

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Read Service Explanation and Holy Week Schedule on back of bulletin)

April 18, 2025 7:30 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church -LCMS

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Lutheran Service Book - Hymnal

(Enter in Silence - Worship in reverence – Leave in Silence)

SILENT MEDITATION

PRELUDE “Air for Calvary” by Timothy Schmidt

Stand

HYMN

“Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted”

LSB 451

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PSALMODY:

Psalm 22:1-19

(Chanted responsively by whole verses)

Sit

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(Response: “Thanks be to God”)*

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Stand

John 19:17-30

Sit

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450 vv. 1-4

SERMON

“It. Is. Finished.”

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

LSB 450 vv. 5-7

Sit

OFFERING

*(Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates as they are passed down the pew)*

VOLUNTARY

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen” by J. S. Bach

Stand

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed in unison, inside the back cover of the hymnal)*

Sit

TENEBRAE

"The Seven Words From The Cross"

THE FIRST WORD

(Luke 23:26-38)

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Seven Meditations on the Passion, I. The Crucifiers

by John Debney/Timothy Schmidt (meditation: LSB 447 v.2)

THE SECOND WORD

(Luke 23:39-43)

“Today, you shall be with me in paradise.”

The Second Word: II. The Repentant (med. LSB 447 v.4-6)

THE THIRD WORD

(John 19:23-27)

“Woman, behold your Son; Son, behold your mother.”

The Third Word: III. The Loved Ones (med. LSB 447 v.8,7,9)

(all lights out - darkness over the land)

THE FOURTH WORD

(Matthew 27:45-49)

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

The Fourth Word: IV. The Darkness (med. LSB 447 v.10-12)

THE FIFTH WORD

“I thirst.”

(John 19:28-29)

The Fifth Word: V. The Want (med. LSB 447 v.13-15)

THE SIXTH WORD

“It is finished!”

(John 19:30)

The Sixth Word: VI. The Fulfillment (med. LSB 447 v.16-17)

THE SEVENTH WORD

(Luke 23:46-49)

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

The Seventh Word: VII. The Last Breath (med. LSB 447 v.19)

RECESSION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

READINGS **“Christ’s Burial”** (John 19:31-37 Matthew 27:51-66)

THE CLOSING OF THE BOOK – upon the Altar by the Pastor

“The Stone Placed Over the Tomb”

THE SILENT PRAYER - LEAVE IN SILENCE AND DARKNESS

Officiants: Pastor David Nehrenz – Vicar Tanner Sawall

Organist Timothy Schmidt – Elder Clark Everett -Acolyte Josiah Stecker

Livestream Ethan Phelps

- 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 19 7:30 pm.

“The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Communion”

“A Service of Baptism Remembrance, Holy Communion -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 - Service of Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY – April 20

8:00 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

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

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Easter egg hunt, Sunday School

Bible Class *“The Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ”*

10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

WHAT IS “THE TRIDUUM?”

The most solemn and joyful celebration of the Christian calendar is Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Worship services on these days or evenings are traditionally considered to be parts of one single extended liturgical event called **The Triduum (Latin for "Three Days")**. There is no Benediction till Holy Saturday.

The first part of the Triduum begins on the evening of Maundy Thursday (also called Holy Thursday), during which Christians recall the events that took place the night Jesus was betrayed. The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke concentrate on the institution of the Lord's Supper. The gospel of John focuses instead on the Lord's final teachings to His disciples, dramatically punctuated by His washing of their feet

After the sacrament has ended, the stripping of the altar takes place. The ministers and several assistants remove all vessels, crosses, books, candles, linens, paraments, banners, and other decorations from the altar and chancel area. This ancient ritual is a powerful and dramatic reenactment of the Lord's humiliation at the hands of the Roman soldiers. As the altar is being stripped, Psalm 22, containing clear prophecies of Christ's suffering, is chanted. The altar, left bare or adorned only with black paraments, is transformed from the communion table of Maundy Thursday into the tomb's stone slab of Good Friday. It will come to its culmination on Holy Saturday.