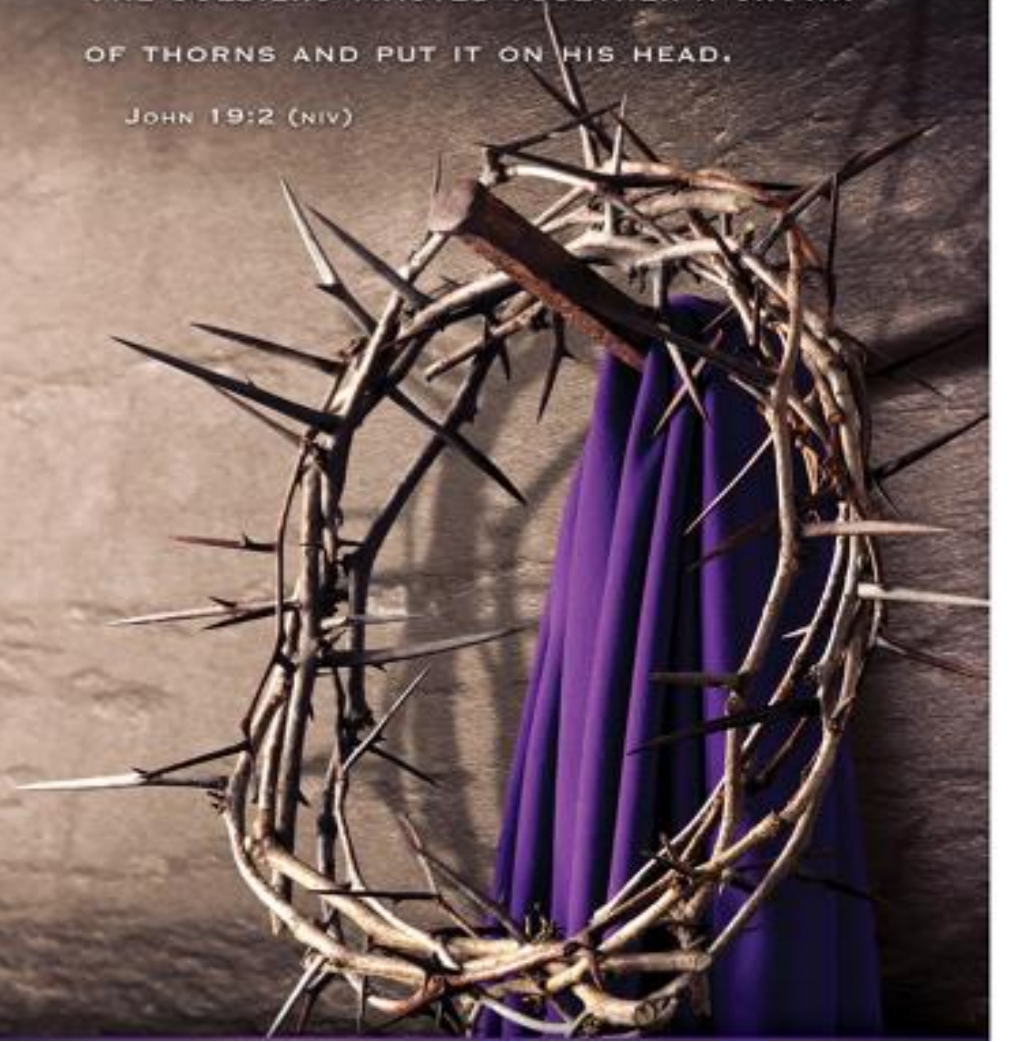


GOOD FRIDAY

THE SOLDIERS TWISTED TOGETHER A CROWN
OF THORNS AND PUT IT ON HIS HEAD.

JOHN 19:2 (NIV)



Benton & Willow Creek Lutheran Churches

Good Friday – March 29th, 2024

Guest Pastor: Kent Stillson Organist: Lisa Rave

WELCOME & INVOCATION OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ELW #338

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 5:6-11

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have now received reconciliation. L) Word of God, Word of Life. All) Thanks be to God.

SERMON -- Pastor Kent Stillson

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH L) Lord in your Mercy C) Hear our Prayer

The Passion of Jesus, According to the Gospel of John

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus -- John 18:1–11

Silence for Reflection, Extinguish a Candle

The Denial of Jesus -- John 18:12–27

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Hymn “Go to Dark Gethsemane” ELW # 347 v1-3

The Trial of Jesus -- John 18:28–40

Silence for Reflection, Extinguish a Candle

Jesus is Sentenced to Death -- John 19: 1 – 7

Silence for Reflection, Extinguish a Candle

Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus” ELW # 349 v1–3

The Crucifixion of Jesus -- John 19: 8 – 22

Silence for Reflection, Extinguish a Candle

Hymn “Were You There” ELW # 353 v1–3

The Soldiers Mock Jesus -- John 19: 23 – 30

Silence for Reflection, Extinguish a Candle

The Death and Burial of Jesus -- John 19: 31 – 42

Silence for Reflection, Extinguish a Candle

Hymn “Were You There” ELW # 353 v4–5

VIGIL PRAYERS at the CROSS

LORD’S PRAYER (*Whispered*)

CLOSING LITANY

L: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

C: **Oh, come, let us worship him.**

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your cross you have redeemed the world.**

(Leave in Silence)