**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**

 **Ecumenical Good Friday Service**

**with Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Faith Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church, Wesley United Methodist Church**

**April 18, 2025**

**12:00 pm**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Katie Anderson**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 18, 19) Rev. Doug Clement**

Come, let us gather again in the shadow
of the Cross of Christ.
**We gather to remember the overwhelming evidence
of Love’s ultimate sacrifice.**
Who would have guessed that the height and depth,
the length and width of God’s love might look like this:
a forsaken savior on a cross?
**Certainly not us. Not us, who are too often lost
amid the world’s distractions and responsibilities.
Not us, for whom such love was offered without cost.**
Let us gather again in the shadow of the Cross of Christ
and commit ourselves to remember the price paid.
Let us live our lives in a way that indicates why
this Friday is called “Good.”
**Thanks be to God, who opened the gates of heaven,
that we might have the faith, hope, and love,
witnessed in Christ’s sacrifice for our salvation.**

**\*HYMN** **Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY Rev. Anna von Winckler**

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.**

**\*LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE Rev. Anna von Winckler**

Let us remember Jesus:
who, though rich, became poor and dwelt among us,
who was mighty indeed, healing the sick and the troubled,
who, as a teacher to his disciples, was their companion and servant.
**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what he has done for us.**
Let us remember Jesus
who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him and for the perfecting of those who received him,
who loved all people, and prayed for them, even if they
denied and rejected him who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty
and hatred, both to people and to God.
**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what he has done for us.**

Let us remember Jesus, who humbled himself, obedient unto the cross. God has exalted him who has redeemed us from the bondage
of sin and given us new freedom.
**May we ever be grateful for Jesus the Christ and what he has done and continues to do for us.**

**HYMN Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ELW 337**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Dr. Roger Keller**

 13 See, my servant shall prosper;
  he shall be exalted and lifted up
  and shall be very high.
 14 Just as there were many who were astonished at him
  —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
  and his form beyond that of mortals—
 15 so he shall startle many nations;
  kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
 for that which had not been told them they shall see,
  and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.
 53:1Who has believed what we have heard?
  And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant
  and like a root out of dry ground;
 he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
  nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
 3 He was despised and rejected by others;
  a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
 and as one from whom others hide their faces
  he was despised, and we held him of no account.

 4 Surely he has borne our infirmities
  and carried our diseases,
 yet we accounted him stricken,
  struck down by God, and afflicted.
 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
  crushed for our iniquities;
 upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
  and by his bruises we are healed.
 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
  we have all turned to our own way,
 and the Lord has laid on him
  the iniquity of us all.

 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
  yet he did not open his mouth;
 like a lamb that is led to the slaughter
  and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
  so he did not open his mouth.
 8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
  Who could have imagined his future?
 For he was cut off from the land of the living,
  stricken for the transgression of my people.
 9 They made his grave with the wicked
  and his tomb with the rich,
 although he had done no violence,
  and there was no deceit in his mouth.
 10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction.
 When you make his life an offering for sin,
  he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
 through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

11 Out of his anguish he shall see;
 he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
  The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
  and he shall bear their iniquities.
12 Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
  and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
 because he poured out himself to death
  and was numbered with the transgressors,
 yet he bore the sin of many
  and made intercession for the transgressors.

**SOLO O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Sue Vick, French Horn**

**THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ACCORDING TO LUKE**

**HYMN Were You There ELW 353**

**\*PRAYERS Rev. Heather Brown**

…Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

**SOLEMN REPROACHES Rev. Dr. Janet Wolfe**

…and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*After a moment of meditation, the congregation is asked to leave in silence.*

**Thank you to our Worship Participants:**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**

Dr. Roger Keller

**Faith Lutheran Church**

Rev. Heather Brown

Jeff Johnson

Sue Vick

**First Presbyterian**

Rev. Anna von Winckler

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