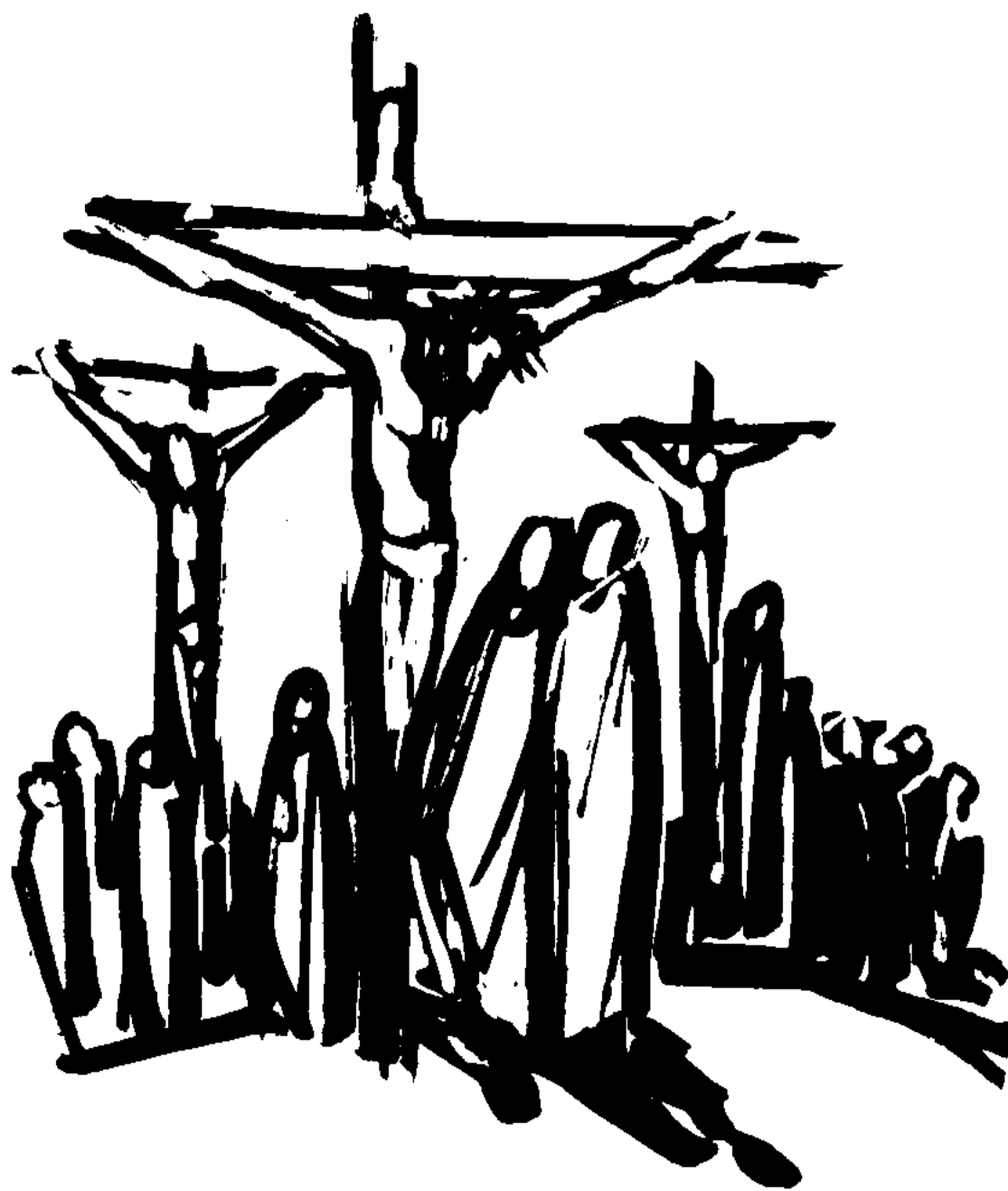


Good Friday



⦿ **Beaver Valley Lutheran Church** ⦿

Good Friday, Holy Communion Service
6:45 p.m.—March 29, 2024

Order of Worship

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 51

P: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;

**C: according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

**C: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

P: Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,

**C: so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

P: Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**C: You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

P: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

P: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

P: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Silence

Opening Hymn

Abide with Me

ELW #629 (vss. 1, 2 & 5)

A prayer for Good Friday

**Jesus,
Today we pause to remember your sacrificial love
That shone light into the darkness
That bore life from such emptiness
That revealed hope out of devastation
That spoke truth through incrimination
That released freedom in spite of imprisonment
And brought us forgiveness instead of punishment.
Thank you that we can now walk in the light of your life,
Hope, truth, freedom and forgiveness,
This day and every day.
Amen.**

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Luke 23:26-43

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.²⁷ A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him.²⁸ But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.²⁹ For the days are surely coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.’³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[o] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]]^[p] And they cast lots to divide his clothing.³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^[q] of God, his chosen one!”³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine,³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸ There was also an inscription over him,^[r] “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[s] him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah?^[t] Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into^[u] your kingdom.”

⁴³ He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* ELW #597 (vss. 1,2 & 4)

The Death of Jesus

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land^[v] until three in the afternoon,⁴⁵ while the sun's light failed;^[w] and the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.⁴⁷ When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent."^[x]⁴⁸ And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts.⁴⁹ But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Hymn *Amazing Grace* ELW #779 (vss. 1, 3, & 5)

The Burial of Jesus

Luke 23: 50-56

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council,⁵¹ had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God.⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.⁵³ Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.⁵⁴ It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning.^[y]⁵⁵ The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid.⁵⁶ Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Homily "Cross of Hope" Pastor Robert Hansen

Hymn *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW #715 (vss. 1, 2 & 5)

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Distribution Hymn

Blessing

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324

Benediction

P: By his stripes we are healed. By his wounds, we are made whole. Go in the name of Jesus Christ and live in the hope that only the Cross of Christ brings.

C: Amen.