

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 29, 2024

## WELCOME!

We love that you are here today!

**Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter the school.

**Quiet room Parents** may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Please fill it out and drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

## GOOD FRIDAY: SERVICE OF SEVEN WORDS

Today the Church continues to observe the mystery of salvation begun on Maundy Thursday and reaching its climax in Jesus' Resurrection. The connection between these three days is noteworthy. The emphasis of this service is the 7 Words Christ spoke from the cross.

Please be aware that this service is a time of unhurried, quiet contemplation. We take a break from the noise, both visual and aural. This service fills us with a sense of solemn awe: "Surely He was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54).

The statue, which is a symbol of the resurrected Jesus, is veiled in black to remind us how Christ was hidden from us by the shroud of death for a while.

There is no music except what is necessary to sustain our singing.

The Tenebrae service this evening (6:30 pm) concludes with the burial of Christ. We reassemble on Easter morning bursting with joy at the good news of Christ's Resurrection!

*Personal prayers can be found on pages 255-258 of the blue hymnal.*

*You may wish to read Psalm 22 (page 22 of the blue hymnal) before the service.*

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Good Friday Tenebrae**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise**

**6:00 a.m.**

**Refreshments**

**7:00 a.m.**

**Festival Service**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Festival Service**

**10:30 a.m.**

*The 8:00 & 10:30 services are identical.*

*All three Easter services will include the Lord's Supper.*

*There will NOT be a Monday service.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider ..... Rev. Luke C. Werre

Keyboard ..... Mrs. Cathy Gresens

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*For the hymns in today's service, you will need the blue hymnal. You will find one beneath the chair in front of you.*

*Please observe silence for meditation before the service.*

*The bell will toll seven times. Please stand when presider indicates.*

## READING

*Isaiah 53*

Who has believed our report,

**and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?**

<sup>2</sup>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.**

<sup>3</sup>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.**

<sup>4</sup>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,**

<sup>5</sup>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.**

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>**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.**

<sup>8</sup>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.**

<sup>9</sup>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.**

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>**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.

<sup>12</sup>**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.

*Please be seated*

## **SERMON**

*Colossians 1:19-20*

The Price of Sin: The Fullness of God

## **HYMN**

*Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle* | **Blue Hymnal 419**

# The Seven Words

## THE FIRST WORD

*Luke 23:26-34*

<sup>26</sup>As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. <sup>28</sup>Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

<sup>34</sup>Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

## PRAYER

**M:** The nails were freshly driven, their hatred clearly shown,  
when, “Let them be forgiven,” was heard at heaven’s throne.

**C:** **Your enemies, O Jesus, you loved beyond degree,  
a love so pure and precious it even pardoned me.**

## HYMN

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | **Blue Hymnal 429:1,2**

## THE SECOND WORD

*Luke 23:38-43*

<sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription written above him: "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

<sup>40</sup>But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

<sup>43</sup>Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise."

## PRAYER

**M:** On you, my King, depending, I'm rid of all my sins!  
My final day here ending, my first in heav'n begins.

**C:** **As you have truly spoken, in paradise I'll be**  
**With you in bliss unbroken - you will remember me.**

## HYMN

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | **Blue Hymnal 429:3,4**

## THE THIRD WORD

*John 19:25-27*

<sup>25</sup>Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

<sup>26</sup>When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" <sup>27</sup>Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

## PRAYER

**M:** A Savior like no other, all self-concern denied,  
You served your grieving mother while you were crucified.

**C:** **My sin had made me filthy, but you, the perfect child,**  
**Were designated guilty, and I am reconciled.**

## HYMN

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* | **Blue Hymnal 429:5-7**

## THE FOURTH WORD

*Matthew 27:45-49*

<sup>45</sup>From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. <sup>46</sup>About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*” which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

<sup>47</sup>When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “This fellow is calling for Elijah.”

<sup>48</sup>Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. <sup>49</sup>The rest said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

## PRAYER

**M:** Condemned, cut off, forsaken, outside the Father’s care,  
By terror overtaken, no ear would hear your prayer.

**C:** **On you God’s wrath was vented, on you his fury fell,  
When, on the cross tormented, you took my place in hell.**

## HYMN

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* | **Blue Hymnal 430:1,2**

## THE FIFTH WORD

*John 19:28-29*

<sup>28</sup>After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

<sup>29</sup>A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

## PRAYER

**M:** My Lord, in death’s dark valley, both soul and body drained,  
One drink would help you rally what little strength remained

**C:** **To raise your voice in vict’ry, to sound your foe’s defeat -  
the highest point in hist’ry - my rescue was complete.**

## HYMN

*Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* | **Blue Hymnal 430:3,4**

## THE SIXTH WORD

*John 19:30*

<sup>30</sup>When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

## PRAYER

**M:** Though sin's most lethal wages to me, O Christ, were due,  
The guilt of all the ages came crashing down on you.

**C:** **Most surely, "It is finished" - my debt is fully paid;  
My joy is undiminished; my heart is unafraid.**

## HYMN

*O Perfect Life of Love* | **Blue Hymnal 431:1-4**

## THE SEVENTH WORD

*Luke 23:44-46*

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

## PRAYER

**M:** My death will be triumphant no matter how I die;  
Lord Jesus, in that instant escort my soul on high

**C:** **Into my Father's keeping, all-blameless and all-blest,  
Like waking up from sleeping, his hands my place of rest.**

## HYMN

*O Perfect Life of Love* | **Blue Hymnal 431:5,6**



*Please stand.*

## **PRAYER**

**M:** 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 now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

*The closing hymn is on the following page.*

## HYMN

## *O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head*

*The keyboardist will fade out for the last verse and the congregation will sing a cappella.*

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred head  
With thorns was pierced for me;  
Oh, pour thy blessing on my head  
That I may think for thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands  
With nails were pierced for me;  
Oh, shed thy blessing on my hands  
That they may work for thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet  
With nails were pierced for me;  
Oh, pour thy blessing on my feet  
That they may follow thee.**

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart  
With spear was pierced for me;  
Oh, pour thy Spirit in my heart  
That I may live for thee.**

*You may dismiss yourself. As you leave, please observe silence.*

*You may leave your offerings in the plate by the door. Thank you.*

