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A family growing together, learning God's Word,
serving our neighbor to witness Christ's love.

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Good Friday

March 29, 2024

2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Services

AS WE GATHER: *Our worship this Good Friday reflects on the “Life of Christ.” We would remember not only the crucifixion and death of our Savior this day, but we would remember His whole life as well. It gives us joy to recall the events of Advent, Christmas and Palm Sunday! The greatest joy comes when we remember that it was all for us. In this service, we will experience the darkness that Christ endured, remembering the darkness that covered the earth and all mankind in the hours Jesus was on the cross.*

Please rise.

INVOCATION & OPENING PRAYER

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the everlasting Father, who was raised upon the cross for the redemption of the world and shed Your blood for the forgiveness of our sins: we humbly pray You that by the virtue and merits of Your holy life, obedient suffering, and life-giving death, we poor sinners may be raised from the death of our sins to know eternal life with You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C: **Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.**

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. In truth it was our disobedience that drove Your holy Son to His crucifixion.

(Silence is observed for private confession.)

P: We flee for refuge in the shadow of the cross, seeking, and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, since You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and for the sake of His only Son who was given into death, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and

ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

WE REMEMBER THE LIFE OF CHRIST

THE COMING OF THE SAVIOR

Matthew 1:18-23

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB, 537 (vs. 1)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee. Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOR

Luke 2:4-7

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN

"What Child Is This"

LSB, 370 (vs. 2)

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE SAVIOR

John 1:9-14

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his

THE LOVE OF THE SAVIOR AS OUR SHEPHERD

John 10:10-11

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

HYMN

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

LSB, 710 (vs. 1)

**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE SAVIOR

Mark 9:2-7

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”

HYMN

“Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here”

LSB, 414 (vs. 1 & 3)

**‘Tis good, Lord, to be here! Thy glory fills the night;
Thy face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
We hail Thy body glorified and our redemption see.**

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF THE SAVIOR

Matthew 21:8-11

⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB, 443 (vs. 3)

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!**

THE PRAYER OF THE SAVIOR

Luke 22:39-42

³⁹ And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation." ⁴¹ And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

HYMN

"Go To Dark Gethsemane" (2:00 congregation; 7:00 choir)

LSB, 436

**Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power
Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**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 suff'ring, shame, or loss; Learn from 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 from Jesus Christ to die.**

**Early hasten to the tomb, Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

THE TRIALS OF THE SAVIOR

Luke 23:20-25

²⁰ Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, ²¹ but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!" ²² A third time he said to them, "Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him." ²³ But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. ²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

TENEBRAE SEQUENCE – THE 7 WORDS

HYMN

“O Sacred Head Now Wounded”

LSB, 450 (vs. 1, 3)

**O sacred Head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory, What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.**

THE FIRST WORD

Pastor Thompson

Luke 23:26–34

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide his garments.

(The first candle is extinguished.)

P: Father in Heaven, we have learned the stunning greatness of your forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. As we hear His words, “Father, forgive them,” may we faithfully respond as He has taught us, “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Then let our lives reflect the power of His words and example.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN*“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*

LSB, 423 (vs 1-2)

**Jesus, refuge of the weary,
 Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
 Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
 Savior from the world above:
 Often have Your eyes, offended,
 Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
 Yet upon the cross extended,
 You have borne the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding,
 Breathing no repentant vow,
 Though we see You wounded,
 bleeding,
 See Your thorn-encircled brow?
 Yet Your sinless death has brought us
 Life eternal, peace, and rest;
 Only what Your grace has taught us
 Calms the sinner’s deep distress.**

THE SECOND WORD

Pastor Thoelke

Luke 23:35–43

³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, **“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

(The second candle is extinguished.)

- P:** Blessed Lord, as You stretched forth Your arms of love on the cross, You proclaimed mercy to the sinner beside You. Speak to us now your gospel, we pray. And renew our hearts with the comfort of Your mercy. Give us hope in the promise of Paradise that You have already saved those who put their faith in You. In Jesus name.
- C:** **Amen.**

HYMN*“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

LSB, 430 (vs. 5, 7)

**They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He To suffering goes
 That He His foes From thence might free.**

**Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise
I all my days Could gladly spend!**

THE THIRD WORD

Pastor Burkman

John 19:23–27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “**Woman, behold, your son!**” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “**Behold, your mother!**” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

(The third candle is extinguished.)

P: Almighty God, just as we have been committed to the Father’s care since birth, continue to work in us that same care and concern for those around us. Give us hearts that reach out to those who are left alone and who need someone to love and encourage them. In Your name we pray.

C: Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”

LSB, 440 (vs.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.**

THE FOURTH WORD

Pastor Toenjes

Matthew 27:45–49

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “**Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?**” that is, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.”

(The fourth candle is extinguished.)

P: Blessed Lord, forgive us for permitting the shadows of loneliness and despair to surround us and to cause us to think that You have forsaken us. Guide us to place our trust in Your mercy and enable us to know that You will bring us peace and joy through the Holy Word. In Your name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”* LSB, 439 (vs. 1)

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

THE FIFTH WORD Pastor Canaday John 19:28–29
After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), **“I thirst.”** ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

(The fifth candle is extinguished.)

P: Father, help us to remember the great suffering of the true Living Water, Jesus Christ. He endured pain and thirst so that abundant waters might daily flow within us. May the Living Water flow to all who thirst that they may have life and have it to the full. In His name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”* LSB, 425 (vs. 1, 3)

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.	See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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THE SIXTH WORD Pastor Wielert John 19:30
When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **“It is finished,”** and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

(The sixth candle is extinguished.)

P: Father, help us to hear the word “finished” and rejoice in the work accomplished by Your Son. Our Savior now carries on His ministry to reconcile the world to Himself through the saving proclamation of the gospel. May we regularly speak a prayer of thankfulness that our justification is found in Him. In Jesus name.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Perfect Life of Love”

LSB, 452 Vs 1-2, 4-5

**1. O perfect life of love!
All, all, is finished now,
All that He left His throne above
To do for us below.**

**4. And on His thorn-crowned head
And on His sinless soul
Our sins in all their guilt were laid
That He might make us whole.**

**2. No work is left undone
Of all the Father willed;
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,
The Scriptures have fulfilled.**

**5. In perfect love He dies;
For me He dies, for me.
O all-atoning Sacrifice,
I cling by faith to Thee.**

THE SEVENTH WORD

Pastor Gadbow

Luke 23:44–53

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷ Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” ⁴⁸ And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹ And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things. ⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, ⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. ⁵² This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁵³ Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid.

The seventh Candle exits the sanctuary to symbolize the burial of Christ and the truth that Jesus gave His life to be our Savior, as His body rests in the tomb.

Please rise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(whispered)*

All: 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.

THE STREPITUS

The closing of the book reminds us of the finality of the death of Jesus, echoing His words, "It is finished," but also announcing the doom of Satan's rule. Thus, the Christ candle will return bringing us the hope of the resurrection.

HYMN

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image"

Sung with piano

**On my heart imprint Your image, Blessed Jesus, King of grace.
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus crucified for me.
Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!**

Please be seated.

CROSS OF SINS

The congregation is ushered out row by row, beginning in the front. Proceed forward, down the center aisle past the cross in the front of the Sanctuary. If you choose, you may hammer a nail into the cross. This nail represents our sin, which has been crucified to the cross. The pastors will assist you in this process. Parents, please assist your children. After hammering a nail into the cross, you may proceed down the side aisles out of the sanctuary. The congregation leaves the church in silence, in anticipation of the joy of Easter Sunday.

*(Jesus gave His life for us. In love, we give our gifts to Him.
Your offerings are received at the table in the Narthex.)*