

Good Friday
April 3, 2026, 7:00 pm
Little Prairie United Methodist Church



Gift of Love

WELCOME AND GATHERING

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Our vision: Creating a welcoming community that worships well, disciples well, and serves well;
transforming the world for Jesus Christ.

Gathering Music: *Wide Open are Your Hands, G. W. Martin*
 Ah, Holy Jesus, J. Crusher
 He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions, Merrill Dunlop

Nan Winsell

Welcome
Call to Worship

Pastor Penny Bonsell

Followers of Jesus, today we arrive at Pilate's palace, hearing the cries of "Crucify! Crucify" from the crowds outside.

We come to witness Jesus, sentenced to death by religious leaders, government officials, and the crowd.

Today, we arrive at Golgotha, at the foot of the cross where only a few of Jesus' followers dared to gather to bear witness.

We come to witness Jesus, crucified for teaching love, speaking truth, and forgiving sins.

Today, we arrive at the tomb where Jesus' friends laid his body, a final act of love.

We come to witness Jesus, his death a testament to all that sin and evil will do to resist the power of Love to transform the world.

Today, we arrive at Good Friday to remember, once again, the story of Jesus crucified. We come to witness Jesus, who, even in death, shows us the magnitude of God's steadfast love that never fails. *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025.*

Opening Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* *UMH # 298* *All*

Prayer

Gracious God, we remember with love and tears the torture and death of your Son, Jesus. We believe that he was the rejected One, the despised One, the Man of sorrows bearing our griefs and wounded for the brokenness in humanity.

We come to worship in deep personal repentance and recommit ourselves to recognize all crosses, ease all suffering and pain, and speak out against injustice in every time and place. Amen.

Written by Maren C. Tirabassi in Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship, Updated, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2012), 58-59.

THE WORD

A Tenebrae Reading from Psalm 22 and John 18:1-19:42 *Jef and Mary Jo Olson*

Special Music *When Jesus Wept* *TFWS #2106* *All*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn *Were You There* *UMH #288* *All*

And in the prayer Christ gives us . . .

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

Special Music *Shalom to You* *UMH #666*

SENDING

May the God whose love persists through violence, the stillness of the tomb, and the grief of our brokenness reign in our hearts as we sit and keep watch over Jesus Christ, our King whose rule is love. **Amen.**

Postlude *God So Loved the World, John Strainer* *Nan Winsell*

Depart in Silence and meditation

INFORMATION

Pastor: Penny Bonsell, Administrator: Sara French, Certified Lay Minister and Youth Director: Theresa Siemers, assistants Maddy Heinz-Kline and Kory Larson, Technology Administrator: Jesse Steed, Admin Council Chair: Kevin Larson, SPRC Chair: Deb Little, Treasurer: Lori Noreen, Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Kevin Larson and Mel Henrichs, Trustees Chair: Tom Stowe, Missions, Nurture and Outreach: Barb Liebenstein, Lay Servant: Karen Nelson, Soundboard Technician: Tom Hollenhorst



Website



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sundays, Worship at 9:30 am

Tuesdays, 8:30 am: Breakfast Club, at L&M

Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am: Pastor Penny at James Gang coffee shop

Saturdays 9-11 am Soul Sisters (see Theresa for details)

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:00 am breakfast, 9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 worship

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