

CHRIST THE KING

Evangelical Lutheran Church

Green Bay, Wisconsin

OUR MISSION

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church **gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God** for His grace received through Word and Sacrament **by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ** with the people of this community and the world.

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Tenebrae - The Service of Darkness

Good Friday

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March 29, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer Him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the red binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience tonight's order of service is printed on the following pages. The order of service is a Tenebrae service, traditionally held on the evening of Good Friday.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Members are asked to announce for communion by signing the communion register in the narthex. To our visitors: we hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion." This means that we commune only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). ***If you are a guest who is interested in communing, please speak with the pastor prior to the service.*** If you have questions, please speak with the pastor after the service. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

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the cross. Keep us always faithful to Him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

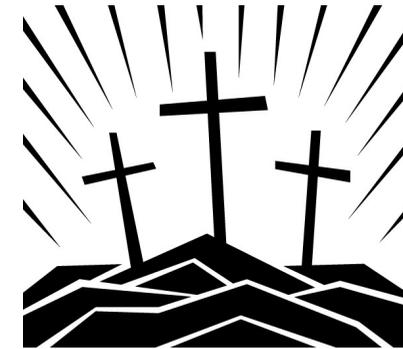
CHOIR

Let at Last Thine Angels Come (TLH #429 v. 3)

Silence for meditation.

A loud noise (strepitus) representing the rending of Christ's tomb is heard, and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.



EASTER SCHEDULE

Easter Dawn (Comm.) - April 1, 7:00 a.m.
Easter Festival Service - April 1, 9:00 a.m.



Easter Breakfast will be served
between the two services, starting
around 7:45 a.m.

“Look, O LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.”

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C (sung):

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet:

Lamentations 1:10-14

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures;
she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—
those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.
All her people groan as they search for bread;
they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive.
“Look, O LORD, and consider, for I am despised.”
“Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see.
Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me,
that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?
“From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones.
He spread a net for my feet and turned me back.
He made me desolate, faint all the day long.
“My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together.
They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength.
He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand.”

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C (sung):

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus!**

The sixth candle is extinguished. The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

Silence for meditation.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon

TONIGHT'S FOCUS

Tonight we follow a series of Good Friday meditations to not only underscore the solemn nature of our Savior's suffering and death, but to remember that it was the guilt of our sins that He paid for on the cross. It's an opportunity to reflect on the grace of our Triune God. The Father who willingly forsakes His own Son, allowing Him to suffer the torments of hell, out of His love for sinners. The Son who willingly endures this torment in Himself out of that same love, redeeming humanity from sin and death. The Holy Spirit, who in that same grace for sinners who cannot come to God, now comes to us in Word and Sacrament with the good news of our redemption to lead us to repentance and to strengthen us in our faith.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. S. Piet Van Kampen

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Paul Koch

Choir Director

Jeanette Diestler

Altar Guild

Julie Busse & Sandra VanderHeyden



THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

The minister enters in silence.

The Tenebrae candles or candelabrum are lit.

Please stand.

GOSPEL - John 19:17-30

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ¹⁹ Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, *and* Latin. ²¹ Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." ²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. ²⁵ Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your

son!" ²⁷ Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" ²⁹ Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

You may be seated.

PSALM 2

M: (*Antiphon*) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: **And the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: **Against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

M: "Let us break their chains," they say,

C: **"And throw off their fetters."**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: **The Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: **"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: **He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: **The ends of the earth your possession.**

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: **You will dash them to pieces like pottery."**

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: **Be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

M: Serve the LORD with fear

C: **And rejoice with trembling.**

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

C: **Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

M: (*Antiphon*) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

THE LAMENTS

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet:

Lamentations 1:1-5

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people!

How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations!

She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave.

Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are upon her cheeks.

Among all her lovers there is none to comfort her.

All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies.

After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile.

She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place.

All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress.

The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed feasts.

All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan,

her maidens grieve, and she is in bitter anguish.

Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease.

The LORD has brought her grief because of her many sins.

Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

C (sung):

Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,

Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.

All sins Thou carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:

Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet:

Lamentations 1:6-9

All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion.

Her princes are like deer that find no pasture;

in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

In the days of her affliction and wandering, Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old.

When her people fell into enemy hands there was no one to help her.

Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean.

All who honored her despise her nakedness;

she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future.

Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her.

name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

Silent prayer

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."



After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Christ the King Lutheran Church practices close communion, which means we commune only confirmed members of our own congregation as well as confirmed members of other ELS and WELS churches.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken | 143



The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

PSALM 22 (Chanted by the Choir)

(Antiphon) They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, By night, and am not silent.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the praise of Israel.

In you our fathers put their trust; They trusted and you delivered them.

They cried to you and were saved; In you they trusted and were not disappointed.

But I am a worm and not a man, Scorned by men and despised by the people.

All who see me mock me; They hurl insults, shaking their heads:

"He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

Yet you brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in you even at my mother's breast.

From birth I was cast upon you; From my mother's womb you have been my God.

Do not be far from me, For trouble is near and there is no one to help.

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

HYMN

The Royal Banners Forward Go | 168

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

SEEK THE LORD - ISAIAH 55:6-11

M: Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.

C: Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts.

Many bulls surround me; Strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

Roaring lions tearing their prey Open their mouths wide against me.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; You lay me in the dust of death.

Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, They have pierced my hands and my feet.

I can count all my bones; People stare and gloat over me.

They divide my garments among them And cast lots for my clothing.

But you, O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

Deliver my life from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dogs.

Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; Save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

(Antiphon) They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

- M:** Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
- C:** “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.
- M:** “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- C:** **As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,**
- M:** so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty;
- C:** **but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”**

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

Please stand.

HYMN

O Darkest Woe | 167

You may be seated after the reading of the sermon text.

SERMON - Hebrews 9:11-14

Jesus Is Better than Any High Priest

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- C:** **Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.**

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE BIDDING PRAYER

- M:** Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give

ourselves fully to our Savior’s work, through Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.**

- M:** Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.**

- M:** Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.**

- M:** Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives

in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.**

- M:** Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.**

- M:** Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

- C: Amen.**

- M:** Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

Silent prayer

- M:** Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose