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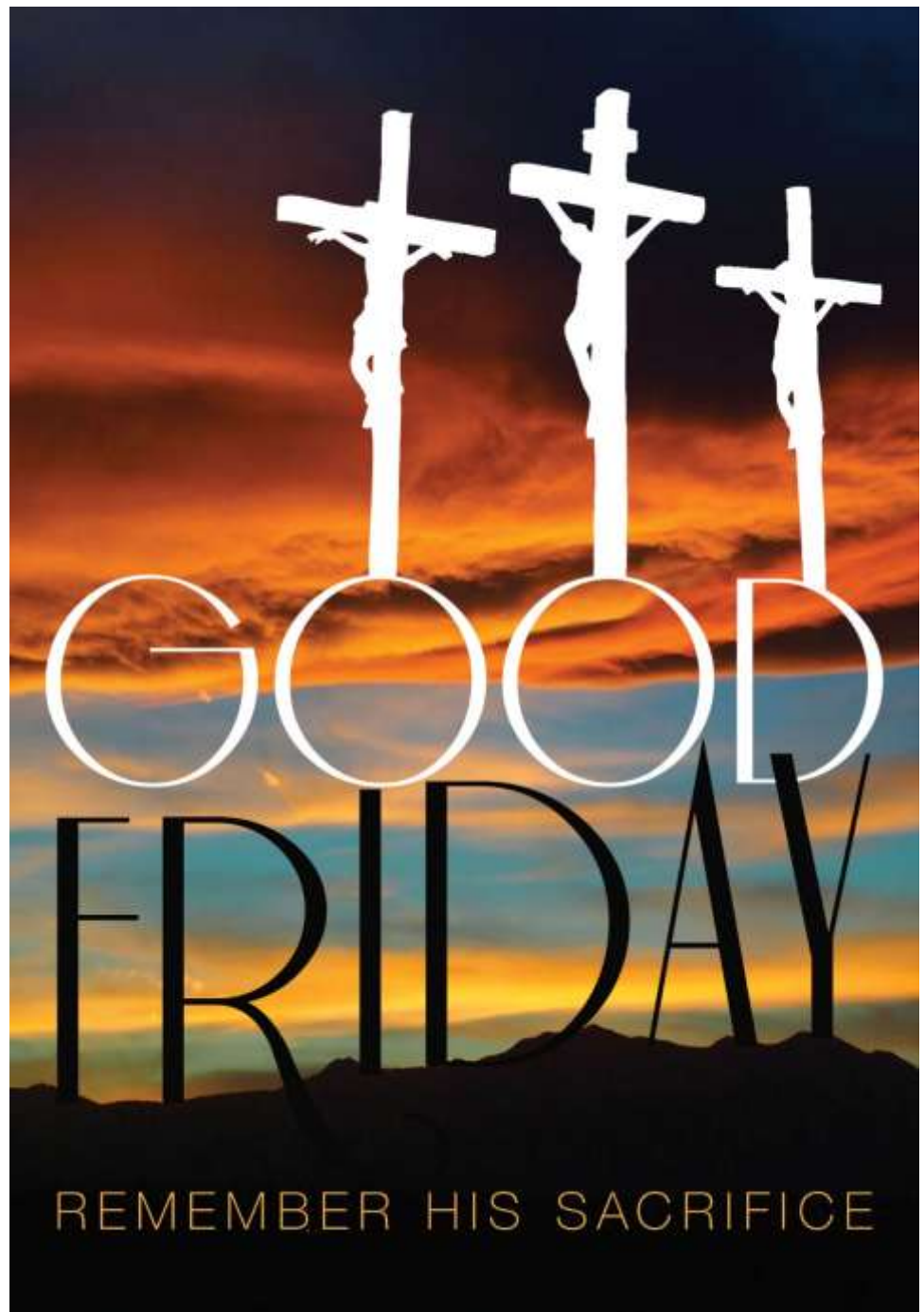


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*Rooted in the Evangelical  
and Reformed Traditions*

*We are Sowing Seeds of Hope  
in a Time of Chaos  
So We May All Be One*



*April 18, 2025*

**Sanctuary Service: 7:00 p.m.**

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Welcome

Prelude

“The Old Rugged Cross” Bennard

Todd Baldosser

\*Opening Hymn

“Were You There”

No. 198

Cantor – Charles Dudley

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Tonight we gather to honor Jesus, Our Savior

All: Who loves us and gave Himself for us

Leader: Let us draw near in full assurance of God’s endless love and mercy

All: We give our thanks and praise to Jesus Christ who carries our  
burdens and our sorrows

Leader: Heals our wounds

All: Redeems us from sin and death

Leader: And opens to us the door of eternity

All: Let us worship the God of salvation

\*Prayer of Invocation

All: Jesus, we wait at the door of the cross, carrying our grief; the grief  
of the betrayer, the grief of the denier, the grief of the crucifiers.  
We carry the grief of the lost, the heartbroken, the bereft. Upon  
you was laid the grief and sin of us all. We hear you proclaim the  
words as they resound throughout history, “It is finished!” God of  
endings, God of the cross, God of the tomb, God of dark days and  
great loss, be with us now as we wait with Jesus. Amen.

\*Please stand if you are able



## **Invitation for Faithful Giving**

### **\*Doxology**

**No. 46**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering**

**All: Lord of all, regardless of our wealth or success or provision, we stand as paupers before the unimaginable generosity and immeasurable love that is on the cross before us. Lord, have mercy upon us, sinful yet redeemed, lost and yet found, infirmed and yet healed. We dedicate these tithes and offerings to You now as gifts to Your wondrous love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

**"Amazing Grace"**

**No. 546**

- 1) Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2) 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**
- 4) When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

**"How Great Thou Art" Hine**

**Todd Baldosser**

**Easter Sunday - April 27**

**7:00 a.m. Drive-In Service**

**"A Finished Story or a New Beginning?"**

**Luke 24: 1-12**

**8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sanctuary Services**

**"The Relevancy of the Resurrection"**

**1 Peter 1 :3; Romans 8: 11; John 11: 25-26**

**Easter Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (Free Will Offering)**