

It is Holy Week, which means Easter is coming up on Sunday, April 9. It also means there are worship services in the coming days to prepare us to hear the Easter Gospel. The community ecumenical Maundy Thursday worship service (April 6) will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 7 PM with Holy Communion, and the community ecumenical Good Friday worship service (April 7) will be at First Congregational Church at 7 PM. All are welcome at both services. And now, as we prepare for this most holy of weeks, I offer you this poem that I wrote in 2021 titled, "Glory in the Cross". Praise be to God for the hope of eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord, Amen.

Oh, in the cross of Christ I glory,
For it tells my salvation story.
A sinner,
dead,
lost,
and condemned;
floundering,
here and there,
and going nowhere.
Seeking pleasure,
worth,
all here on earth.
Striving after wind,
and breath,
and gaining only death.
But on the cross my Savior died,
taking all my sin,
this life,
my strife.
Then Jesus rose from death for me,
taking all myself,
my soul
now whole.
And now I live, I mean, really live,
a life unending,
all transcending.
For, now its Jesus,

only Jesus,
now and forever,
He will never sever.
And so I'll glory in the cross of Christ.
Oh Jesus my Lord,
it's you I adore.