

Welcome to worship at ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Order of Worship for March 29, 2024
Good Friday



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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.

The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the ancient bidding prayer we offer petitions for all the world for whom Christ died.

Gather in Silence

Monologue

Silence

Prayer

L: Heavenly Father, as we gather this night, we remember the supreme sacrifice of our beautiful King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Led like a lamb to the slaughter, clothed in humility and grace, he willingly offered himself to death so that we might live forever. We are truly thankful for the magnitude of his love, stretched out on a cruel wooden cross. We dwell on the pain he bore for us and are truly grateful for the forgiveness that he offers. As we worship and praise now, help us to live in the wonder of this goodness and marvel at his endless grace.

C: Amen.

First Reading, Isaiah 53:1-5

Hymn #347 v. 1

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Second Reading, 1 Timothy 1:12-15

Hymn #347 v. 2

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Gospel, Luke 23:33-49

Hymn #347 v. 3

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Sermon, “The Final Prayer”

Hymn #349 vv. 1, 2

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

L: Let us pray. Our most glorious and suffering Lord, it is your hour. It is the hour by which you conquered sin and death. It is the hour for which you came into this world, taking on flesh to offer your precious life for the salvation of the world. Our suffering Lord, may we see in your cross love in its most pure form. May our eyes and soul look beyond the blood and pain and see your divine heart, pouring forth mercy upon us and upon the whole world.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Procession of the Cross

L: Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

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We Glory in Your Cross

L: We glory in your cross, O Lord.

C: May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

L: We glory in your cross, O Lord.

C: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

All depart in silence.

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