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CHURCH AND SCHOOL**

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Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping today!

Fellowship: Refreshments available in the Gathering Hall Sundays 9am-10:45am.

Holy Communion: Celebrated in all Worship Services on the first, third & fifth weekends each month.

Parents With Children: Children's bulletins & Busy Bags are available. There is a quiet room in the back of church.

We Care Cards: Everyone attending is asked to complete a card found in the pew rack and collected during worship.

Volunteers (Acolytes, Live-stream & PowerPoint help): Sign-up at tinyurl.com/SPLsignups.

Traditional Worship

*Saturday 5pm
Sunday 8am | Sunday 11am

Contemporary Worship

*Sunday 9:30am

*Live-streamed at:

splgraffton.org/church/livestream &
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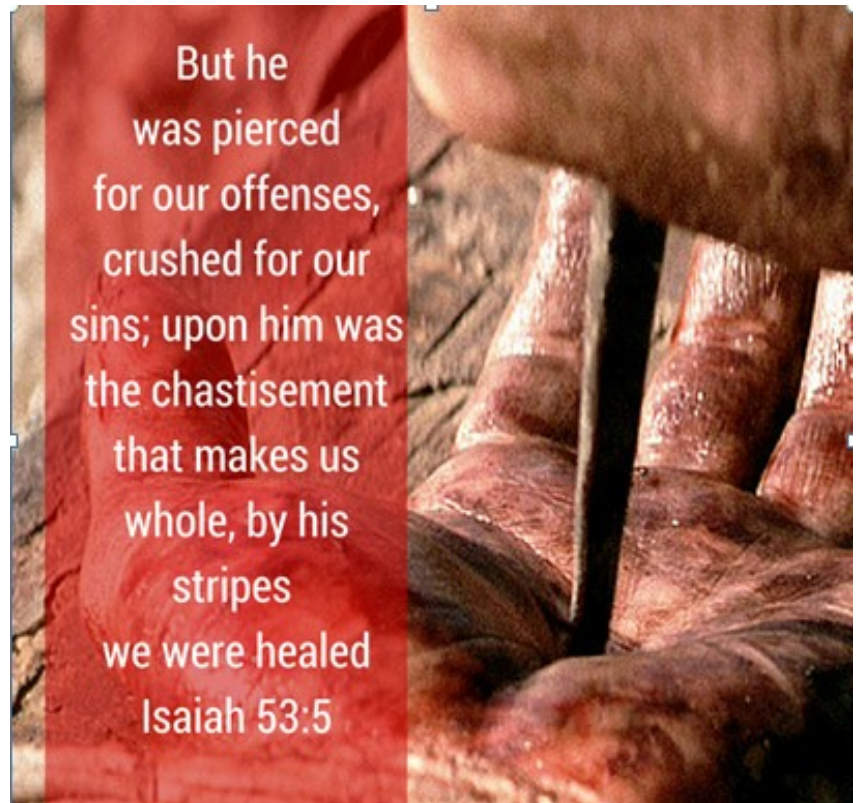
Servant Leaders:

Pastor: Luke Anderson
Pastor: Jacob Schultz
Pastor of Care Ministry: Timothy Maschke
Pastor Emeritus: Larry Prael
Pastor Emeritus: John Suelflow
Pastor Emeritus: Kenton Wendorf
Principal: Michael Yurk
Director of Music: Valerie Bremer
DCE: Tracy Krueger

**EQUIPPING
Every Generation
to *Live Rooted*
in JESUS**



**GOOD FRIDAY
Was Pierced for Us
April 18, 2025**



AS WE GATHER...In this Lenten season we have considered all the works of our Lord's hand contrasted with the works of our hands. His hands created us. At His hands, the devil and his demons are defeated and put in their place. His are the careful, gentle yet strong hands of a Great Physician bringing healing not only of sickness and injury but the ultimate healing of raising us from death itself. To this day the hand of the Lord cares for us and feeds us with spiritual nourishment and life. How different are the works of our hands, unable to grasp what we need the most: the help and mercy and grace of God. In the most mysterious way, it was our hands that nailed His hands to the cross, and it was our sin that caused His grief, sorrow, and bitter suffering and death. Yet in those nail-pierced hands was the power to take our sin away and give into our hands forgiveness, life, and salvation. We caused His death. His death gives us life. Without His death, today there can be no Easter resurrection. It all comes down to this: Christ crucified for the life of the world. Without His death there can be no salvation. Let us contemplate His death at our hands that we may receive eternal life from His hands.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES—1pm & 6:30pm

JOHN, THE GOSPEL WRITER

Our journey to follow Christ through witnesses to Christ arrives now at the cross. Today, we view Christ on the cross through the author's eyes— John, Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of James. By John's witness, we view Jesus beaten and bloodied. We hear His words of forgiveness and fulfillment. We see Him shedding His blood for the life of the world. As we sing and pray and sit in silence, we ponder Christ's love for us. We marvel at His gifts of forgiveness and salvation, for we have been clothed with the blood of Christ.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "God Who Bleeds"

LIGHTING OF CANDLES and RINGING OF BELLS

INVOCATION (*stand*)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SONG "By His Wounds"

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We gather before God remembering the cross in sorrow and in shame. We seek His forgiveness, strength, and mercy. We remember the day of our Savior's death. We mourn and struggle to understand the depth of Christ's love—that He should suffer and die in our place. Father, our hearts are heavy as we gather in the name of Christ, bearing witness to the terror of His crucifixion, knowing full well that we are guilty sinners, in need of Your forgiveness, life, and salvation.

People: Christ, our Savior, has died for our sins.

Pastor: At times, we have failed to strive against evil in the world and in our own lives.

People: Christ, our Savior, has died for our sins.

Pastor: At times, we have denied our Lord.

People: Christ, our Savior, has died for our sins.

Pastor: At times, we have betrayed our Lord.

People: Christ, our Savior, has died for our sins. Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us forgiveness. Amen.

Pastor: The death of Christ was on your behalf. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of our crucified Savior Jesus Christ, announce His grace and mercy to you. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, help us to see that the suffering and death of Your Son was the result of our sinful hands. Nevertheless, Your almighty hands have turned our rebellion into a victory. As you heal us by the nail-pierced hands of Jesus, we praise and thank You for the forgiveness He brings to us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL *Isaiah 53:1-12 (Holy Bible p. 780)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "God So Loved"

SERMON "Was Pierced for Us," by Pastor Schultz.

HYMN "Man of Sorrows"

THE TENEBRAE SEQUENCE

After each Passion reading from John, a candle will be extinguished at the altar. The final candle, symbolizing the light of Christ, will be extinguished. After it is extinguished, a loud sound (strepitus) will be heard, symbolizing the completeness of Christ's sacrifice. The candle is lit again and the congregation departs in reverent silence.

PASSION READING John 18:1-11 (*Holy Bible p. 1150*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" LSB 440, St. 1, 4

PASSION READING John 18:12-18 (*Holy Bible p. 1150*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" LSB 422

PASSION READING John 18:19-27 (*Holy Bible p. 1151*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Prayer" Jason Eggold, bassoon

PASSION READING John 18:28-40 (*Holy Bible p. 1151*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Upon the Cross Extended" LSB 453, St. 2-3

PASSION READING John 19:1-16a (*Holy Bible p. 1151*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" LSB 450, St. 1

PASSION READING John 19:16b-27 (*Holy Bible p. 1152*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE (1pm) "Ah Holy Jesus," Mixed Choir
(6:30pm) "Jesus Bows His Head and Dies," Male Choir

PASSION READING John 19:28-37 (*Holy Bible p. 1152*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Oh Perfect Life of Love" LSB 452, St. 1, 5

PASSION READING John 19:38-42 (*Holy Bible p. 1153*)

HYMN OF RESPONSE "My Song is Love Unknown" LSB 430, St. 1, 6

STREPITUS *A loud sound is heard, signifying the sealing of the tomb.*

LITANY

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

People: help us, good Lord.

Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

People: help us, good Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

People: we implore You to hear us.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

People: grant us Your peace.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: hear us.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Christ,

People: have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord,

People: have mercy. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Whispered*)

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.

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We quietly relight the Christ Candle in recognition that Jesus is eternally alive.

Please exit in silence.

Place your Good Friday offering and We Care Cards in the box/basket available at the exits.

*Thank you to: Jan Moegenburg who provided the Crown of Thorns plant,
Bob & Tom Marien for the cross draping, Ron Anschuetz for his lighting talents,
and many thanks also to the Acolytes, Altar Guild members, Elders, Greeters, and Ushers.*

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20, 2025

6am Sunrise / 8am & 11am Traditional / 9:30am Contemporary

EASTER BREAKFAST

7-10am; Family Life Center

No Worship Service: Saturday, April 19 & Monday, April 21