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**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**GOOD FRIDAY**

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*Tonight's offering is gathered at the entrance to the sanctuary. You may leave yours as you enter or exit.*

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**HYMN 565** *All Praise to Thee, My God This Night*

***The Versicles and Gloria Patri***

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

**And put away Your anger toward us**

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*Psalm 51*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy: Blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,**

Against You, You only, have I sinned

**And done what is evil in Your sight.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

**And in sin did my mother conceive me.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Hide Your face from my sins,

**And blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**And renew a right spirit within me.**

Cast me not away from Your presence,

**And take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**And uphold me with a right spirit.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son + and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

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**Hymn 296** *Savior When in Dust to Thee*

**Hymn 330** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS**

*Pastor will read Jesus' Words, the acolyte will extinguish one candle, after which the congregation will respond with words the words from Psalm 51.*

#1 *Luke 23:34*

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy: Blot out my transgressions.** Psalm 51

#2 *Luke 23:43*

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.** Psalm 51

#3 *John 19:26-27*

When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.** Psalm 51

#4 *Matthew 27:46*

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”—which means, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

**Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.** Psalm 51

#5 *John 19:28*

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scriptures would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.** Psalm 51

#6 *John 19:30*

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.** Psalm 51

#7 *Luke 23:46*

Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” When He had said this, He breathed His last.

**Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a right spirit.** Psalm 51

**332:1,3,6** *O Darkest Woe*

**333:1** *Christ the Life of All the Living*

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## **PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY**

*Lord Jesus, hear us as we pray!*

***You bore Your cross, You bore our sins.***

*Above Your cross was the notice: King of the Jews and that is what You are.*

***Open our hearts and our treasures that we use them to spread Your Kingdom, sharing the faith given to us.***

*On Your cross You gave Your clothing to be divided among Your executioners.*

***Provide clothing for us, we pray.***

*Provide clothing and food, house and home, employment and income.*

***Help us to share Your gifts with all who are in need.***

*Even on Your cross You care for family, ensuring that Mary would have someone to care for her as a son.*

***We pray for our families tonight in the shadow of Your cross.***

*By forgiveness, heal divisions and wounds that exist.*

***Strengthen our love, our care, and our compassion for one another.***

*On Your cross and in Your thirst You were only offered sour vinegar.*

***We Your people have a burning thirst for righteousness which only You can provide.***

*Show all people that their spiritual hunger and thirst are met in Your death and in Your resurrection.*

***Assure us that because of Your cross, Heaven waits where we will never again be hungry and never again be thirsty.***

*You declared Your work to be finished, indeed it is.*

***Rather than needlessly trying to add to it, let our life be centered in this: salvation accomplished for us.***

*From there let us boldly go out into the world, loving all as You have loved us,*

***Free to venture, to risk, to be kind to the unkind, to forgive those who sin against us,***

*Even to pray for any who would persecute us.*

***Finally, when our life here is finished; Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom. AMEN.***

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**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.**

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### ***The Chapter (1 Peter 5:8)***

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

### ***The Responsory***

Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**For You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.**

***Hymn 333:7—Christ the Life of All the Living***

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## ***The Evening Collect***

Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church.

Abide with us in the end of the day, in the end of our life, and in the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation come upon us, the night of fear and despair when death shall come. Abide with us and with all the faithful through time and eternity.

**Amen.**

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Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

**“Where, O death, is your victory?**

Where, O death, is your sting?”

**The sting of death is sin,**

and the power of sin is the law.

**But thanks be to God!**

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(I Cor. 15:54-57)

The almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

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## ***The Closing Hymn 568—Jesus Tender Shepherd Hear Me***

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### **SERVING YOU**

### **TONIGHT**

#### **Preacher:**

Pastor Tony Pittenger

**Organist:** Mrs. Kelli Gracia

#### **Acolytes:**

William N. & Meeah L.

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Join with us as we use *Vespers*,  
starting on page 120,  
with modifications.

*(Please follow along in the hymnal  
or above the altar as announced by*

*Pastor*

*Please Join Us as Our Holy Week Observances Continue:*

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**†The Resurrection of Our Lord†**

**Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am**

**Easter Festival Service 10:00am**

**~Fellowship Easter Breakfast 8-9:30am~**

Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast prepared & served by our Youth Group families  
*(no charge; donations welcome in support of Youth Group activities)*