

GOOD FRIDAY
MARCH 29, 2024 - 7:00pm
ORDER OF TENEBRAE / SEVEN WORDS
CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
467 MAIN ST., P. O. BOX 494
CONYNGHAM, PA



ORDER OF TENEBRAE / SEVEN SENTENCES

Welcome to all this evening, especially to any visitors with us. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. The solemn observance known as "Tenebrae" was first used in the 4th century to mark Good Friday. The word itself means darkness, and the service makes use of seven candles symbolizing the seven last sentences of Jesus on the cross. The candles are gradually extinguished, all but the Christ candle, symbolizing the light of the world which can never be extinguished. Our thanks to all the participants in this special service this evening. There will not be an offering during tonight's service. Please place any offerings in the plates in the narthex.

**Cynthia Derr – Church Secretary/Congregation Council Secretary
Sexton – Margie Yost**

Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow (president), Dave Kisenwether, Tyler Russell, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president).

Designated Pastor – Rev. Wayne Lupole

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.

As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.

PRELUDE**“Where You There”****arr. Lloyd Larson**

PLEASE STAND

HYMN**“Were You There”****ELW(red) #353**

PLEASE KNEEL OR BE SEATED

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**(1 John 1:5-10, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7)**

P This is the message we have heard from Jesus and now proclaim,
C **that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.**

P If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness,
C **We lie and do not do what is true;**

P But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light,
C **we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say that we have no sin,
C **we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

P If we confess our sins,
C **he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P If we say that we have not sinned,
C **we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

P God’s Word made flesh, Jesus, has declared that the greatest commandment of God’s Word, indeed the summation of all the law and all the prophets, is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself. We have failed to keep this word of love, and for this we make confession to our God. Lord, your Word says love is patient and love is kind.

C But we confess the times when we have failed to wait on you and have been impatient with each other, when we have been bitter toward you and unkind to each other.

P Jesus, Word of Love,
C Forgive us, we pray.

P Your Word tells us that love does not envy, that it does not boast, and that it is not proud.
C But we confess that sometimes we have been resentful toward you and envious of each other, we have been self-promoting toward you and neglectful of each other, we have been indignant with you and demeaning toward each other.

P Jesus, Word of Love,
C Forgive us, we pray.

P Your word says that love is not rude, and that it is not self-seeking.
C But we confess that in many ways we have been demanding toward you and inconsiderate of those around us, denying of you and manipulative of each other.

P Jesus, Word of Love,
C Forgive us, we pray.

P Your word tells us that love is not easily angered, and that it keeps no record of wrongs.
C But we confess that often we are angry with you and snap at each other, how self-justifying we are with you and how unforgiving we are toward each other..

P Jesus, Word of Love,
C Forgive us, we pray.

P Your word says that love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth, that it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
C But we confess how often we have surrendered to or remained silent in the face of evil, abandoning your truth, all to the denial of trust, hope, and endurance for those who struggle in our midst..

P Jesus, Word of Love,
C Forgive us, we pray.

P Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. We who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into his death, and just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, thus are we to live a new life. We implore him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do in this life, that the rest of our days may be pure and holy, and that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PLEASE STAND

HYMN

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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PLEASE BE SEATED

SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

First Word – Luke 23:26-34a - *“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do”*

²⁶ 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 bewailed and lamented him. ²⁸ But Jesus turning to them 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 gave suck!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

The extinguishing of the first light.

Second Word - Luke 23:34b-43 - *“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”*

³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. 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!”

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

The extinguishing of the second light.

Third Word – John 19:25-27 - “Woman, behold your son.”

²⁵So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The extinguishing of the third light

Fourth Word – Matthew 27:45-47 - “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?”

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, la’ma sabach-tha’ni?” that is, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

The extinguishing of the fourth light.

Fifth Word – John 19:28 - “I thirst.”

²⁸After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfil the scripture), “I thirst.”

The extinguishing of the fifth light.

Sixth Word – Luke 23:44-46 - “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.”

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, crying with a loud voice, said, “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

The extinguishing of the sixth light.

Seventh Word – John 19:29-30 – “It is finished”

²⁹ A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The extinguishing of the seventh light

PLEASE KNEEL

The Christ Candle leaves the sanctuary.

THE LORD’S PRAYER is said in darkness

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

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.

After the Lord's Prayer there is a period of silence which is then broken by a loud sound and the flashing of altar lights symbolizing the effect of the crucifixion on the earth. A garment is torn symbolized the rending of the curtain of the temple that day.

The Christ Candle is returned to the sanctuary.

As a few lights return, the congregation is asked to leave the church in SILENCE.

March 30 & 31, 2024
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/EASTER DAY
Saturday Easter Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 7:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
NO Sunday School
Easter Breakfast 8:00am-9:30am

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS

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Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

HOLY WEEK, THREE DAYS

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 How pale thou art with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?
 re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;
 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,
 These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 mine, mine was the trans - ges - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.
 for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

