

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**  
**Good Friday April 2, 2021**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Music – Beneath the Cross of Jesus**  
[https://youtu.be/biU8St\\_hVAY](https://youtu.be/biU8St_hVAY)

**Call to Worship**

P: Lord, we cry out to You as we find ourselves surrounded by the darkness of sin.

**C: We would examine our lives from within, that we might see ourselves, as You see us.**

P: Lord, we are mindful of those who crucified Jesus, as they allowed sin to direct their lives.

**C: We would see ourselves in the lives of others, and realize that we were there when they nailed him to the cross.**

**Prayer**

**C: Father, as we remember that you sent your Son into the world to become the Savior of people, we praise You and wait before You in the shadows of the cross. We see ourselves as sinful persons, with our hearts filled with hatred, jealousy, envy and greed, which was also evident in the lives of those who were there when he was crucified. Challenge us that our sinful acts will die within us, and that we might rise up as faithful witnesses to the fact that your spirit lives and reigns within us, through this same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*A time of silence for reflection.*

## I. “The Word of Forgiveness” – Luke 23:33-38 (Tim)

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how you died. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

**Reflection (Tim)**

*Prayer as the candle is extinguished (Tim)*

**C: Amen.**

**Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

<https://youtu.be/MGBxvsvuIGU>

## II. “The Word of Concern” – Luke 23:39-43 (Pastor)

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

**Reflection (Pastor)**

*Prayer as the candle is extinguished (Pastor)*

**C: Amen.**

## III. “The Word of Love” – John 19:25-27 (Tim)

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

**Reflection (Tim)**

*Prayer as the candle is extinguished (Tim)*

**C: Amen.**

**Oh Love, That Will Not Let Me Go (Westminster Chorus)**

<https://youtu.be/ZiZ9xXoZ1Mk>

**IV. “The Word of Loneliness” – Matthew 27:45-46 (Pastor)**

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

**Reflection (Pastor)**

*Prayer as the candle is extinguished (Pastor)*

**C: Amen.**

**Psalm 22, My God, My God why have you forsaken me**

(Diocese of St. Benedict)

<https://youtu.be/mdMyTfJz01A>

**V. “The Word of Suffering” – John 19:28-29 (Tim)**

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

**Reflection (Tim)**

*Prayer as the candle is extinguished (Tim)*

**C: Amen.**

## VI. “The Word of Victory” – John 19:30 (Pastor)

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

### Reflection (Pastor)

*Prayer as the candle is extinguished (Pastor)*

**C: Amen.**

## VII. ‘The Word of Reunion’ – Luke 23:44-46 (Tim)

*(After the reading):*

**C: Jesus we come – to walk the road with you – to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.**

### Reflection (Tim)

(Tim) Pray in silence and trust and knowing you are loved – a child of God.

### Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)

A Capella by Pegasis

<https://youtu.be/LRaFdFkOVyY>

P: You consented to take on human weakness, being born as a baby. You healed the sick, gave hope to the poor, and freed the captives. You suffered sickness, and pain, and oppression. You were arrested. You were beaten. You were nailed to a cross. And you died. But then...

Oh but then.

After a long, dark wait - light conquered darkness.