



A One-Time Substitute  
Buries All-Time Guilt

# St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church | *Jordan, Minnesota*

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*April 18, 2025*

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God’s holy and powerful word and celebrate his life-giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him.

## **TODAY’S THEME**

On Good Friday we remember the crucifixion and death of our Lord both with sorrow and solemn joy. Though the events of this day fill us with horror, the implications of those events give us every reason for praise. Jesus’ death had this breathtaking significance. Once and for all, it paid for the guilt of all of us and for all of time. Standing in our place, our substitute was forsaken by his Father on the cross so that we could be reconciled to God and have an eternal home in heaven. We look at Jesus on the cross, and there is sorrow. He is there because of us. He is there because he loves us that much, so much he gave us his last breath. Jesus took all our guilt into the tomb with him. It will stay there. He will not. That is why we call this Friday *good*.

**Pastor**.....Jeremy Glowicki

**Organist**.....Lois Zander

## **ABOUT TODAY’S SERVICE**

This service makes use of an ancient liturgical element called “a reproach”. A reproach expresses disapproval or assigns blame. The Solemn Reproaches (also called the Improperia) were first used in the liturgy in the 800s. They are poetic renderings expressing the disappointment of God with his people. They follow the pattern of Psalm 78, which reviews God’s continuing acts of faithfulness and Israel’s repeated rebellion. In the Good Friday service, the Reproaches express that it is our sin which put the Savior whom God sent us on the cross. We are responsible, yet God by the death of Jesus on the cross, forgives our sin and remembers our wickedness no more.

## Bell Toll

### 430 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

CW 430

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### Reproaches (Improperia)

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people!

### O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432 st. 3

3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;  
yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -  
her - it, this I do mer - it.

The musical score is written on four staves in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?". The second staff continues: "It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;". The third staff continues: "yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -". The fourth staff concludes: "her - it, this I do mer - it." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

## O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432 st. 2

2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;  
with cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;  
they give you gall to drink, they still de -  
cry you; they cru - ci - fy you.

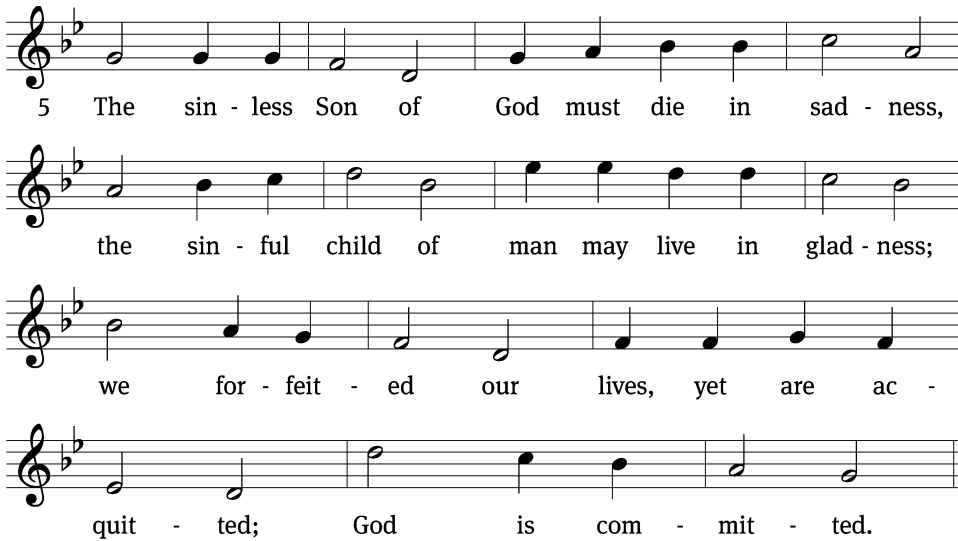
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Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people!

## O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432 st. 5



5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness,  
the sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;  
we for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -  
quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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*A moment of silent reflection*

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment both now and forever. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## O Dearest Jesus, What Law Have You Broken

CW 432 st. 6

6 I'll think up - on your mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,  
that earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;  
to do your will shall be my sole en -  
deav - or hence - forth for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G minor (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '6' indicating the start of the sixth stanza. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

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## Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## First Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

*As our substitute, Christ endured the punishment that our guilt deserved. We are now at peace with God.*

Look, my servant will succeed. He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted. Just as many were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form was disfigured more than any other person—so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him, because they will see something they had never been told before, and they will understand something they had never heard before. Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, he was despised, and we thought nothing of him. Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted, but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers, he did not open his mouth. He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice, and of his generation, who even cared? So, he was cut off from the land of the living. He was struck because of the rebellion of my people. They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked, but he was given a grave with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, and no deceit was in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand. After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt. Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 429 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 429 sts. 1-2, 4



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and  
 2 Men mock and taunt and jeer you, they smite your  
 4 My bur - den in your pas - sion, Lord, you have



shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,  
 coun - te - nance, though might - y worlds shall fear you  
 borne for me, for it was my trans - gres - sion,



with thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no  
 and flee be - fore your glance. How pale you are with  
 my shame, on Cal - va - ry. I cast me down be -



glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet, though de -  
 an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn! Your eyes with  
 fore you; wrath is my right - ful lot. Have mer - cy,



spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.  
 pain now lan - guish that once were bright as morn!  
 I im - plore you; Re - deem - er, spurn me not!

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## Second Reading

Galatians 3:10-13

*We are saved not by obeying God's law but through faith in the One who redeemed us from the law's curse.*

In fact, those who rely on the works of the law are under a curse. For it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the book of the law." Clearly no one is declared righteous before God by the law, because "The righteous will live by faith." The law does not say "by faith." Instead it says, "The one who does these things will live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. As it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## 429 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 429 sts. 5-7



5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you,  
6 My Sav - ior, then be near me when death is  
7 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion, my shield when



dear - est Friend, for this, your dy - ing sor - row,  
at my door, and let your pres - ence cheer me;  
I must die; re - mind me of your pas - sion



your pit - y with - out end? O make me yours for -  
for - sake me nev - er - more! When soul and bod - y  
when my last hour draws nigh. My eyes will then be -



ev - er, and keep me strong and true; Lord, let me  
lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone, but take a -  
hold you, up - on your cross will dwell; my heart will



nev - er, nev - er out - live my love for you.  
way my an - guish by vir - tue of your own!  
then en - fold you— who dies in faith dies well!

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## Gospel

John 19:17–30

### *The crucifixion and death of Jesus.*

Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle. Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.” When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. So the soldiers did these things. Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home. After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

*Be seated*

## **422 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

CW 422

### **Sermon**

### **Bidding Prayer**

*Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity, we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior’s work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.*

Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one, true God and Jesus Christ, whom he has sent.*

Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your gospel, mercifully gather a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.*

Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our grief and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he has taught us.

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Choir

*My Song Is Love Divine*

## Dialogue 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 gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face shine on us—  
**so that your ways may be known on earth  
your salvation 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.**

May the peoples praise you, God;  
may all the peoples praise you.  
**May God bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

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

*Brief silence*

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.  
**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

## **419 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

CW 419 sts. 1, 4-5

*The minister exits the chancel.*

*Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation before exiting silently.*

# Easter Sunday Schedule

Easter Dawn with Holy Communion- 6:30 am

Easter Breakfast - 7:30 am

The Festival of the Resurrection of Our Lord - 9 am



## Because He Lives We Have a Whole New Identity

In the darkness before dawn, the women walked to the tomb with heavy hearts. Jesus was dead. His mission was over. In their mind, they were feeble followers of a failure. All that was left to do was finish embalming the corpse and then try to move on. Yet, Jesus wasn't dead. And because he lived, they were not followers of a failure at all. They were disciples of the one who had conquered sin and defeated death. It is as simple as this. Because he lives, we have a whole new identity: not sinners, but redeemed saints; not rebels, but God's chosen nation; not doomed, but saved; not only servants, but sons and daughters of God Almighty; not losers, but victorious, because Christ gives us the victory. The living Lord has given us a whole new identity. It is all because of him. It is all because he lives.

## **Acknowledgments**

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