
2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, they smite your  
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you,



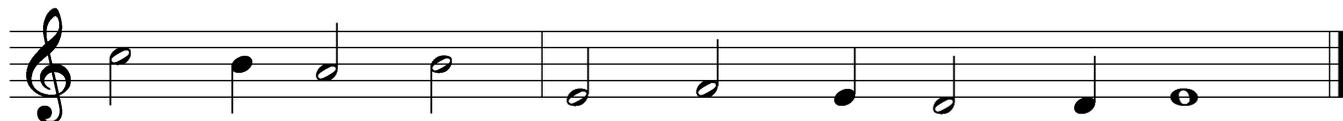
shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,  
coun - te - nance, though might - y worlds shall fear you  
dear - est Friend, for this, your dy - ing sor - row,



with thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no  
and flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with  
your pit - y with - out end? O make me yours for -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet, though de -  
an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with  
ev - er, and keep me strong and true; Lord, let me



spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.  
pain now lan - guish that once were bright as morn!  
nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.

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### Third Word

John 19:25–27

M: <sup>25</sup>Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. <sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," <sup>27</sup>and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

M: This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,

**C: and to be a sign that will be spoken against,**

M: so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

**C: And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**

M: Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?

**C: Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**

M: Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

**C: Amen.**

### Hymn #400 sts.1–2

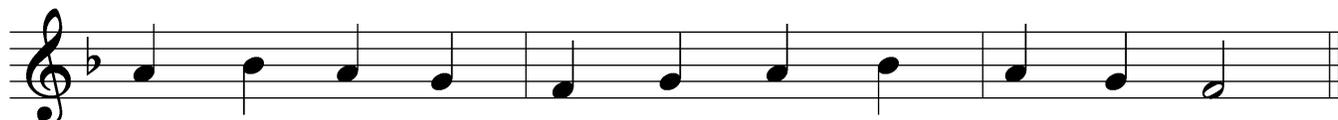
*"Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"*



1 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -  
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing all our



fore the cross we spend, life and health and  
sins on Je - sus laid; here we see re -



peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.  
demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.

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#### Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45,46

M: <sup>45</sup>From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

<sup>46</sup>About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

**C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?**

M: My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,

**C: by night, but I find no rest.**

M: "In that day," declares the Sovereign Lord, "I will make the sun go down at noon

**C: and darken the earth in broad daylight."**

M: Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn #568 sts.1,4

"His Robes for Mine"



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!  
 4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.  
 Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.  
 He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.  
 I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!



I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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## Fifth Word

John 19:28,29

M: <sup>28</sup>After this, when he knew that all things necessary for the Scripture to be fulfilled had now been accomplished, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." <sup>29</sup>A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

M: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;  
C: **you lay me in the dust of death.**

M: I am worn out calling for help;  
C: **my throat is parched.**

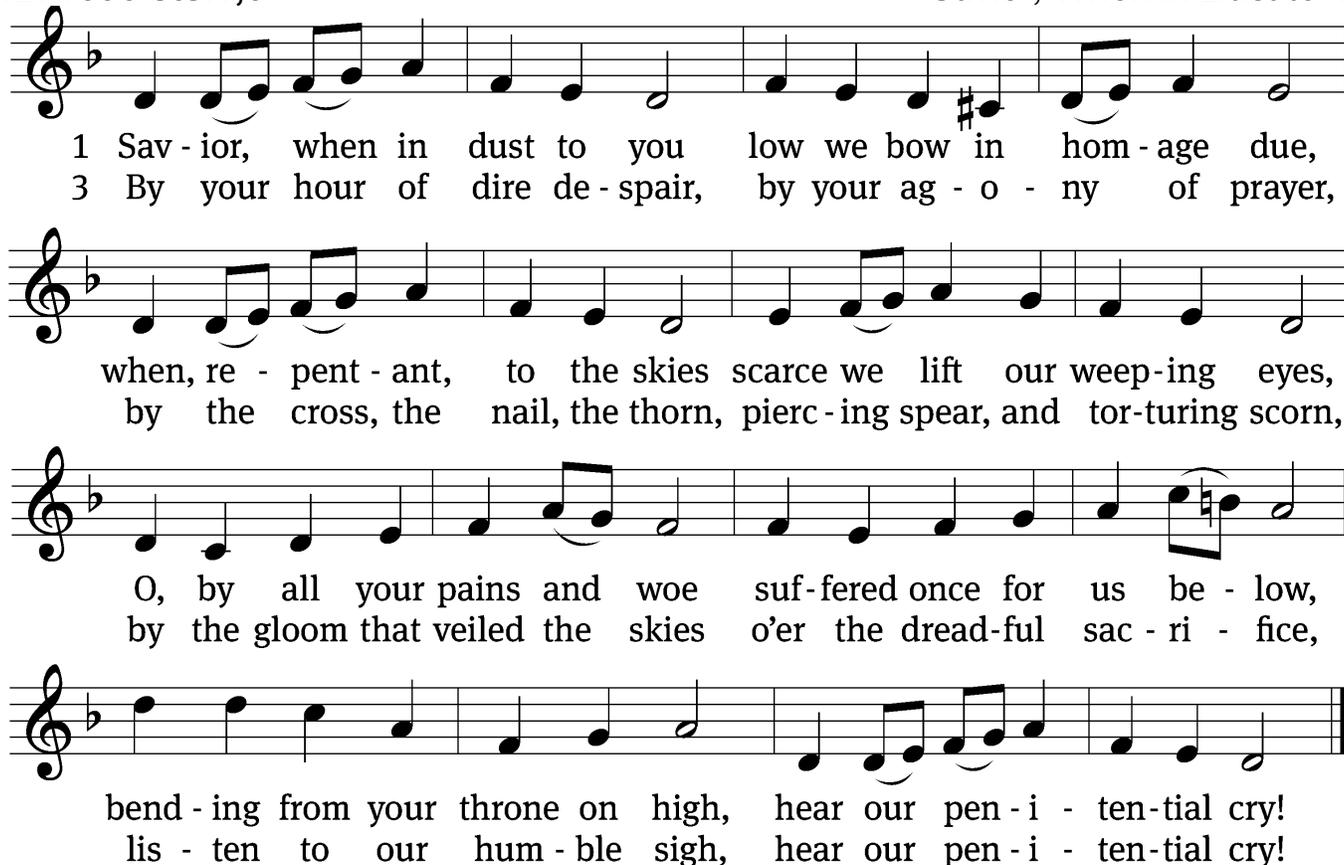
M: They put gall in my food  
C: **and gave me vinegar for my thirst.**

M: Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymn #393 sts.1,3

"Savior, When in Dust to You"



1 Sav-ior, when in dust to you low we bow in hom-age due,  
3 By your hour of dire de-spair, by your ag-o-ny of prayer,  
when, re-pent-ant, to the skies scarce we lift our weep-ing eyes,  
by the cross, the nail, the thorn, pierc-ing spear, and tor-turing scorn,  
O, by all your pains and woe suf-fered once for us be-low,  
by the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dread-ful sac-ri-fice,  
bend-ing from your throne on high, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!  
lis-ten to our hum-ble sigh, hear our pen-i-ten-tial cry!

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## Sixth Word

John 19:30

M: <sup>30</sup>When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

M: On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

**C: to cleanse them from sin and impurity.**

M: Because of the blood of my covenant with you,

**C: I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.**

M: I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

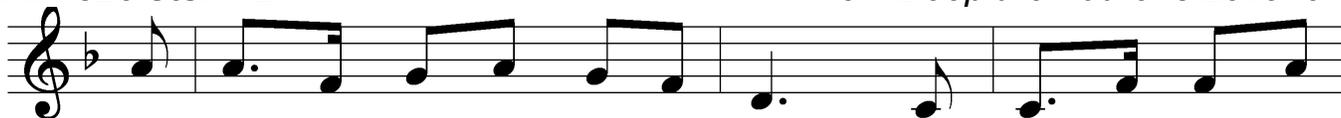
**C: I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.**

M: Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn #523 sts.1-2

*"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.

*A candle is extinguished, followed by silence for meditation.*

**Seventh Word**

*Luke 23:44–46*

M: <sup>44</sup>It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup>for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

M: Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
C: **deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.**

M: He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;  
C: **he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

M: He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.  
C: **He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

M: Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

C: **Amen.**

# Hymn #426 sts.1-2

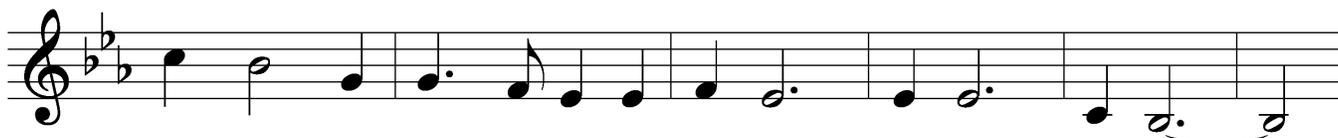
# "Were You There"



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,  
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,



some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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*Please stand.*

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

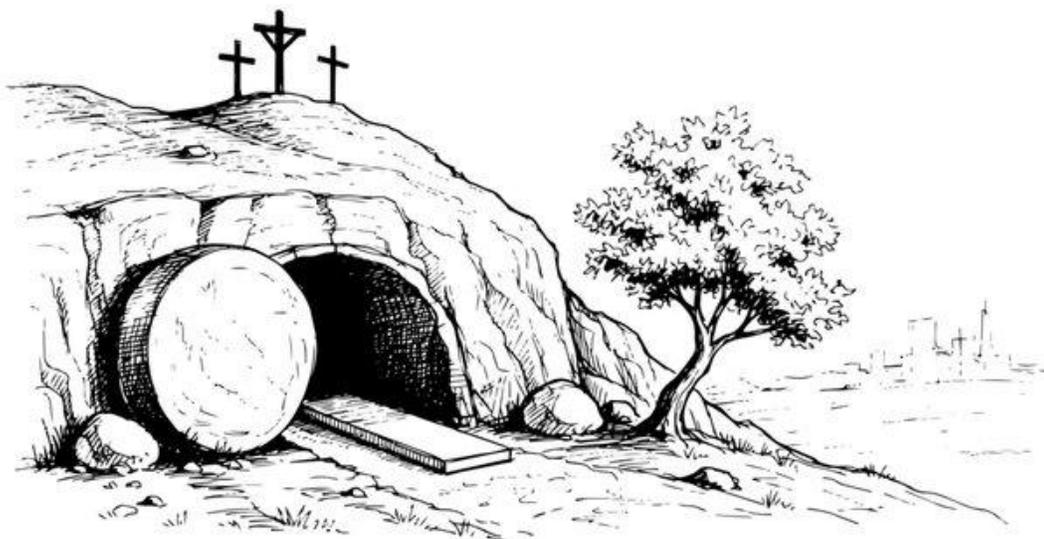
## Reading

John 19:31–42

M: <sup>31</sup>Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. <sup>32</sup>The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. <sup>33</sup>But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <sup>34</sup>Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. <sup>35</sup>The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. <sup>36</sup>These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," <sup>37</sup>and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

<sup>38</sup>Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. <sup>39</sup>He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. <sup>40</sup>Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. <sup>41</sup>At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. <sup>42</sup>Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (NIV)

*Be seated.*



Hymn #437 sts.1,3

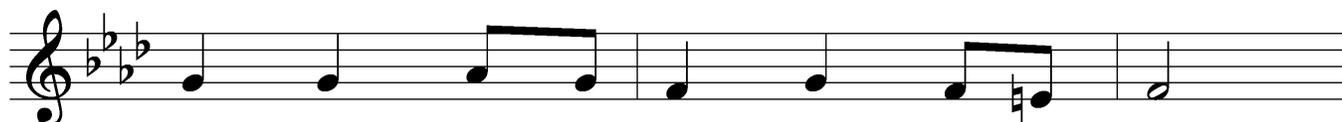
"Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor"



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -  
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we



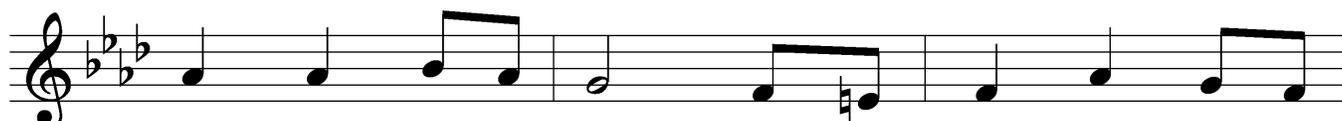
in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and  
wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.  
pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they  
Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er  
bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.  
morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.

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**A loud sound is heard in the sanctuary. Known as the Strepitus, this sound represents the rending of Jesus' tomb.**

**Dismissal Statement**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

C: Amen.

**The ministers exit in silence.**

**Worshipers may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.**

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**Join us this Easter Sunday** morning at 7 AM & 9:30 AM for the celebration of our Risen Savior. Breakfast will be from 8 AM - 9 AM; please sign up in back.

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society** will hold its Spring Missions Collection on Sunday, April 12 after both services. The Home Mission is 100 Missions in 10 Years and the World Mission is Pakistan. **Checks should made payable to LWMS Ohio Circuit.** Please give checks/cash to the ladies holding the baskets at the exits that day.

**The LWMS Spring Rally** will take place on **May 2** at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee (2250 Holland Sylvania Road, Maumee, OH 43537). The speaker will be Rev. Jeffrey Duquaine who serves at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Willoughby, OH. If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can RSVP at 419-867-7352. There is a new schedule we are using and it is included on the flyer by the office and by the sign-up sheet.

**Holy Communion** will be offered for members every Sunday during the season of Easter, as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection for us!

**Our Assistance Fund** is running low, as we've helped a few needy people in the past year. We give limited help for food or gas, or other physical needs to indigent people. If you would like to support this, please designate your offering to our Assistance Fund.

**New Vicar:** Our Council and Voters plan to apply for a vicar for the 2026-27 school year. If you would like to help, mark your contribution for our Vicar Fund.

<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Friday</b>	Good Friday Worship, 7:00 PM
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Easter Worship</b> Worship & Holy Communion, 7 & 9:30 AM Breakfast, 8-9 AM

**Welcome!** We join together here to thank God for a new week of promise and possibilities. Let us greet one another joyfully and lovingly! If you are searching for a church home, feel free to talk to the pastor after the service.

**Large print bulletins** are available at the back of the fellowship hall.

**There are visitor welcome packets** available in the narthex.

**There are children's books**, coloring pages, pencils, and crayons available at the back of the fellowship hall. Please return the books, clipboards, pencils and crayons.

**Silence is golden.** Please silence cell phones before worship.

**Bulletin Board:** If you would like items displayed, please contact the office.