



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Good Friday – April 15, 2022, 1:00 & 6:30 PM



AN EXPLANATION OF THIS SPECIAL SERVICE

“Tenebrae” is a Latin word that means shadows. It derives its name from the gradual extinguishing of candles at various points in the service until the service ends in complete silence. The resulting darkness is a symbolic re-creation of the darkness that covered the earth from noon until 3:00 PM on Good Friday. Scripture readings and hymns direct the hearts of people to repent of their sins that made our Lord’s crucifixion necessary.

- ◆ The Altar is stripped, reminding us of our Savior’s tomb.
- ◆ The black veil on the Cross reminds us of the darkness that covered the earth on that first Good Friday.

In spite of the solemnity of Good Friday, this service is not Christ’s “funeral”. It is rather a time of quiet contemplation on His great saving work for us. We symbolize that by sitting silently to express this mood.

Good Friday offerings can be placed in the plates in the entryway before or after the service. Also please sign our guest register before the service.

At the end of the service there will be a silent dismissal. Pastor will not greet worshippers at the back of church. We ask that as you leave, please proceed to your cars in silence.

**MAY THIS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE GIVE HONOR
AND GLORY TO OUR LORD AND SAVIOR**

Good Friday Service

“THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST”

WELCOME

We welcome you in Jesus’ name. Good Friday captures the unique contrast of the message of the Cross: Man’s sin causes the death of Jesus, but He willingly undergoes this death out of love for humankind. Law and gospel, sin and grace meet at the cross to give life to many. We’re glad you’re here to experience this.

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Christ, Lamb of God, I humbly come to your cross, sorry for my sins, asking for mercy and forgiveness. My sins have added to your suffering. You died that I might live forever. Your death heals my soul, brings peace to my mind, and cleans my heart. Help me to hate sin that I may daily walk by faith, giving myself to you. Keep me faithful to my end, until I stand before your throne to worship you. Hear my prayer, O Redeemer. Amen.

OPENING HYMN “*Upon the Cross Extended*” CW 434 vs. 1-3,5

**Upon the cross extended, See, world, your Lord suspended;
Your Savior yields his breath. The Prince of life from heaven
Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.**

**Who is it, Lord, that bruised you? Who has so sore abused you
And caused you all your woe? We all must make confession
Of sin and dire transgression, While you no ways of evil know.**

**I caused your grief and sighing By evils mul-ti-ply-ing
As countless as the sands. I caused the woes unnumbered
With which your soul is cumbered, Your sorrows raised by
wicked hands.**

Stand

**Your cross I place before me, Its saving pow’r restore me,
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending My way to your eternal rest.**

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen. *{spoken}*

A READING OF CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS... *Isaiah 53* (EHV)

P: Who has believed our report and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

C: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him.

P: He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, he was despised, and we thought nothing of him.

C: Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

P: But it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

C: We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.

P: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers, he did not open his mouth.

C: He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice, and of his generation, who even cared? So, he was cut off from the land of the living. He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.

P: They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked, but he was given a grave with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, and no deceit was in his mouth.

C: **Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.**

P: After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt.

C: **Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.**

Be seated

HYMN “Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

#654, vs. 4-5

**I, a sinner, come to you, With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Oh, how blest it is to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe: Jesus sinners does receive.**

PRAYER FOR MERCY

P: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to Him, our only Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

THE INTRODUCTION

The 1st candle is extinguished.

THE FIRST WORD ~ Luke 23:33-34a

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals-- one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

MEDITATION

HYMN "The Seven Words"

#436, v 1

**Their nails were freshly driven, Their hatred clearly shown,
When, "Let them be forgiven," Was heard at heaven's throne.
Your enemies, O Jesus, You loved beyond degree.
A love so pure and precious It even pardoned me.**

The 2nd candle is extinguished.

THE SECOND WORD ~ Luke 23:39-43

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." 43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

MEDITATION

HYMN “The Seven Words”

#436, v 2

On you, my King, depending, I'm rid of all my sins!
My final day here ending, My first in heav'n begins.
As you have truly spoken, In paradise I'll be,
With you in bliss unbroken – You will remember me.

The 3rd candle is extinguished.

THE THIRD WORD ~ John 19:25-27

25 Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "**Dear woman, here is your son,**" 27 and to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**" From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

MEDITATION

HYMN “The Seven Words”

#436, v 3

(Rise to sing)

A Savior like no other, All self concern denied.
You served your grieving mother While you were crucified.
My sin had made me filthy, But you, the perfect child,
Were designated guilty, And I am reconciled.

The 4th candle is extinguished.

Be seated

THE FOURTH WORD ~ Matthew 27:45-46

45 From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"-- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

MEDITATION

HYMN "The Seven Words"

#436, v4

Condemned, cut off, forsaken, Outside the Father's care,
By terror overtaken, No ear would hear your prayer,
On you God's wrath was vented, On you his fury fell,
When, on the cross tormented, You took my place in hell.

The 5th candle is extinguished.

THE FIFTH WORD ~ John 19:28

28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."

MEDITATION

HYMN "The Seven Words"

#436, v 5

My Lord, in death's dark valley, Both soul and body drained,
One drink would help you rally What little strength remained
To raise you voice in vict'ry, To sound your foe's defeat -
The highest point in hist'ry - My rescue was complete.

The 6th candle is extinguished.

THE SIXTH WORD ~ John 19:30

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

MEDITATION

*****Christ candle snuffed******

HYMN "The Seven Words"

#436, v 6

Though sin's most lethal wages To me, O Christ, were due,
The guilt of all the ages Came crashing down on you.
Most surely, "It is finished" – My debt is fully paid;
My joy is undiminished; My heart is unafraid.

The 7th candle is extinguished.

THE SEVENTH WORD ~ Luke 23:44-46

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

MEDITATION

HYMN “The Seven Words”

#436, v 7

My death will be triumphant No matter how I die;
Lord Jesus, in that instant Escort my soul on high
Into my Father’s keeping, All-blameless and all-blest,
Like waking up from sleeping, His hands my place of rest.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CLOSING WORDS

PERSONAL MEDITATION

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You may stay as long as you wish for meditation.

Pastor will not greet worshippers at the back of church.

The congregation disperses in complete silence – only to return on Easter Sunday.

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SERVING AT WORSHIP

Participating Minister - Pastor Walter Davidson

Organist - Marie Kurth



Easter Morning Worship

April 17 – 8:00 AM

EASTER BREAKFAST

Following our Easter Sunday worship, the Ladies' Aid will serve a light breakfast while we enjoy some fellowship time together. Please join us!



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