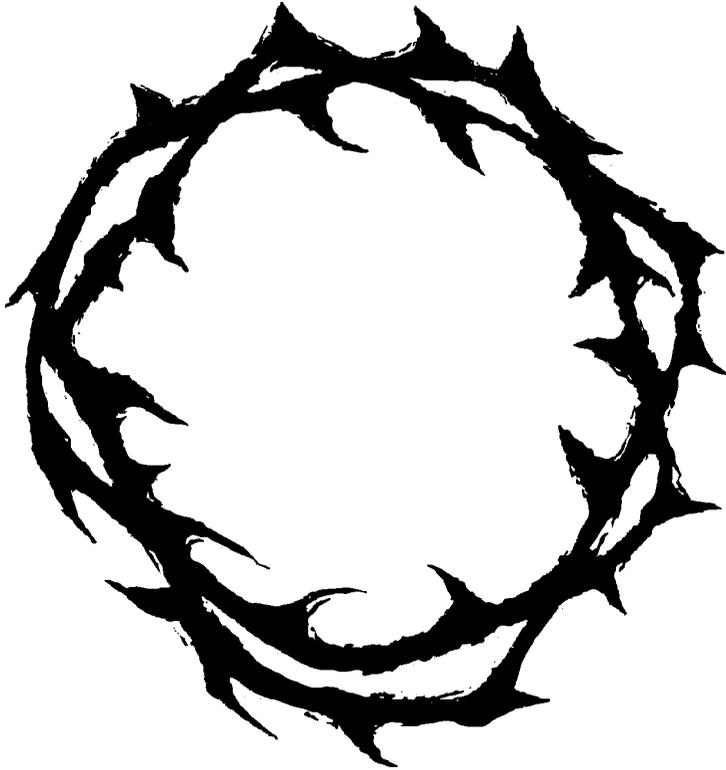


Good Friday

2026

7:00 p.m.



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Lancaster, PA

Holy Week

2026

Beginning with Maundy Thursday evening through Easter Sunday, the mood of repentance gives way to the anxious anticipation of the Risen Lord, the culmination of the entire liturgical year. These days are not the memorial of these events in Jesus' history, but our participation in the reality of Christ's death and resurrection still active and at work in our lives today. You are invited to enter into worship and hear and experience anew the story of your own salvation.

If you are visiting with us, a special welcome! We invite you to return and worship with us as often as you are able. Please sign the guest book in the narthex. Guest cards are also available. Please take one, fill it out and return it to an usher.

As you enter the nave, please conclude all conversations and silence all electronic devices in order to fully enter into this time of worship.

You will see type in both normal and boldface type. All responses of the congregation are printed in **boldface** type.

If you need a large print bulletin, please ask an usher.

Please indicate to the pastor if you require gluten free wafers, prior to worship, if possible.

Following the service you are invited to place your financial gifts in the offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

With this Good Friday liturgy we continue our celebration of Holy Week and Jesus' death and resurrection. Though we devoutly gather to recall our Lord's passion, we celebrate the wonder and mystery of the cross in the sure hope of the resurrection.

At the heart of the liturgy is the passion reading according to John. John proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The gospel enables us to call this Friday "Good," for it celebrates the victory of the cross. Jesus' final words are not ones of desolation, but triumph: "It is finished."

As Jesus is lifted up from the earth, he draws all people to himself. On this solemn day we use the ancient Bidding Prayer, offering petitions for the whole world for which Christ died.

Finally we honor the cross as the sign of the world's redemption; from it flows forgiveness, healing, and salvation. We acclaim the cross as the tree of life, for as Christ vanquishes death and evil the world is given new birth and a living hope.

We depart in silence.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

The Passion of our Lord Jesus according to St. John
Adoration of the Crucified

Good Friday

Please enter the nave in silence.

The assembly stands when the minister enters.

The Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

The Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn #351 Verses 1-2

The Passion According to St. John 18:1-19:42

Hymn

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Hymn #351 Verses 3-4

The Bidding Prayer

The assembly may sit or kneel for the prayers.

A Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father guide it and gather it together, so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring salvation to people everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our Bishops; Yehiel, Steven, and Geoffrey, for our Pastor Gretchen and other ministers, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people of God.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our pastors and our leaders; keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church, and help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for those preparing for Baptism, that God make them responsive to his love, and give them new life in Jesus Christ.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you continually bless the Church with new members. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for Baptism. Give them a new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all our brothers and sisters who share our faith in Jesus Christ, that God may gather and keep together in one Church all those who know Christ as Lord.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give your Church its unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. We are all consecrated to you by our Baptism; make us one in the fullness of faith, and keep us one in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the Word of God, that they may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and his posterity. Hear the prayers of your Church that the people you first made your own may arrive with us at the fullness of redemption. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all who seek truth,
and for all whose paths of faith are different from our own,
that the light of the Holy Spirit may guide and sustain them.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
you are present to all people in ways beyond our knowing.
Draw us all more deeply into your love,
that, together, we may grow in compassion, wisdom, and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all who question,
for all who wonder,
and for all who seek the source and meaning of life.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God,
you created humanity to live in relationship with you and with one another.
In the midst of all that divides and wounds us,
make your love known through lives of mercy and grace,
that all may encounter the depth of your presence.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, watch over those in authority, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and rid the world of falsehood, hunger, and disease.

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

A Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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 assembly stands as the cross is processed forward.

Adoration of the Crucified

The following dialogue is said three times as a rough hewn cross is carried into the church.

P Behold, the life-giving Cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

The assembly may sit or kneel for the Reproaches.

Reproaches

P For your sake I scourged your captors,
And their first born sons.
I led you from slavery to freedom
And drowned your captors in the sea.
But you handed me over to your high priests.

C **My people what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.**

P I opened the sea before you,
But you opened my side with a spear.
I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud.
But you led me to Pilate's court.

C **My people what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.**

P I bore you up with manna in the desert,
But you struck me down and scourged me.
I gave you water from the rock,
But you gave me gall and vinegar to drink.

C **My people what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.**

P For you I struck down the kings of Canaan,
But you struck my head with a reed.
I gave you a royal scepter,
But you gave me a crown of thorns.

C **My people what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.**

P I raised you to the height of majesty,
But you have raised me high on a cross.

C My people what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.

*A period of extended silence is kept for adoration of the crucified
and meditation on the mystery of redemption.*

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

C By your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world! Amen.

You may remain for silent prayer and meditation. Please leave the building in silence.

Acknowledgments

Thank you for those who participated in the service today.

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Coming up at Holy Spirit

- April 5 Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
- April 7 Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
Every Time I Go On Vacation, Someone Dies
by Catherine Mack
- April 12 Second Sunday: Bingo! *Following worship.*
- April 11 Drop Yard Sale donations off in the narthex,
9:00 a.m.– noon
- April 15 Prayer & Meditation: In Person, 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. Choir. All are welcome!
- April 18 Drop Yard Sale donations off in the narthex,
9:00 a.m.– noon
- April 25 Drop Yard Sale donations off in the narthex,
9:00 a.m.– noon
- May 2 Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- May 17 Semi-annual Congregation Meeting,
following worship
Heritage Chorale, 4:00 p.m.
- June 5 & 6 Synod Assembly



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