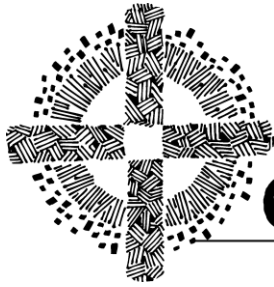


so that we might have life.



Good Friday

April 19, 2019

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God’s holy and powerful word. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway and down the hall to the left.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the narthex or room (“Shepherds Nook”) located down the hall from the narthex. This room has a television showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Organ:		Jan Henriksen
Ushers:	1:30 pm	Ken Hull, Chuck Rhodes
	7:00 pm	Todd Oard, Dale Graefnitz
Vocalists:	1:30 pm	Amanda Bergemann, Ella Bergemann
	7:00 pm	Casey Kippes, Barb Koch
Youth singers:		Micah Bergemann, Caitlin Kippes
Altar Care:		Roxanne Zikis, Lindsey Daehnke

Our Worship Focus: Today we focus on the intense love of our Savior – a love that compelled Him to die on the cross so that we might have life now and forever with Him. We will meditate on Jesus’ seven statements from the cross and discover the peace and comfort that each statement offers us. Come celebrate the great love of your Savior this Good Friday!

The Form of Worship: “Tenebrae” (meaning “darkness” or “shadows”) is an ancient form of worship using words and symbols to vividly remind us of Jesus’ death. The seven candles on the altar represent Jesus’ seven words or statements from the cross; as each statement is heard, the candles will be extinguished one-by-one. The service begins in silence. The service will end in darkness and silence. We ask everyone to leave in silence, not pausing to greet one another, in order to better ponder the meaning of this day.

Silent Prayer: Jesus, I ponder now on your holy passion; please endow me with your Spirit for this meditation. Grant that in love and faith, I may cherish the image of your suffering, pain, and death. If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieves me, let your cross disarm my fear and give peace to my conscience. Help me to see the complete forgiveness you won by your holy passion. Since it was for my sin God sent his Son to suffer, God must have compassion! Amen. (*Prayer adapted from hymn #98, “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now.”*)



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Holy Week

After six weeks of Lent, the Christian Year has now reached its climax. We have come to the celebration of the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is the celebration for which we have been preparing throughout Lent. Now we see what our Savior came to do.

We see him suffer and die for our sins and for the sins of the world. And we see him rise triumphantly on Easter morning to assure us that our salvation is complete, the victory is won.

Prior to the fourth century, Easter Day itself included all three emphases — Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection. But the early Church fathers decided that it might be wise to spread those three emphases out over three days.

And so Maundy Thursday was formed to commemorate the beginning of Christ’s suffering, as he gathers in the upper room, washes his disciples’ feet, institutes the Lord’s Supper, then proceeds to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer.

Good Friday was set aside to ponder the intensity of Christ’s passion, as he is put on trial before Pontius Pilate, scourged, and crucified. On the cross, he speaks seven times before he dies.

Finally, the practice of the Easter Vigil was begun. It was not the high festival service of Easter. Rather, it was a service to prepare oneself for that festival. The Vigil was also used as the entrance rite into the Church, as converts were baptized, confirmed, and communed all during the Vigil.

The greatest theologian of the early Church, St. Augustine, called these days of special observance, “the most holy Triduum of the crucified, buried, and risen Lord.” (*Triduum* is Latin for “three days”.) These days, combined with Easter, have long been understood as the climax of the Church’s year. Together they form a unit. As we celebrate two of these three days (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), our worship will form a unit which will take us through our Savior’s sufferings to his glorious triumph on Easter.

Easter Worship – 8:00 am and 10:30 am

To celebrate our victory that Jesus has won, we will have festive Easter morning worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. An Easter breakfast will be offered between services, beginning at 9:00 am.

We Come into the Presence of God

Silent Meditation

Tolling of bells *(33 bell tolls represent each year in the earthly life of Jesus.)*

Opening Reading: *(Isaiah 53 is the traditional Old Testament reading for Good Friday. It is here interspersed with spoken hymn verses, and our confession of sins.)*

Minister: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

Congregation: They crown Your head with thorns, they smite they scourge You: With cruel mockings to the cross they urge You.

M: O Jesus, we are reminded that You suffered not for Your guilt, but for ours; not for Your sins, but for our sins. So we humbly bow before You and say,

C: I am sorry, Lord.

M: For being quick to hoard, for being slow to share, we come before You and say,

C: I am sorry, Lord, for what I have done.

M: For speaking words which are angry or hurtful, for failing to speak words of encouragement, we come before you and say,

C: I am sorry, Lord, for what I have said.

- M: For harboring resentment in our hearts, for being selfish and filled with doubt, for assuming the worst rather than putting the best construction on all things, we come before You and say,
- C: I am sorry, Lord, for what I have thought.**
- M: But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed!
- C: Lord Jesus we give thanks to Thee, that Thou hast died to set us free; made righteous through Thy precious blood, we now are reconciled to God!**
- M: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- C: What punishment so strange is suffered yonder! The Shepherd dies for sheep who loved to wander;**
- M: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.
- C: You who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great, here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.**
- M: Though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied, for he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
- C: Blessed are the saints of God; they are bought with Christ's own blood. They are ransomed from the grave. Life eternal they shall have!**

M: Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me.”

C: **“But this is your hour – when darkness reigns.”**

Prayer of the Day

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

C: **Amen.**

We Listen – The Seven Statements from the Cross

- I. *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. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*
(Luke 23:33-34a)

Hymn #125 verses 1,4 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

- II. *Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)*

Hymn #112 verses 1,2 "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

**There is a fountain filled with blood – Immanuel was slain –
And sinners who are washed there-in
Lose ev'ry guilty stain,
Lose ev'ry guilty stain.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Washed all my sins away,
Washed all my sins away.**

- III. *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," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. (John 19:26-27)*

Hymn #117 verses 1,5 "O Dearest Jesus"

**O dearest Jesus, what law have you broken
That such sharp sentence should on you be spoken?
Of what great crime have you to make confession –
What dark transgression?**

**The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted –
God is committed.**

- IV. *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?” (Matthew 27:46)***

Hymn #113 verses 1,2 “Upon the Cross Extended”

**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 bitterness.**

**How God at our transgression to anger gives expression,
How loud his thunders roll, how fearfully he smites him,
How sorely he requites him–All this your sufferings teach my soul.**

- V. *Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)***

Hymn #105 verses 1,5 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

**O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded,
with thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory
now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call you mine.**

**What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow,
your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever,
and keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never,
never outlive my love for you.**

VI. *When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." (John 19:30)*

Hymn #104 verses 2-3 "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

**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, pain, or loss;
Learn of him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.**

VII. *Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:46)*

Hymn #119 "Were You There"

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree.**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

We Respond

Offering: *(If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)*

Hymn: #718 “Rest, O Christ, From All Your Labor” *(Verses 1-2 vocalists, Verses 3-4 all)*

Solo: *Rest, O Christ, from all your labor; Sleep within your borrowed tomb.
Foes have crucified and bound you
Fast within death’s narrow room.
Pilate’s guards stand watching, waiting
Where they rolled the sealing stone.
All unseen another watches:
God will not forsake his own.*

Duet: *Peace at last from all your anguish, Wounds in hand and feet and side.
Enemies no longer mock you,
Scourged, abandoned, crucified.
Faithful women gather spices,
Weep for you whom sin has slain.
Though they mourn, the God who guards you
Will not let your death be vain.*

All: **Help us keep this solemn Sabbath As we wait for Easter dawn.
Earth’s dark night of sin is passing;
Death’s long reign will soon be gone.
Christ, in whom the new creation
Rises brighter than the sun:
May we, as we watch for morning,
Trust the vict’ry you have won.**

All: **As through parting Red Sea waters Israel marched to liberty,
So we pass through baptism’s water,
Washed by grace, from sin set free.
Jesus, risen, living, reigning
Now and through eternity:
Grant that, through your life undying,
We may live victoriously.**

Dimming of Lights: *At this time, most of the lights will be turned off to remind us of the darkness that covered the earth during Jesus' final hours of suffering on the cross.*

Prayer

Lord's Prayer: *Spoken softly or whispered by all*

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.**

Extinguishing of the final candle: *The final candle is extinguished, symbolizing the death of our Lord.*

Vocalists: "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"

The Burial of our Savior: Matthew 27:57-60

As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Streptitus: *A loud noise symbolizing the closing of the tomb.*

Relighting of the center candle: *A moment of silence follows, during which one candle is lit, signifying the Resurrection of Jesus.*

Exiting in Silence: *Please exit silently, with no music or Pastor's greeting, humbly pondering God's love for you.*