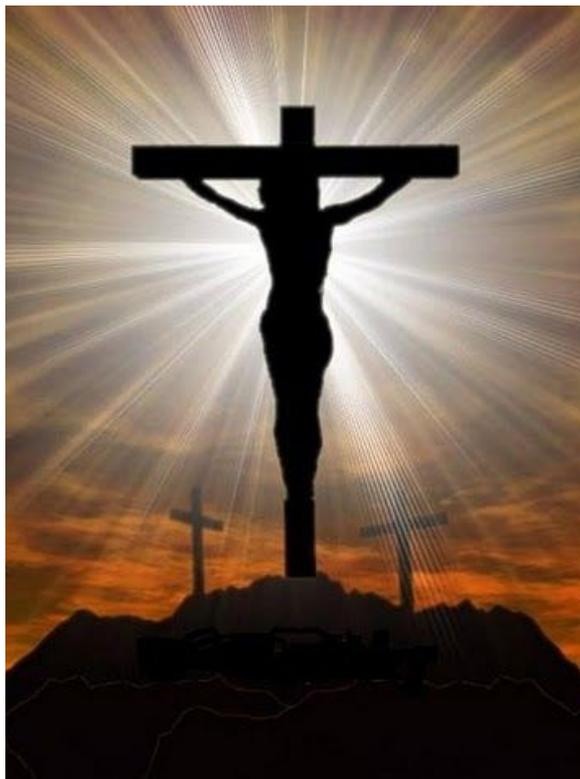


Welcome to worship at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for April 2, 2021



MINISTRIES

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events at Zion
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WELCOME VISITORS!

Please complete a
visitor registration card
(located in the back foyer)
and give it to an usher,
or drop it in
the offering plate.

WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE CHURCH,
PLEASE MAINTAIN PRAYERFUL SILENCE.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

(Service of Darkness)

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Jesus the Christ is the light of the world. Without Him all is dark. Darkness over the earth through sin has driven the light of Christ from the hearts of humankind. "And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19) The Church, the Bride of Christ, mourns over this condition. We raise our hearts in humble prayer to God, that the Light of Divine Grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, may remove the darkness of sin from our hearts and the hearts of all humankind.

THE CEREMONY OF THE SERVICE

As you enter the nave of the church, you notice eight lit candles. At intervals during the progression of the service, seven of the candles will be extinguished, leaving only one burning. This candle represents Christ. Toward the end of the service, this candle is removed and carried to the center of the altar. The candle is then taken away to signify the burial of our Lord. During its absence, prayer occupies our lips and hearts with a background of solemn organ music, signifying the dark world without Christ. At the conclusion of the music, the Christ candle is carried back into the Nave and placed in the Sanctuary. The overhead lights, which had been dimmed during the service will remain so, and the worshiper is asked to leave the church in complete and reverent silence.

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE

*(Silent procession of the worship leaders.
The congregation will please rise.)*

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: He who thought equality with God to be his natural right as the Son gave up his heavenly glory that we by his suffering and death might be granted the right to be children of the same heavenly Father. The crowds have turned upon and mocked him whom they once hailed; and death, proud death, has claimed him who

came to conquer death, little knowing that already Christ stands at the threshold of victory.

C: Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell on the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

The FIRST Word

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

The Word of Prophecy.....Psalm 22:6-13, 16-18

The Word of History.....Luke 23:32-38

Hymn #336.....“Lamb of God”

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**All: 1. Your only Son no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,**

**I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Cantor: 2. Your gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned him
as he died,
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.
O Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**All: 3. I was so lost I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.
O Lamb of God,
sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
O wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

(The First Candle is extinguished.)

The SECOND Word

“Today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

The Word of Prophecy.....Isaiah 53:12
The Word of History.....Luke 23:39-43
Hymn #349 vv. 1, 2, 5.....“Ah, Holy Jesus”

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**1. Ah, holy Jesus,
how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee
have in hate pretended?
By foes derided,
by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.**

2. **Who was the guilty?
Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason,
Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus
I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

5. **Therefore, kind Jesus,
since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee,
and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity
and thy love unswerving
not my deserving.**

(The Second Candle is extinguished.)

The THIRD Word

“Woman, here is your son.” “Here is your mother.”

The Word of Prophecy.....Isaiah 53:10-11

The Word of History.....John 19:23-27

Hymn #781 vv. 1, 4.....“Children of the Heavenly Father”

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1. **Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**

4. **Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.**

(The Third Candle is extinguished.)

The FOURTH Word

“My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”

The Word of Prophecy.....Psalm 22:1-5

The Word of History.....Matthew 27:45-49

Hymn #337 vv. 1, 2, 5.....“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt. Music Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824. Public Domain.

1. **Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my Sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?**

2. **Was it for sins that I had done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown,
and love beyond degree!**

5. **But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.**

(The Fourth Candle is extinguished.)

The FIFTH Word

“I thirst.”

The Word of Prophecy.....Psalm 22:14-15

The Word of History.....John 19:28-29

Hymn #338.....“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869. Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927.
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- All: 1. Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning
of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.**

- Cantor: 2. Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me
And from my contrite
heart, with tears,

two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love
and my unworthiness.

**All: 3. I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine
than the sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.**

(The Fifth Candle is extinguished.)

**The SIXTH Word
“It is finished.”**

The Word of Prophecy.....Isaiah 53:4-6

The Word of History.....John 19:30-37

Hymn #351.....“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. Composite.

Music: German melody, c. 1500; adapt. Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612. Public Domain.

**All: 1. 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.**

Cantor: 2. How art thou pale with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

Cantor: 3. What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,

for this thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever,
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

**All: 4. Lord, be my consolation;
shield me when I must die;
remind me of thy passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving,
from thee shall never move;
for he who dies believing
dies safely in thy love.**

(The Sixth Candle is extinguished.)

The SEVENTH Word

“Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit.”

The Word of Prophecy.....Isaiah 53:8-9

The Word of History.....Luke 23:44-49

Hymn #353 vv. 1, 5.....“Were You There?”

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- 1. 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?**
- 5. 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?**

(The Seventh Candle is extinguished.)

THE WORD OF GOD: JUDGMENT AND GRACE

**“The curtain of the temple was torn in two...the earth shook...
the tombs were opened...the centurion said,
‘Truly this was the Son of God!’”**

The Word of Prophecy.....Amos 8:9-10
The Word of History.....Matthew 27:51-54

THE BENEDICTUS: LUKE 1:68-79

(A responsive reading by two leaders.)

⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably
on his people and redeemed them.

⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant
David,

⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us.

⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness
of their sins.

⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will
break upon us,

⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

(All stand in reverent silence.)

*The last candle, which symbolizes Christ, is removed and carried
to the middle of the altar while a leader says:*

*"Christ has humbled himself, and become obedient unto death:
even the death of the cross."*

(The Christ Candle is carried out of the nave still burning.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

P: Lord, look down upon this family here assembled for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be delivered into the hands of the wicked, and to undergo the torments of the cross.

Silent Prayer by everyone during the solemn organ music for a period of five minutes.

The Christ Candle is returned to its place on the altar at the conclusion of the organ music, piercing the darkness with its light, the only hope for the light of Jesus Christ who lives and reigns as Lord and Savior evermore.

(Recession of worship leaders.)

Please leave the church building in complete and reverent silence.

*Return for Easter Worship,
Sunday, April 4, at 9:00 am,
as we worship our risen and living Lord.*

Servants of Worship

Ministers: All members of the congregation

Pastor: Mary Gilthvedt

Liturgists: Pastor Mary Gilthvedt and Marty Howes

Organist/Pianist: Shelley Galle

Cantor: Jenée Provance

Acolyte: Kailey Lien

Ushers: Dr. Deb Erickson and Fern Knudson

A/V Booth: Jeff Galle

Livestreaming Volunteer: Jenny Howes

