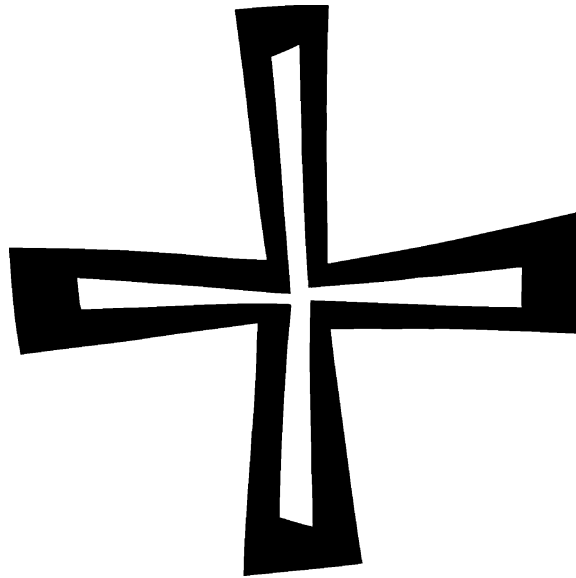


GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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

Psalm 100:3



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

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* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.

Tonight in worship, we center Negro spirituals singing “Were You There”, “There Is A Balm In Gilead”, “They Crucified My Lord”, and “I Want Jesus To Walk With Me”. Sung by enslaved Africans and their descendants, the spirituals took the Biblical stories that enslavers used to justify slavery and recast those Biblical messages as a subversive tool of communal protest and survival. This form of Black American music, and the forms that followed, represent an undeniable expression of humanity and, as James Cone stresses, the “personhood” of Black people. As we consider the paradox of the cross as both a symbol of terror and liberation, we also immerse ourselves in the paradox of Black American music with its simultaneous expressions of lament for injustice and joy as a means of resistance.

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.**

See more about the full statement at the end of the bulletin.

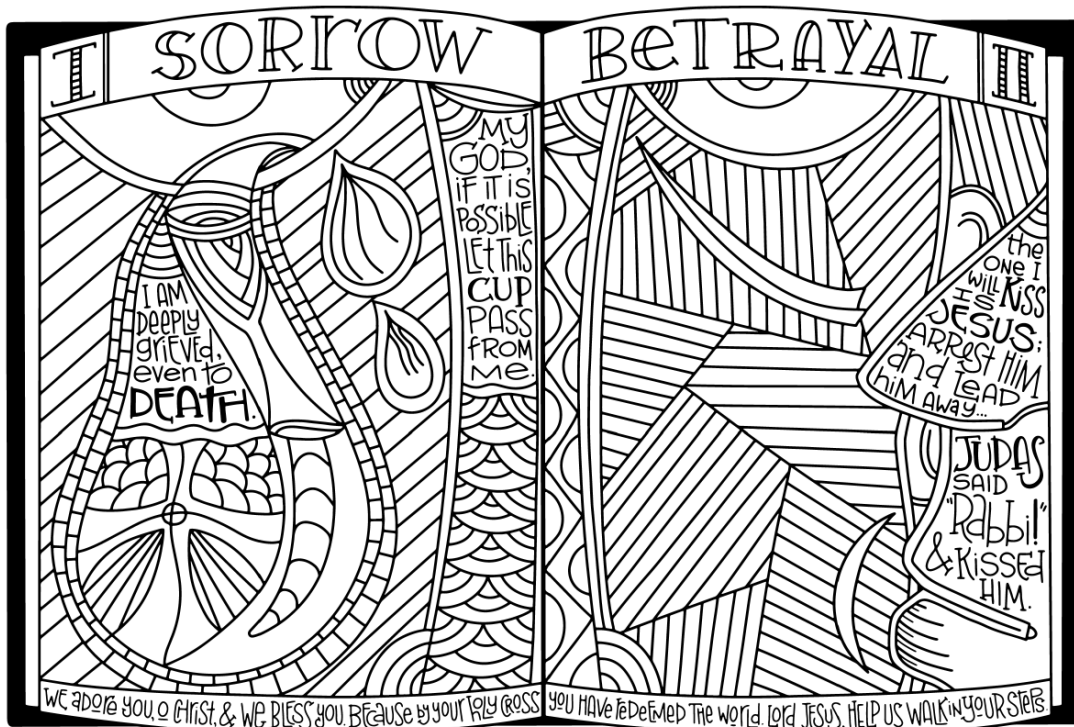
Theologian James Cone has given the church a powerful tool for facing racism and white supremacy with his work entitled: The Cross and The Lynching Tree. *We listen to his wisdom. Acts 10:39 "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree."*

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

*Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*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: Hymn # 614 There is a Balm in Gilead - see *next page*

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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.**

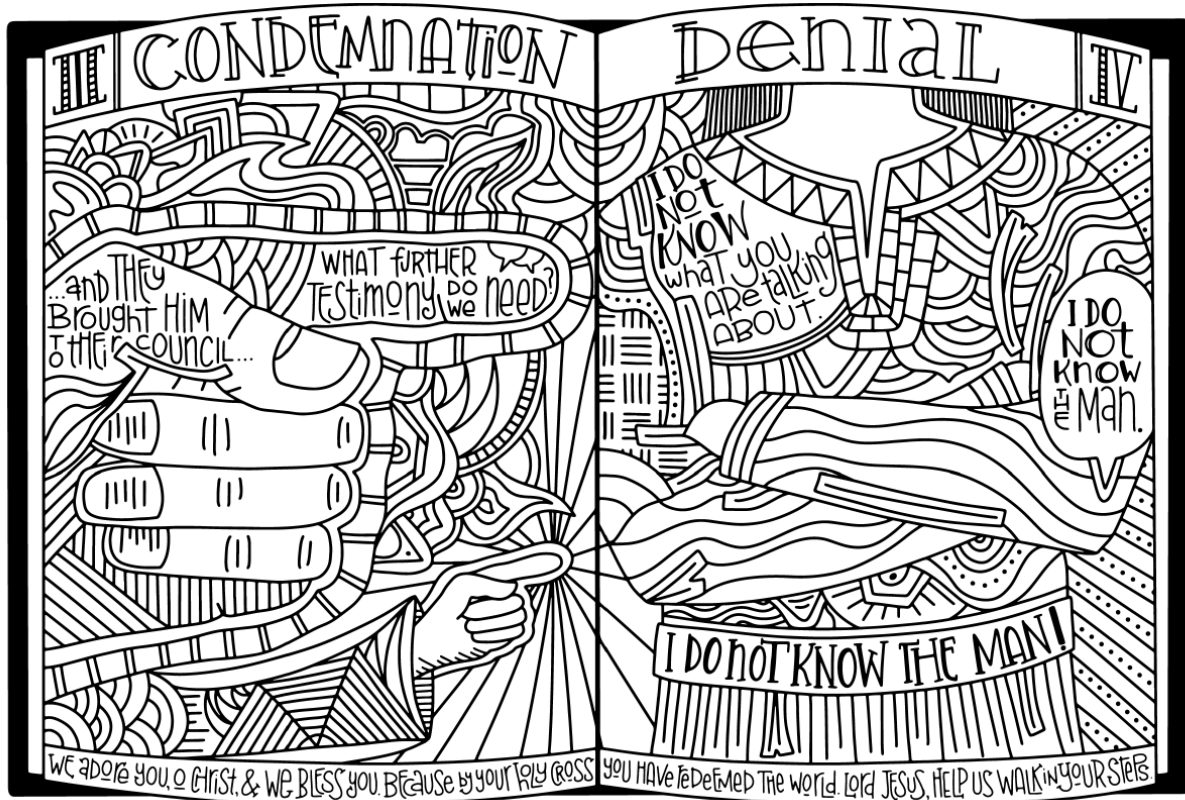
READING: Mark 14: 43-46

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

ELW #353 Were You There vs. 1 – see *last page of bulletin*



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

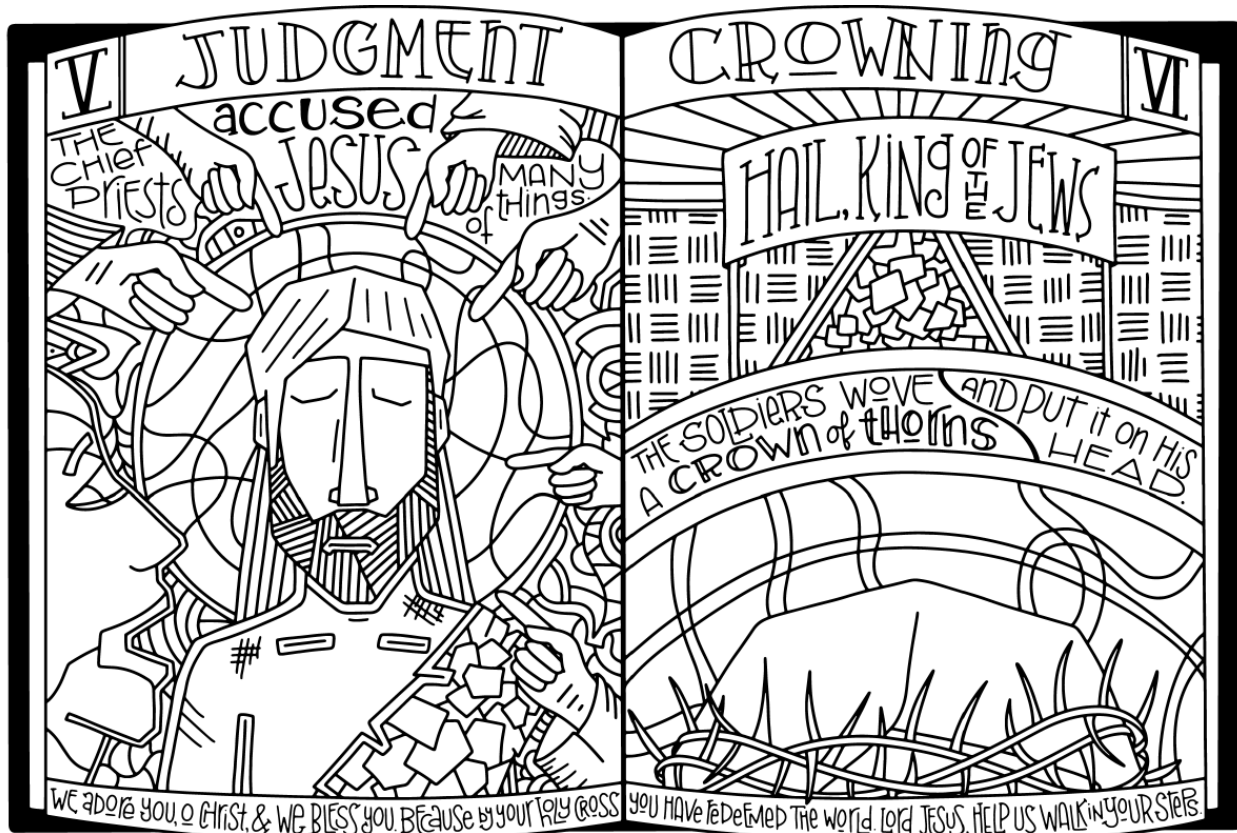
STATION 4: DENIAL: JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER

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

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 – see next page

They Crucified My Lord



- 1 They cru - ci - fied my Lord, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
- 2 They nailed him to a tree, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
- 3 They pierced him in the side, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
- 4 The blood came stream-in' down, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
- 5 He hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;



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the blood came stream-in' down, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;
he hung his head and died, and he nev - er said a mum-ba-lin' word;



not a word, not a word, not a word.

mumbalin' = complaining

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SUFFERER, African American spiritual

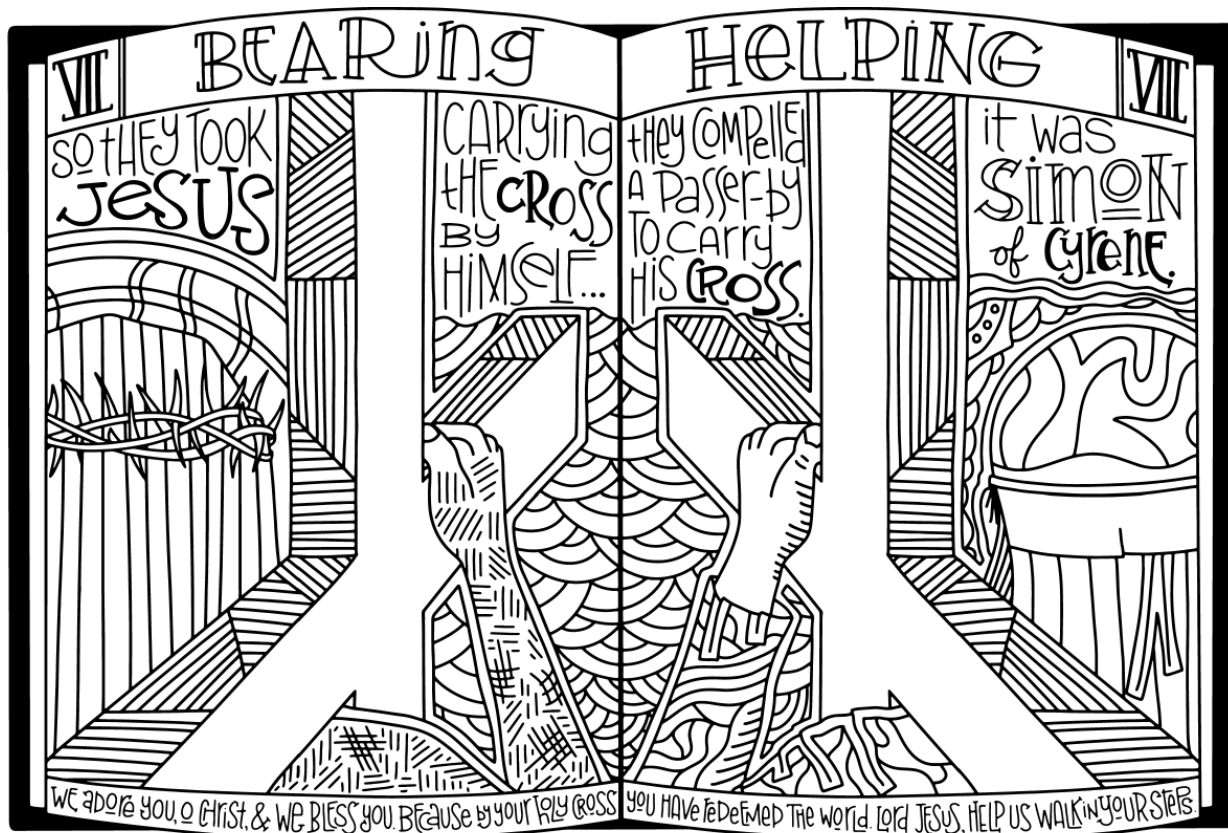
STATION 6: CROWNING- JESUS IS SCOURGED AND CROWNED WITH THORNS

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 – see next page

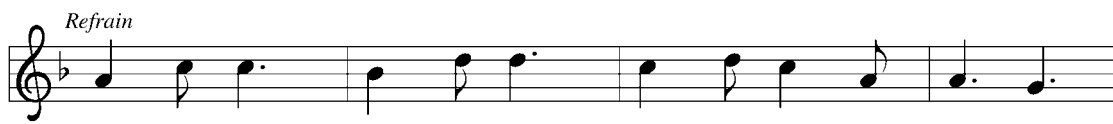
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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;

Hymn ELW # 325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me – see *next page*

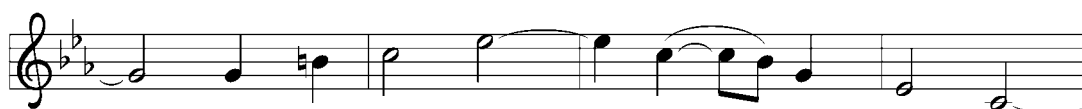
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



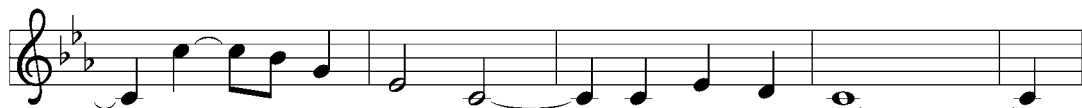
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



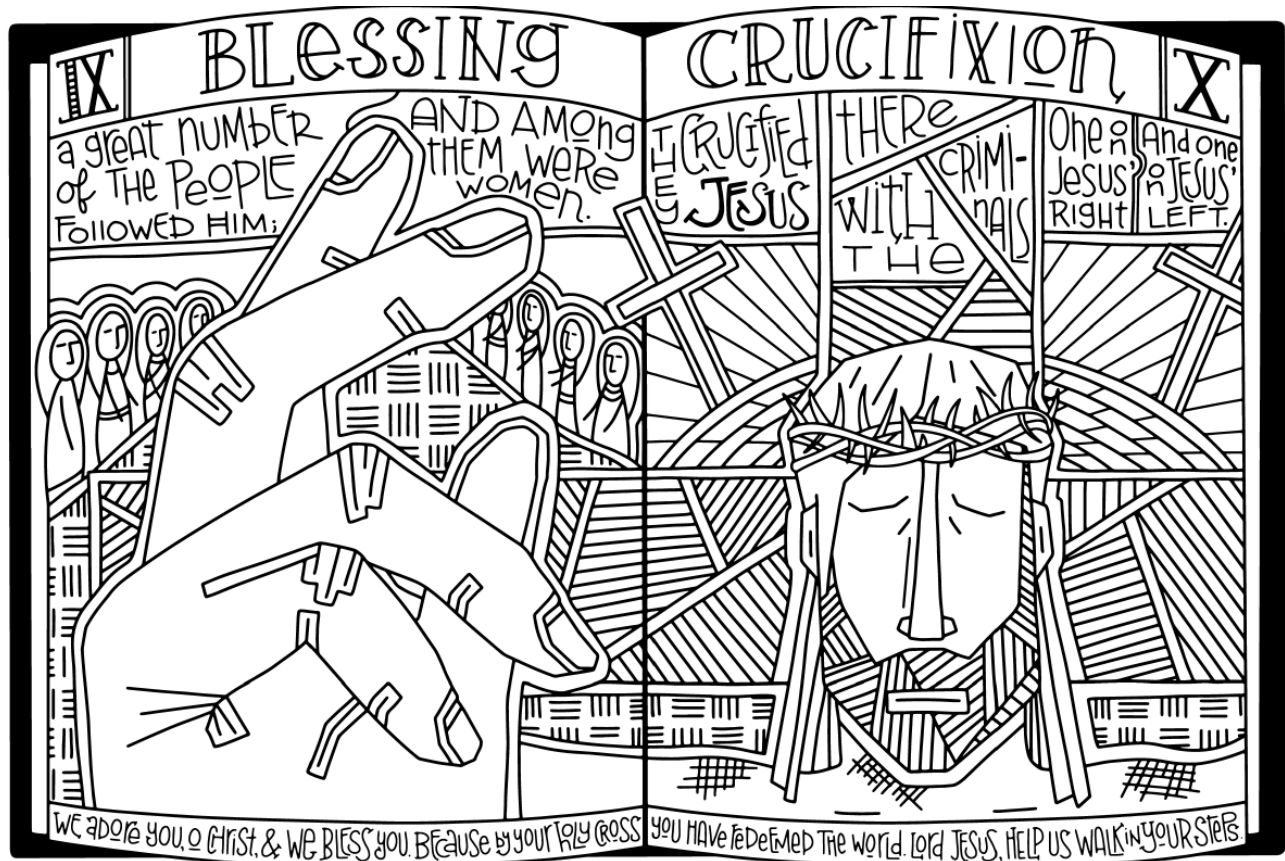
all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



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

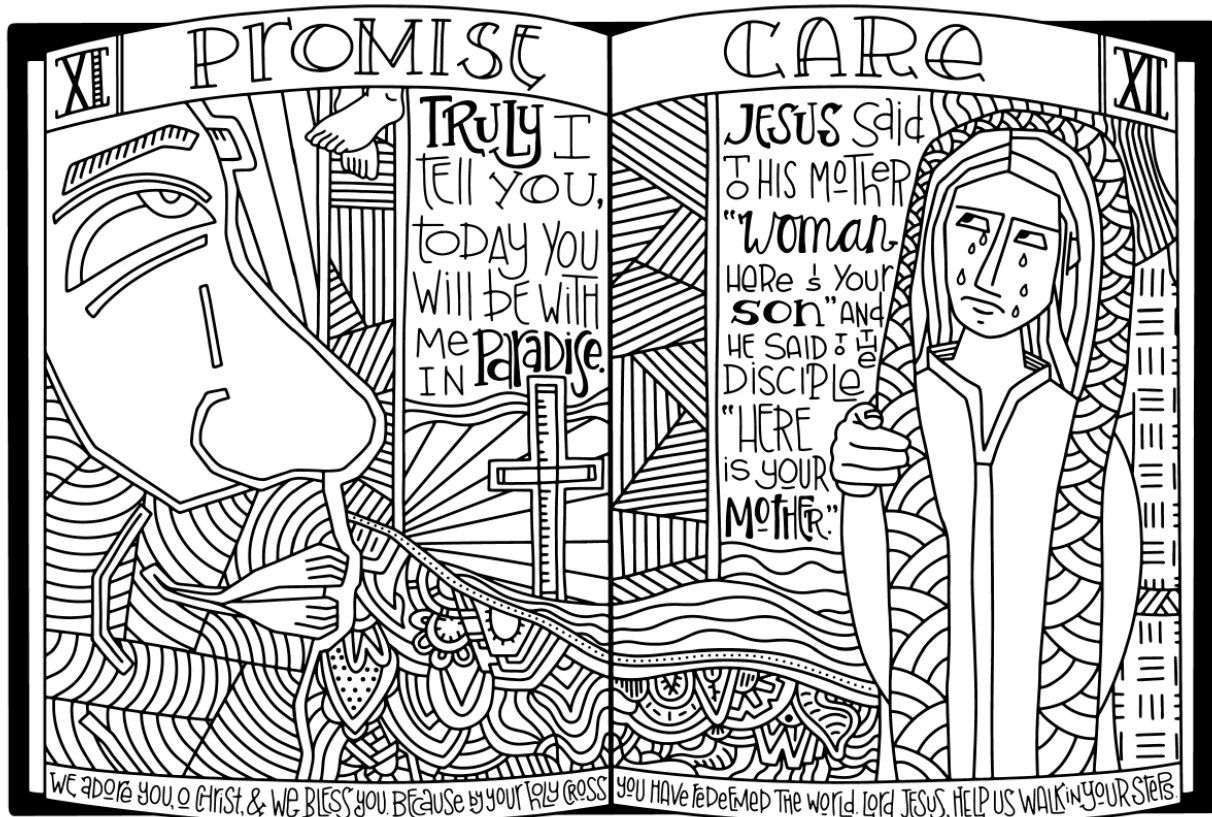
STATION 10: CRUCIFIXION- JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

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 – see last page of bulletin



STATION XI: PROMISE

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

STATION XII: CARE

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

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 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 – see last page of bulletin

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP- USHER: Logan & Doug Nalean-Carlson; READERS: Brian Caton; Stacey Nalean-Carlson; Jon Ailabouni; Tom Buresh; ASSISTING MINISTER: Tom Buresh; PRESIDER: Pastor Amy Zalk Larson; JAZZ QUINTET: Jon Ailabouni (trumpet), Brooke Joyce (piano), Andy Last (cantor), Jackson Kates (bass), Nick Zielinski (drums).

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EASTER VIGIL, Saturday April 8, 7pm

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

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9, 9:30 am

Festival Worship with Good Shepherd Band & Brunch Following 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)

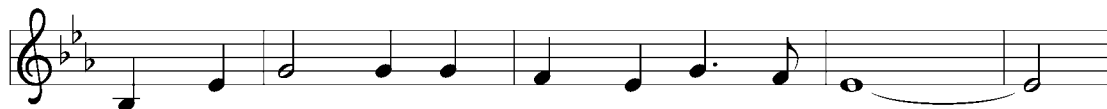
We commit... "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22)

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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Were You There



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
- 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?



Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?