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GOOD FRIDAY

The Wonderful Exchange

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AS WE GATHER

As we gather for worship this Good Friday, we come to the cross of our dear Savior, Jesus Christ. The words of Martin Luther prepare us well to receive all Jesus dies to give us. “By a wonderful exchange, our sins are no longer ours but Christ’s, and the righteousness of Christ is ours,” Luther writes. “He has imparted that unto us, that He might clothe us with it, and fill us with it: and He has taken our evils upon Himself that He might deliver us from them. . . . In the same manner as He grieved and suffered in our sins . . . so also we rejoice and glory truly in His righteousness” (*Select Works*). Let us give Jesus glory for the “wonderful exchange” He has made with us at the cross!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

Hymnal Page 440, verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

1. Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suffering, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

2. Make me see Your great distress,
Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness
And Your crucifixion:
Make me see how scourge and rod,
Spear and nails did wound You,
How for them You died, O God,
Who with thorns had crowned You.

5. If my sins give me alarm
And my conscience grieve me,
Let Your cross my fear disarm;
Peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won
By Your holy passion.
If for me He slays His Son,
God must have compassion!

6. Graciously my faith renew;
Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from You,
Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give You love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above
Sing Your praise forever.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:5

Pastor: For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,

People: **so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions;

People: **He was crushed for our iniquities;**

Pastor: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,

People: **and with His stripes we are healed.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord our God, You took upon Your shoulders the weight of fallen humanity, becoming the sin offering for us so that we are made righteous in Your sight. Hear us as we bow before Your cross and lay our sins at Your feet.

In silent prayer, we bring the burdens of our sins to Jesus.

Pastor: Gracious Father,

People: have mercy upon us. We are undeserving of Your love.

Pastor: Loving Lord Jesus,

People: take our sins from us. Show us the depths of Your love, found only in the cross.

Pastor: Renewing Holy Spirit,

People: Guide us and lead us. Enable us by faith to cling to the grace that alone can save. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His great mercy has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross so that we may die to sin and live in His righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. As a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 38:1–4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

Pastor: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

People: nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me,

People: and Your hand has come down on me.

Pastor: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation;

People: there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head;

People: like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

Pastor: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

People: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

KYRIE

Pastor: Suffering Savior,
People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Crucified Christ,
People: have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Merciful Messiah,
People: grant us Your peace.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, look with favor upon us, Your people,
People: with whom Your Son exchanged places at the cross to bear our sin so we may know His righteousness;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13–53:12

(The Messiah “was numbered with the transgressors” and “bore the sin of many.”)

¹³ Behold, My servant shall act wisely;
He shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.

¹⁴ As many were astonished at you—
His appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and His form beyond that of the children of mankind—

¹⁵ so shall He sprinkle many nations.
Kings shall shut their mouths because of Him,
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

53 ¹ Who has believed what he has heard from us?

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,
and no beauty that we should desire Him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
yet He opened not His mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so He opened not His mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away;
and as for His generation, who considered
that He was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹ And they made His grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in His death,
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;
He has put Him to grief;
when His soul makes an offering for guilt,
He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied;
by His knowledge shall the Righteous One, My servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and He shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many,
and He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because He poured out His soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet He bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 22*

22 ¹ My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?
Why are You so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
² O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.
³ Yet You are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
⁴ In You our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and You delivered them.
⁵ To You they cried and were rescued;
in You they trusted and were not put to shame.
⁶ But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
⁷ All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
⁸ "He trusts in the LORD; let Him deliver him;
let Him rescue him, for He delights in him!"
⁹ Yet You are He who took me from the womb;
You made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
¹⁰ On You was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb You have been my God.
¹¹ Be not far from me,
for trouble is near,
and there is none to help.
¹² Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
¹³ they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.
¹⁴ I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;

¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
You lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—

¹⁷ I can count all my bones—
They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

¹⁹ But You, O LORD, do not be far off!
O You my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!

²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

²² I will tell of Your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise Him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him,
and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴ For He has not despised or abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted,
and He has not hidden His face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to Him.

²⁵ From You comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear Him.

²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek Him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before You.

²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and He rules over the nations.

²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰ Posterity shall serve Him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹ they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that He has done it.

EPISTLE *Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9*

(Jesus, our High Priest, suffered for our salvation.)

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

5 ⁷ In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸ Although He was a Son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:17–30*

(The crucifixion of Jesus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified Him, and with Him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took His garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also His tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says,

“They divided my garments among them,
and for My clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to His mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished," and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Hymnal page 449, verses 1, 3, 5, and 7

1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

3. What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
Vouch-safe to me Thy grace.

5. What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever;
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
Outlive my love to Thee.

7. Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

SERMON

CREED

Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You gather us together at the foot of Your Son's cross that we may join with the eyewitnesses of His death and behold His all-sufficient sacrifice for our redemption.

People: **Help us to know the real life that comes to us because of the wonderful exchange Jesus offered to us at the cross.**

Pastor: Lead us to see that our sins nailed Him to the cross of Calvary.

People: **He was forsaken by You, dear Father, so that we might never be forsaken. He died so that we may live.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, grant on this Friday we call "good" that the promises of Your Word may be received by us all with a living faith.

People: **Encourage our hearts and minds as we trust that all You accomplished at Calvary was done for our salvation.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, You unite us by Baptism to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Guide us by Your grace to know the power of sharing in His death so that, with Him, we may partake in His resurrection.

People: **All glory, honor, and praise be to You, O God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Were You There” Hymnal page 456, verses 1, 2

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2. Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Oh...Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

People: **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

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EASTER AT FIRST LUTHERAN

SUNDAY	MARCH 31
8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday Worship
	Easter Breakfast after worship



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