

WELCOME to our first ever *Tre Ore* service on this Good Friday. Tre Ore means “three hours.” The Gospels tell us that Jesus hung on the cross from approximately 12:00-3:00 p.m. on the first Good Friday. During this same timeframe this afternoon, we will reflect on Jesus’ final moments and final words from the cross. This service will be divided into seven segments. Seven pastors will each share a message based on one of Jesus’ seven last words from the cross.

As this will be longer than a typical service, please feel free to come and go according to your schedule. No offering will be collected. Offering plates are available in the back of the sanctuary. Cash offerings will be contributed to SFLS’s “Our Greatest Gifts” campaign. If you have any questions or need assistance this afternoon, please see one of the pastors.

We Gather in Silence.

✠ THE FIRST WORD ✠

“Father, forgive them.”

Led by Pastor Corey Aker from Faith Lutheran Church

OPENING VERSICLES: *John 5:24; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Colossians 3:16*

Pastor: Jesus said, Whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life.

People: He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

Pastor: The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing.

People: But to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

HYMN: Jesus Sinners doth Receive LSB 609

PSALM: Psalm 51:1-13

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Pastor: Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People: Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Pastor: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Pastor: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Pastor: Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:32-38

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And 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. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And 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 sour wine 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.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes LSB 447 (v. 1-3)

SERMON

HYMN: Jesus, Lead Thou On LSB 718

PRAYER

✠ THE SECOND WORD ✠

“Today, you will be with Me in paradise.”

Led by Pastor Kory Janneke from Faith Lutheran Church

VERSICLES: *Colossians 2:13-15*

Pastor: And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh,

People: God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

Pastor: This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.

People: He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

HYMN: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now *LSB 440* (v. 1-2 & 5-6)

PSALM: *Psalms 22:1, 6-7, 14-20, 24*

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

People: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads.

Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all of my bones are out of joint.

People: My heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast.

Pastor: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

People: You lay me in the dust of death.

Pastor: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

People: They have pierced my hands and feet.

Pastor: I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me.

People: They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing, they cast lots.

Pastor: But you, O LORD, be not far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

People: Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

Pastor: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;

People: And he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 23:32-38*

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.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *LSB 447* (v. 4-6)

SERMON

HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand *LSB 739*

PRAYER

✠ THE THIRD WORD ✠

“Behold your son ... Behold your mother.”

Led by Pastor Chris Ascher from Resurrection Lutheran Church

VERSICLES: 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15, 21

Pastor: For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this:

People: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

Pastor: and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves,

People: but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

Pastor: For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,

People: so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

HYMN: What Wondrous Love is This LSB 543

PSALM: Psalm 32:1–7, 11

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

People: Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

People: You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: John 23:23-27

²³ 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.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN: Jesus, in Your Dying Woes LSB 447 (v. 7-9)

SERMON

HYMN: Christ the Life of All the Living LSB 420 (v. 1-4)

PRAYER

✠ THE FOURTH WORD ✠

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

Led by Pastor Matthew Nix from Christ Lutheran Church

VERSICLES: *Isaiah 59:1-2, 15-16*

Pastor: Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.

**People: But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;**

Pastor: your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

**People: The Lord looked and was displeased
that there was no justice.**

Pastor: He saw that there was no one,

he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;

**People: so his own arm achieved salvation for him,
and his own righteousness sustained him.**

HYMN: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted *LSB 451*

PSALM: *Psalms 130*

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice!

**People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for
mercy!**

Pastor: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with you there is forgiveness, therefore you may be
feared.**

Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope;

**People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the
morning.**

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast
love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

People: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: *Matthew 27:38-49*

³⁸Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his
left. ³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their
heads ⁴⁰and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it
in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son
of God!”

⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders
mocked him. ⁴²“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself!
He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will
believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him,
for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’” ⁴⁴In the same way the rebels who were
crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the
land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli,
Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me?”).

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling
Elijah.”

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine
vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said,
“Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN:

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *LSB 447* (v. 10-12)

SERMON

HYMN: Christ the Life of All the Living *LSB 420* (v. 5-7)

PRAYER

✠ THE FIFTH WORD ✠

“I thirst”

Led by Pastor Ryan Drevlow from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

VERSICLES: *Isaiah 53:3-6*

Pastor: He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

**People: Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

Pastor: Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,

**People: yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.**

Pastor: But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;

**People: the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;

**People: and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

HYMN:

O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken *LSB 439* (v. 1-5)

PSALM: *Psalms 69:6–9, 21, 29–30*

Pastor: Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O
Lord GOD of hosts.

**People: Let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor
through me, O God of Israel.**

Pastor: For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor
has covered my face.

**People: I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my
mother’s sons.**

Pastor: For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**People: And the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen
on me.**

Pastor: Reproaches have broken my heart, so that I am in despair.

**People: I looked for pity, but there was none, and for comforters,
but I found none.**

Pastor: They gave me poison for food,

People: And for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink.

Pastor: But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on
high.

**People: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify
him with thanksgiving.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: *John 19:28-29*

²⁸ Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that
Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar of wine
vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk
of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN:

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *LSB 447* (v. 13-15)

SERMON

HYMN: Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed *LSB 437*

PRAYER:

✠ THE SIXTH WORD ✠

“It is finished!”

Led by Pastor Robert Hinckley

VERSICLES: *Hebrews 9:25-28*

Pastor: [Jesus did not] enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

People: Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world.

Pastor: But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

People: Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Pastor: so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many;

People: and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

HYMN: Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain *LSB 435*

PSALM: *Psalms 22:1, 6–7, 14–20, 24*

Pastor: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

People: Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.

People: All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads.

Pastor: I am poured out like water, and all of my bones are out of joint.

People: My heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast.

Pastor: My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;

People: You lay me in the dust of death.

Pastor: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me.

People: They have pierced my hands and feet—

Pastor: I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me.

People: They divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Pastor: But you, O LORD, be not far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

People: Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!

Pastor: For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;

People: And he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING: *John 19:30-37*

³⁰ When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus’ side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,” ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, “They will look on the one they have pierced.”

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN:

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *LSB 447* (v. 16-18)

SERMON

HYMN: Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me *LSB 761*

PRAYER:

✠ THE SEVENTH WORD ✠

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

Led by Pastor Aaron Asmus, from Memorial Lutheran Church

VERSICLES: *Isaiah 53:8b-11*

Pastor: For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

**People: He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,**

Pastor: though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

**People: Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to
suffer,**

Pastor: and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin,

**People: he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.**

Pastor: After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

**People: by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.**

HYMN: O Sacred Head Now Wounded *LSB 449*

PSALM: *Psalms 6*

Pastor: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your
wrath.

**People: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O
LORD, for my bones are troubled.**

Pastor: My soul also is greatly troubled.

People: But you, O LORD—how long?

Pastor: Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your
steadfast love.

**People: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who
will give you praise?**

Pastor: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with
tears;

People: I drench my couch with my weeping.

Pastor: My eye wastes away because of grief;

People: It grows weak because of all my foes.

Pastor: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard
the sound of my weeping.

People: The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

Pastor: All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled;

People: They shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING: *Luke 23:44-56*

⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until
three in the afternoon,⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the
temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into
your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

⁴⁷ The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely
this was a righteous man.” ⁴⁸ When all the people who had gathered to
witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went
away. ⁴⁹ But all those who knew him, including the women who had
followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

⁵⁰ Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good
and upright man,⁵¹ who had not consented to their decision and action. He
came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for
the kingdom of God. ⁵² Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body. ⁵³ Then
he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the
rock, one in which no one had yet been laid.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON HYMN:

Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *LSB 447* (v. 19-21)

SERMON

HYMN: Were You There? *LSB 456*

PRAYER

Please depart in silence or remain for quiet prayer and reflection.