

WELCOME TO VENICE CHURCH!

We are so glad you could join us today.

Are you new to our church?

Would you like to find out more about us?

If so, complete the **Welcome Card** located on the table as you enter the Sanctuary.

Drop the completed card into the box provided, so that we can connect with you!

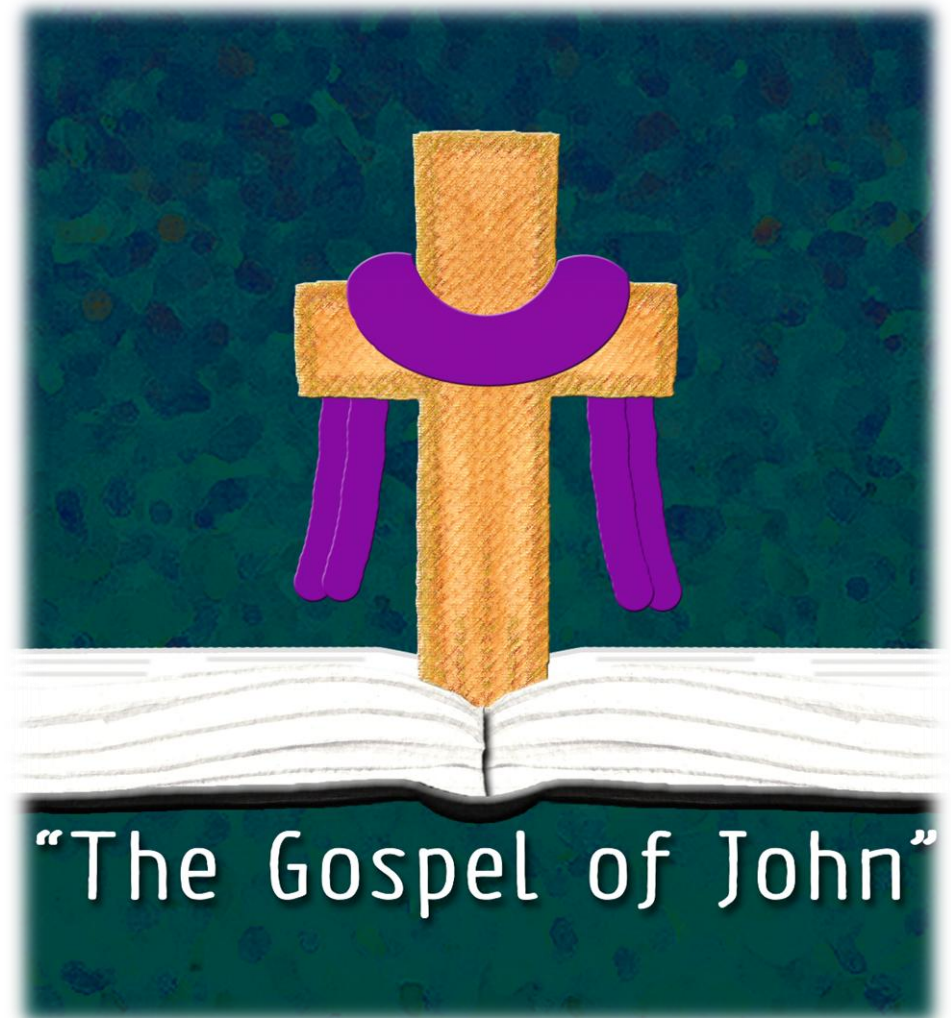


Sunday Schedule

9:00 am—Sunday School

10:00 am—Morning Worship

Morning Worship Services are streamed live on Facebook and later added to our YouTube channel.



April 18, Good Friday Service

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Our Purpose Statement



**We exist to:
Glorify God.**

Grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Go into the community to serve and guide others toward salvation.

The Passion of Our Lord, According to John

Good Friday April 18, 2025

**If you are able, please stand.*

Welcome & Prayer of Invocation

First Reading: John 18:1 – 12..... *Josh Hoffer*
(Jesus is betrayed in Gethsemane and arrested)

*Responsive Reading Psalm 22:1 – 5

**Silent prayer*

***Hymn** “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*” (v. 1).....#183
+ *The first candle is extinguished* +

Second Reading: John 18:13 -24.....*Cheryl Owens*
(Jesus is brought to trial and questioned)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:6 - 10

Silent prayer

Hymn “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*” (v. 2).....#183
+ *The second candle is extinguished* +

Third Reading: John 18:25 – 40.....*Kathy Heidler*
(Peter denies Jesus; Jesus is questioned in Pilate’s court)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:11 – 17

Silent prayer

Hymn “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*” (v. 3).....#183
+ *The third candle is extinguished.* +

Fourth Reading: John 19:1 – 16a..... *Brian Bark*
(Jesus is mocked, condemned, and taken away to be crucified)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:18 – 22

Silent prayer

Choral Anthem “*Calvary is the Sea*”
+ *The fourth candle is extinguished* +

Fifth Reading: John 19:16b – 25.....Pastor Keeley
(Jesus is nailed to the cross)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:23 – 26

Pastoral Meditation

Nailing Our Sins to the Cross

+ *The fifth candle is extinguished* +

Sixth Reading: John 19:26 – 30.....Paul Everett
(The witnesses at the cross; Jesus’ death)

*Responsive Reading Psalm 22:27 – 29

**Silent prayer*

***Hymn** “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*”.....#185
+ *The sixth candle is extinguished* +

Seventh Reading: John 19:31 – 42.....Pastor Keeley
(The soldiers pierce Jesus’ side; his burial)

Responsive Reading Psalm 22:30, 31

Silent prayer

Hymn “*Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” v. 1, 2.....#178
+ *The seventh candle is extinguished* +

Silent prayer

Hymn “*Oh Sacred Head, Now Wounded*” v. 3.....#178
+ *The Christ candle is removed* +

The Lord’s Prayer (*Whispered*)

Benediction

(Pastor Daniel Flucke contributed many elements of this liturgy)