

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

An AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

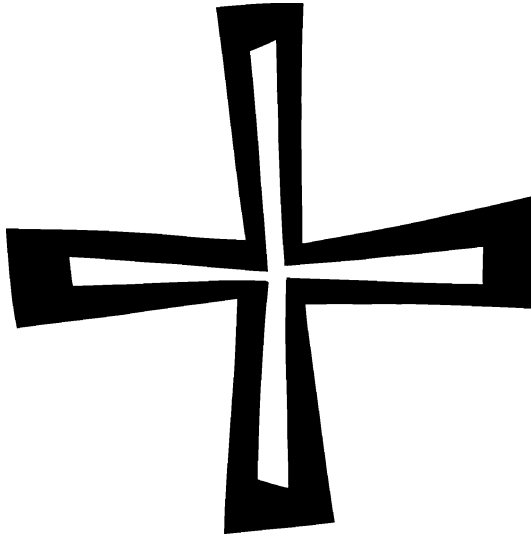
Psalm 100:3

Pastor Amy Zalk Larson

Brooke Joyce, Music Director

Kelli Gapinski, Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Erica Yaneff, Ministry Support Coordinator



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

Friday, April 17, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Tonight in worship we center the sounds and stories of Black American music. In particular, we'll sing Spirituals that were sung by enslaved Africans in the South. This music was originally shared orally and communally as a deep expression of sorrow, protest, and hope for a better future. In a society that violently suppressed individual freedom through enslavement, Black American music, such as Negro Spirituals, emerged both as a means of survival and an expression of the spiritual need to express one's whole self. In bringing this music to worship in a predominantly white church setting, we challenge and reject the expressions of white supremacy that assert Eurocentric cultural traditions as superior to all others. By singing Black American music in worship, we unequivocally lift up and celebrate the full humanity of Americans of African descent and all people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Stand as you are able

Congregation responses are in **bold**

Hymns are found in the back of the red book in the pew (Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

GATHER IN SILENCE

**PROCESSION OF THE CROSS: The assembly turns and faces the cross as it is processed into the sanctuary. The sung dialogue is repeated three times as the cross is processed.*

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of | the whole world.

Oh, come, let us | worship him.

OPENING REFLECTION

On February 6, 2022, at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Good Shepherd unanimously approved a Racial Justice Statement that includes these words. We join together in reaffirming them tonight:

- **We are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy.**
- **We confess by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence.**
- **We publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships.**

The full statement is printed at the end of the bulletin

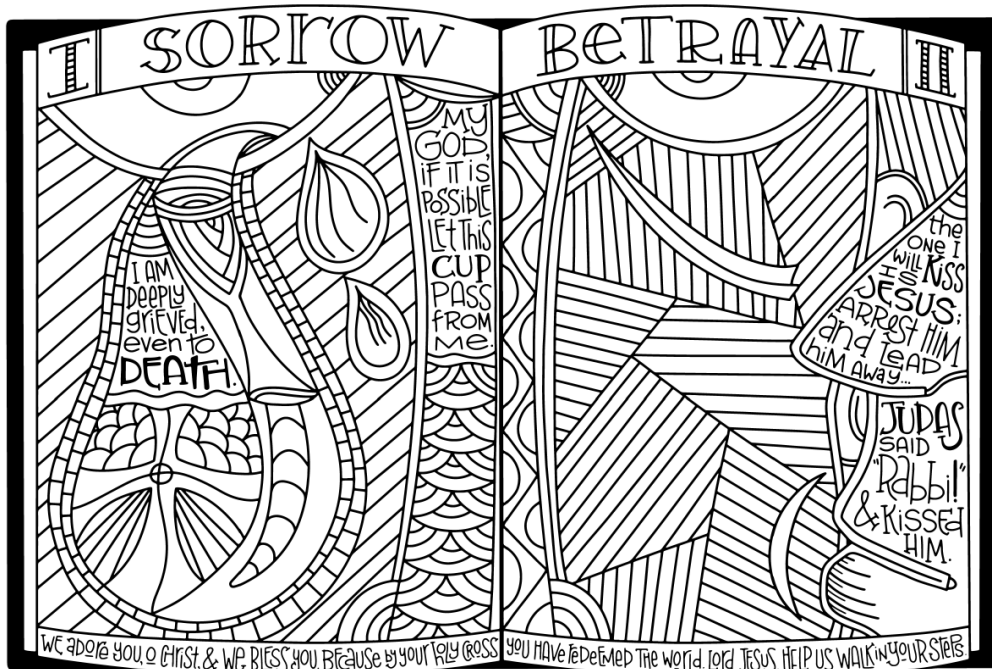
Theologian James Cone has given the church a powerful tool for facing racism and white supremacy with his work entitled: The Cross and The Lynching Tree. We listen to his wisdom

Acts 10:39 "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree."

*HYMN: ELW # 768 Lead Me, Guide Me – Cantor will sing verses, congregation joins in on the refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY Let us pray...**Amen.**

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



STATION I: SORROW

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: Matthew 26:36-41

STATION II: BETRAYAL

Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested: Mark 14:43-46

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STATION 1: SORROW- JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Matthew 25:36-41

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your strength and wisdom, that we may seek to follow your will in all things. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Anthem: "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

STATION 2: BETRAYAL- JESUS, BETRAYED BY JUDAS, IS ARRESTED

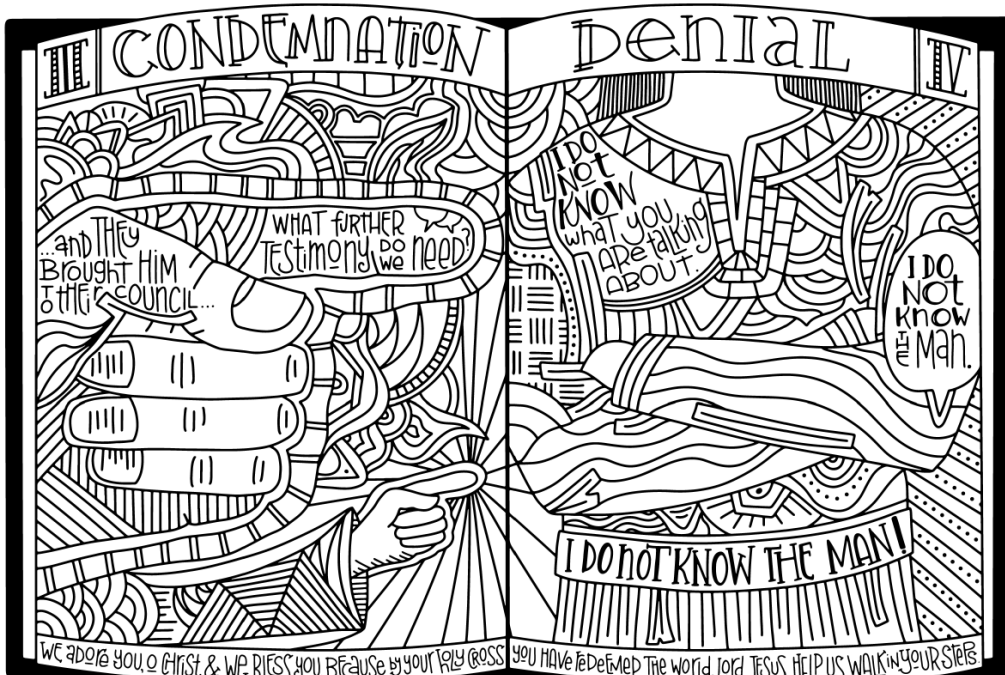
PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Mark 14: 43-46

PRAYER: Lord, grant us the courage of our convictions that our lives may faithfully reflect the good news you bring. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSES: Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone;

*Hymn #353 Were You There vs. 1



STATION III: CONDEMNATION

Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin: Luke 22:66-71

STATION IV: DENIAL

Jesus is Denied by Peter: Matthew 26:69-75

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STATION 3: CONDEMNATION- JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE SANHEDRIN

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 22: 66-71

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your sense of righteousness that we may never cease to work to bring about the justice of the kingdom that you promised. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone

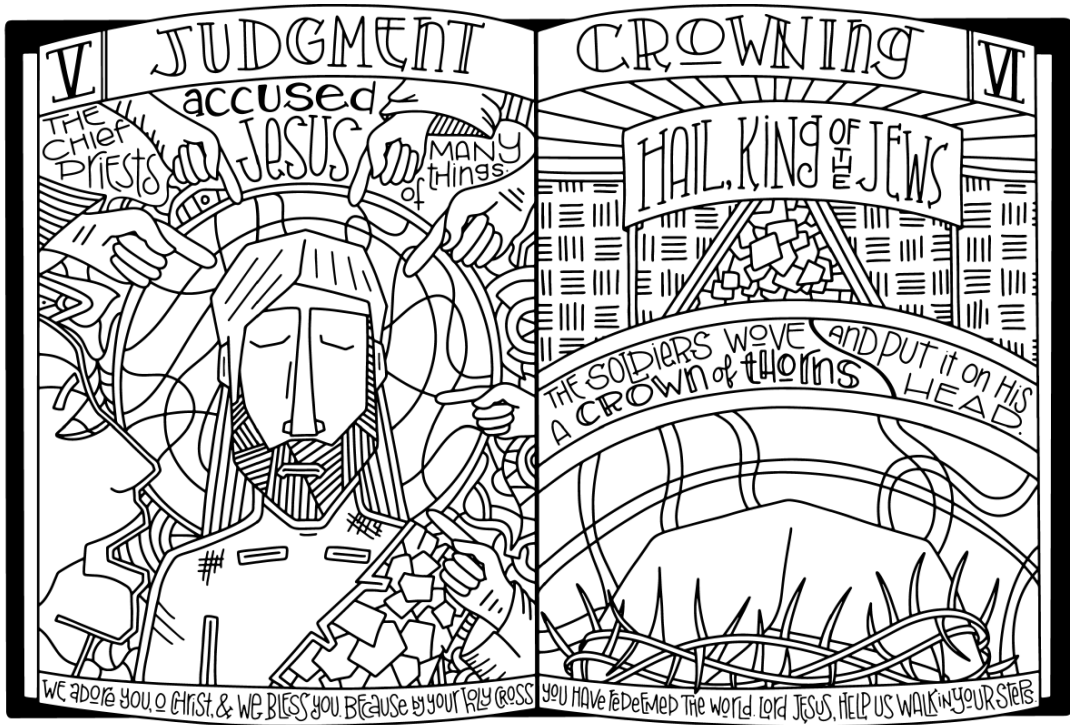
STATION 4: DENIAL: JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Matthew 26: 69-75

Lord, grant us the gift of honesty that we may not fear to speak the truth even when difficult. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: What Wondrous Love Is This, Instrumental



STATION V: JUDGMENT
Jesus is Judged by Pilate: Mark 15: 1-5, 15

STATION VI: CROWNING
Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns: John 19: 1-3

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STATION 5: JUDGMENT- JESUS IS JUDGED BY PILATE

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Mark 15: 1-5, 15

PRAYER: Lord, grant us discernment that we may see as you see, not as the world sees. Lord. **Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW #350 They Crucified My Lord, Choir will sing v.3

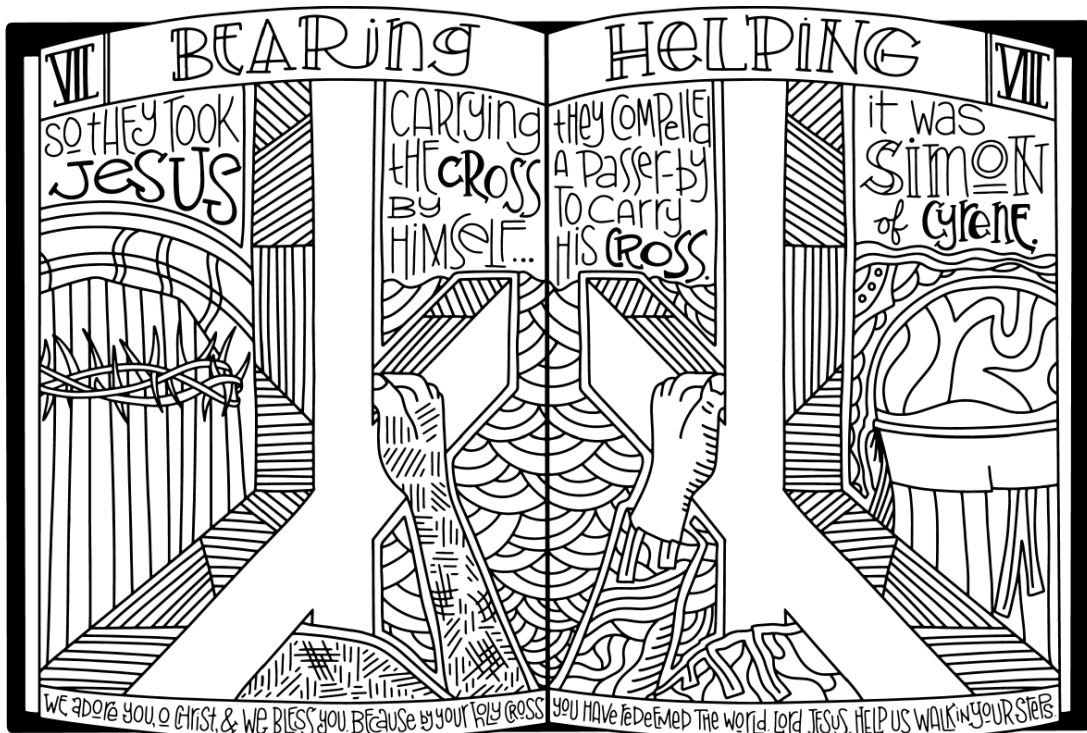
STATION 6: CROWNING- JESUS IS SCOURGED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: John 19: 1-3

PRAYER: Lord, grant us patience in times of suffering that we may offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone



STATION VII: BEARING

Jesus Bears the Cross: John 19:6, 15-17

STATION VIII: HELPING

Jesus is Helped by Simon the Cyrenian to Carry the Cross: Mark 15:21

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STATION 7: BEARING- JESUS BEARS THE CROSS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: John 19: 6, 15-17

PRAYER: Lord, grant us strength of purpose that we may faithfully bear our crosses each day. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW #335 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

STATION 8: HELPING- JESUS IS HELPED BY SIMON THE CYRENIAN TO CARRY THE CROSS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Mark 15: 21

PRAYER: Lord, grant us willing spirits that we may be your instruments on earth. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSES: Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone;

Anthem: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



STATION IX: BLESSING
 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem: Luke 23:27-31

STATION X: CRUCIFIXION
 Jesus is Crucified: Luke 23:33-34

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STATION 9: BLESSING- JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 23: 27-31

PRAYER: Lord, grant us gentle spirits that we may comfort those who mourn. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from Ella Baker

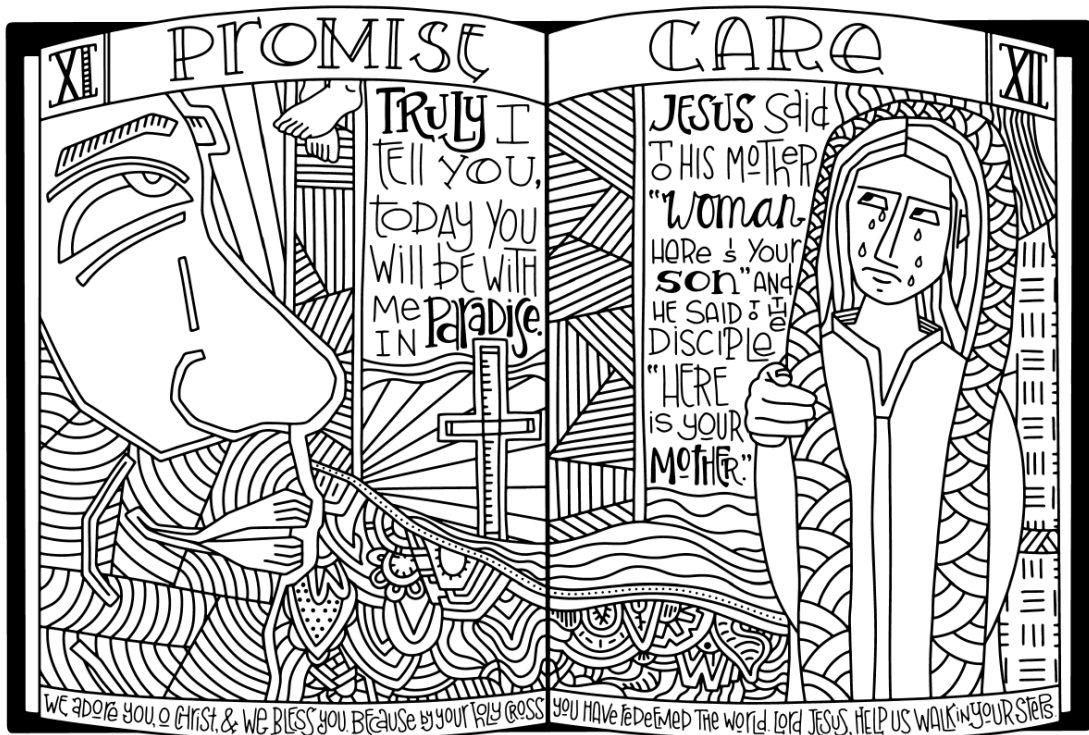
STATION 10: CRUCIFIXION- JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

READING: Luke 23: 33-34

PRAYER: Lord, grant us merciful hearts that we may bring your reconciliation and forgiveness to all. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

***RESPONSE:** Hymn: ELW # 353 Were You There vs. 2-3



STATION XI: PROMISE

Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief: Luke 23:39-43

STATION 11: PROMISE- JESUS PROMISES HIS KINGDOM TO THE GOOD THIEF

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 23: 39-43

PRAYER: Lord, grant us perseverance that we may never stop seeking you. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone

STATION XII: CARE

Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciples: John 19:25-27

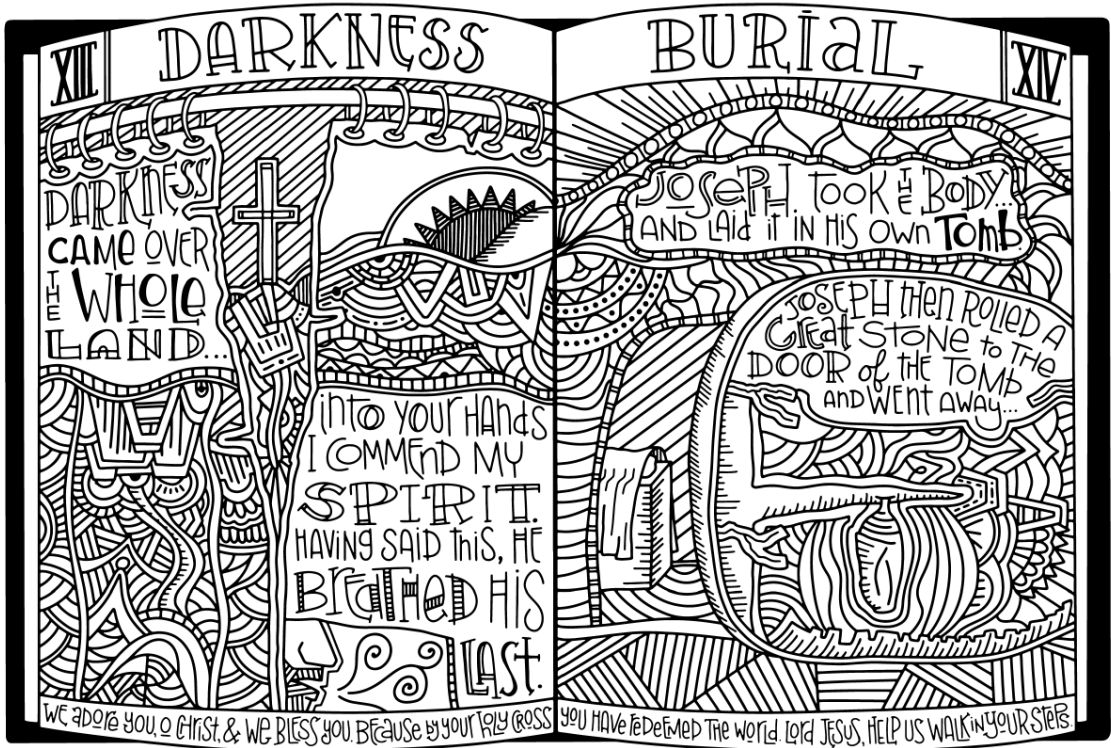
STATION 12: CARE- JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS MOTHER AND THE DISCIPLE

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: John 19: 25-27

PRAYER: Lord, grant us constancy that we may be willing to stand by those in need. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSE: Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone



STATION XIII: DARKNESS

Jesus Dies on the Cross: Luke 23:44-46

STATION XIV: BURIAL

Jesus is Placed in the Tomb: Matthew 27:57-60

STATION 13: DARKNESS- JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Luke 23: 44-46

SILENCE

PRAYER: Lord, grant us trust in you. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

RESPONSES: Were You There, Instrumental; Quote from The Cross and the Lynching Tree by James Cone

STATION 14: BURIAL JESUS IS PLACED IN THE TOMB

PRAYER: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. **Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

READING: Matthew 27: 57-60

PRAYER: Lord, grant us your compassion that we may always provide for those in need. **Lord Jesus, help us walk in your steps.**

*RESPONSE: Hymn: ELW # 353 Were You There vs. 4-5

SILENCE

THE BIDDING PRAYER *Each bid (invitation to prayer) is followed by silence for worshippers to offer their own silent intercessions. Each time of silent intercession concludes with the words, God of mercy, **hear our prayer.***

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Gathered in one...**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.**

Silence for prayer and meditation. Please leave your offering at the door.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP- USHER: Jonathon Struve; READERS: Brian Caton, Bob Naslund, Kelli Gapinski, Jane Jakoubek, Jon Ailabouni; ASSISTING MINISTER: Jane Jakoubek; PRESIDER: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson; Music from the Good Shepherd Choir and Jazz Quintet: Jon Ailabouni (trumpet), Brooke Joyce (piano), Andy Last (cantor), Steve Smith (bass), Erik Berg (drums).

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EASTER VIGIL, April 16, 7pm

A Service of Fire, Scripture, Water, & Holy Communion

Affirmation of Baptism

This one-hour service will be followed by a dessert reception.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 9:30 am

Festival Worship with Good Shepherd Band
Holy Communion

Brunch Following Worship

EASTER MONDAY YOGA, APRIL 18

with Kelli in the Gathering Space

12-12:30pm Chair Yoga

5-6pm Gentle Yoga

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH. God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd. In keeping with our welcome, Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation, affirming our welcome to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer identifying persons to participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. **Please sign the red hospitality books for the sake of welcome and as a record of worship attendance. Guests, if you leave your email in the hospitality books, Pr. Amy will contact you if there is news of a positive case of COVID in worship.**

WELCOME GUESTS. THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE. Good Shepherd members welcome you! **ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE. The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play, activity bags and a play space/toys are available in the nursery. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere. If more privacy is desired, an Infant Feeding Chair is available in the music office (hallway outside of sanctuary).

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Good Shepherd Racial Justice Statement

We proclaim that God has created the diversity of humankind in God's image and we are all equal and beloved children of God. Racism and white supremacy are evils that estrange us from one another, from God, and from the fullness of our humanity. (*Genesis 1:27a*)

We are in need of liberation from the sins of racism and white supremacy. (*Romans 3:23*)

We confess by what we have done and left undone that we have perpetuated systems of racial injustice and violence. (*Micah 6:8*)

We acknowledge that Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is built on land that was home to the Ioway, Otoe-Missouria, Eastern Dakota, Sac, Fox, Winnebago and Ho-Chunk tribes. In 1848, over two thousand Winnebago were forcibly displaced from here by the U.S. military to make way for European-American settlers. (*2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery*)

We lament that the white Church in the United States, through its dominant place in our country's culture and history, has actively constructed, justified, and sustained systems of racial injustice and violence. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has marginalized Lutheran Black, Indigenous, and People of Color leaders and communities and perpetuated a patriarchal, monocultural and racially segregated status quo. (*From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019*)

We trust in the new life made possible through Christ's resurrection and we are hopeful that the Church is an ideal place to engage in the lifelong and transformative work of racial justice. Fostering antiracist ideas and actions is one way that we can follow Jesus' example of love for our neighbor. When we fail, we will rely on God's grace, that God might work in and through our

broken humanity and that we might be sustained to learn from our mistakes and continue to show up for the work of antiracism. (*2 Corinthians 5:17-18*)

We commit to listen, learn, and act with courage, kindness, respect, and humility as we practice antiracism both individually and as a congregation. (*Galatians 5:22*)

We publicly declare that we will actively pursue racial justice in all aspects of our congregational life and make changes to adopt antiracist policies and practices around worship, education, advocacy, stewardship, governance, and through our community partnerships and relationships. (Ephesians 2: 14-15, Isaiah 56: 6)

Grounding Scriptures¹ and ELCA Statements

We proclaim... “God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God, God created them,” (Genesis 1:27a)

We are in need... “since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

We confess... “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

We acknowledge... our ELCA 2016 churchwide assembly, voted to “repudiate explicitly and clearly the European-derived doctrine of discovery as an example of the ‘improper mixing of the power of the church and the power of the sword’ (Augsburg Confession Article XXVIII), and acknowledge and repent from this church’s complicity in the evils of colonialism in the Americas, which continue to harm tribal governments and individual tribal Members.” (2016 Assembly Action CA16.02.04 Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery)

We lament... The ELCA Church Council, In 2019, issued a declaration to Peoples of African Descent which recognizes that “Institutional racism currently exists in the ELCA through discriminatory treatment within the call process; inequitable compensation of clergy of color; racial segregation; divestment from black communities and congregations; systemic policies and organizational practices; and failure to fully include the gifts of leadership and worship styles of people of African descent.” (From Declaration of the ELCA to Peoples of African Descent issued by ELCA Church Council, June 27, 2019)

We trust... “So If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

We commit... “the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22)

We publicly declare... “For [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us...so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,” (Ephesians 2: 14-15)

“Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?” (Isaiah 56: 6)

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