

Good Friday Service

March 29, 2024

7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Faribault, MN 55021



P: The *Order of Tenebrae* is an early Christian worship service utilized in the observance of Good Friday. “Tenebrae” is Latin for “darkness” or “in the shadows,” and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts are read, describing the of our Lord. Tenebrae is not a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider His love for us.

As the last candle is removed, noting the death of our Savior, a loud sound is heard, This represents that point in history when the tomb was closed.

Following the silent prayer at the close of the service, worshippers will depart. We ask that there be no speaking until you have left the church.

We return to our homes in contemplation of the meaning of Christ's death for us and in the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated.

OPENING HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427, vv. 1-4

Please stand

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

[During our sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Today we use selected verses from Psalm 80.]

P: Turn us again to yourself, O God Almighty.

C: **Make your face shine upon us.**

P: Only then will we be saved.

C: **You brought Israel from Egypt like a grapevine.**

P: You drove away the nations and transplanted them into your land.

C: **You cleared the ground for your people.**

P: They took root and filled the land.

C: **But now, our walls are broken down.**

P: The wild boar from the forest devours it, and the wild animals feed on it.

C: **Make your face shine upon us.**

P: Look from heaven and see our plight. Take care of this grapevine

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All: Only then will we be saved.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Dear Jesus, our Savior and Lord, lead us to reverently behold the agony of your rejection, the pain of your condemnation, and the horror of your crucifixion.

C: Bring us to the places you walked and to the people you encountered on that Friday so long ago.

P: Stay with us, Lord, as we witness your suffering and listen to your last words of love.

C: As we approach Calvary let us become mindful of our sins and of our willful rebellion against your holy commandments.

P: Eternal God, we confess that we have turned away from you in our thinking, speaking and doing.

C: We have lived for ourselves and have refused to bear the burdens of others.

P: We have passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.

C: O God, we have tried to hide from you and from one another.

P: We confess our fatal attractions that enslave us and the failed relationships that haunt us.

C: We cannot plead the strength of our temptations or the frailty of our nature or place the blame on other people.

P: We can only say, "For the sake of Jesus, God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

+ A moment of silent reflection +

P: By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. O God, make your face shine upon us.

All: Only then will we be saved!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please sit

The Scripture Readings Are About Christ's Cleansing Blood

OLD TESTAMENT READING

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with

EPISTLE READING

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the

EXODUS 12:1–13

unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18–23

wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” LSB 425, vv. 1-4**SERMON** The Ninth Part in the Series *Exodus: Let My People Go!***“AGNUS DEI”** (Exodus 12:1–13)*The Rev. Peter Gueldner***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Prayers conclude as follows:

P: Into Your hands we commit all for whom we pray.

C: Amen**+ + THE TENEBRAE + +****HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”** LSB 440, v. 1

1 Jesus, I will ponder now on Your holy passion;
 With Your Spirit me endow for such meditation.
 Grant that I in love and faith may the image cherish
 Of Your suffering, pain, and death that I may not perish.

READING 1: Psalm 22:14-18***The Word of Forgiveness*****Luke 23:33–38**

When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane”** LSB 436, vv. 1-2

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
 Your Redeemer’s conflict see, watch with him one bitter hour;
 Turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
 Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
 Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.

READING 2: Psalm 22:6-8, 13

The Word of Promise**Luke 23:39–43**

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**TRINITY CHOIR “What Have They Done to My Savior?”****READING 3: Luke 2:33-35**

The Word of Love**John 19:25–27**

Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**HYMN “Christ, the Life of All the Living” LSB 420, vv. 1,2,4**

1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2 Thou, ah! Thou, has taken on Thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee, O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee, treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee. All disgrace Thou, Lord, has borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me and with heav’nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

READING 4: Psalm 22:1-2, 19-20

The Word of Forsakenness**Mark 15:25–35**

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. A sign announced the charge against him. It read, "The King of the Jews." Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. "Ha! Look at you now!" they yelled at him. "You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!" The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. "He saved others," they scoffed, "but he can't save himself! Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!" Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him. At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah.

THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**HYMN "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" LSB 423, vv. 1-3****READING 5: Isaiah 53:1-5**

The Word of Suffering**John 19:28–29**

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**TRINITY CHOIR "Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs"****READING 6: Isaiah 53:6-7**

The Word of Victory**John 19:30**

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

TRINITY CHOIR “What a Savior”**READING 7: Isaiah 53:12; Psalm 22:22-31**

The Word of Trust**Luke 23:44–47**

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, “Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last. When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, “Certainly this man was innocent!”

THE SEVENTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED**INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”**

P: Together, we pray softly...

C: 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.

REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

[The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.]

SHUTTING OF THE TOMB

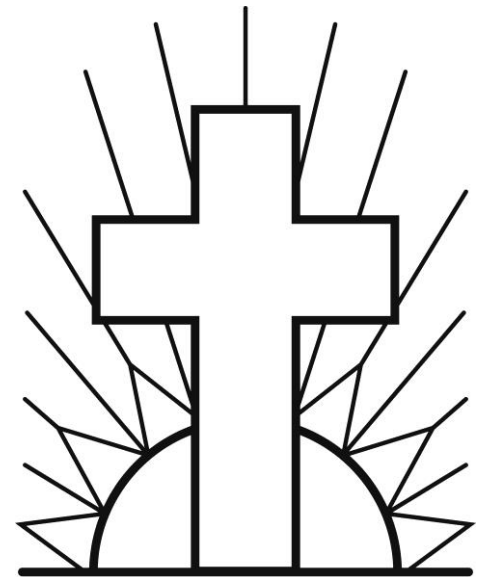
[Please take time for a silent prayer. The congregation then leaves the sanctuary and the building silently contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.]

Pastor: The Rev. Peter Gueldner
Music: Nancy Simonson, Trinity Choir;
Duane Schlobohm
Special Reader: Jeff Evenmo
Lectors: Virgil Luehrs, Janice Zierke
Elder: Mark Quinlan
Worship Assistant: Brad Twedt

✝ **EASTER VIGIL—March 30, 5:30 p.m.**
with Holy Communion

✝ **EASTER SUNDAY—March 31**
8:00 a.m. Easter Festival
Service with Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Easter Connection Service
with Holy Communion



Easter Breakfast: 9-10:30 a.m. (Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Fruit & Beverage) Free will offering

Easter Egg Hunt & Scavenger Hunt begins at 10:00 a.m.