



**Officiants:**

Vicar Seth Horn

Organist - Timothy Schmidt

Elder - Kurt Schweiger

Acolyte - Robert Huntley

Livestream - Cadence Davis

**A special "Thank you" to the choir**

**TENEBRAE SERVICE:**

This service is patterned after the ancient office of Tenebrae. The Latin word "Tenebrae" means darkness. The purpose of the service is to impress upon us the terrible reality of sin, which caused our Savior to die for us. A total of eight candles are used in this service. Seven of these candles represent the seven last sentences which our Savior spoke from the Cross, and the eighth candle is the Christ Candle, which processes and recesses into the sanctuary.

As the seven candles on the altar are extinguished one by one, causing the chancel to become increasingly darkened, we are reminded of the darkness that covered the earth at the time our Lord spoke these words at His crucifixion. It also serves as a reminder of the spiritual darkness in the world. Jesus is the Light of the world.

The exit of the Christ Candle, at the close of the service, signifies Christ's death and burial. When the book is lifted a few inches from the altar and slammed back down to create a definite closing sound, it symbolizes the stone that was rolled over the entrance to the tomb. With the sealed tomb the meaning of the cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice completed. Jesus' body rests in the tomb for the Saturday Sabbath.

The Christ Candle is not extinguished at any time during the service, as it is symbolic of the eternal light of God's love in Jesus, the eternal Son of God. Though evil had its hour, the light of God's love continues to shine for all eternity. Join us here on Saturday and Sunday to rejoice in the glorious message of the Risen Christ!

**HOLY SATURDAY – April 4 7:30 p.m.**

**"The Great Vigil of Easter"**

**"A Service of Baptism Remembrance and the Resurrection of Christ"**

Candle-light procession into darkened church- a very ancient service in the Church!

- We gather around the baptismal font
- Old Testament readings of God's great acts for Israel
- Mark's Gospel - the Resurrection of Christ

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 5**

8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

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