Good Friday Tenebrae Service

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§ *A Heartfelt Welcome To Our Guests* §

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (FELC). We're pleased you've come to receive the blessings our Lord gives in the Divine Service. Please help us get to know you and record your attendance by signing the red record of fellowship book as it is passed down the pew and/or the guest book in the narthex. Most Sundays we host refreshments after the service. Please join us downstairs in the Parish Fellowship. This is a great way to get to know the members of the family of FELC.

How Can We Help You? We want your visit to be a blessing to you and strive to be as user friendly as possible. Our pastor is also available for pastoral care whether you're here for a week, months, years, or permanently. Faith is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Those Serving April 15th at Faith

Organist	Heidi Perling
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	Lee Phinney
Ushers	Chris Myers, Lee Phinney Mike Jones, Fred Brady

Asst. Minister	Ron Hinchman
Greeters	
Refreshments	
Sermon Title	Meditations on the Seven Words of Our Lord from the Cross

The congregation and pastor enter in silence.

Opening Versicles

P O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Psalmody

Psalm 22

[1]My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?
[2]O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer,
and by night, but I find no rest.

[3]Yet you are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
[4]In you our fathers trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.
[5]To you they cried and were rescued;
in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

[6]But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by mankind and despised by the people.
[7]All who see me mock me;
they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;
[8]"He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him;
let him rescue him, for he delights in him!"

[9]Yet you are he who took me from the womb;
you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.
[10]On you was I cast from my birth,
and from my mother's womb you have been my God.
[11]Be not far from me,
for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

[12]Many bulls encompass me;
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
[13]they open wide their mouths at me,
like a ravening and roaring lion.

[14]I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax;
it is melted within my breast;
[15]my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

[16]For dogs encompass me;
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my hands and feet—
[17]I can count all my bones—
they stare and gloat over me;
[18]they divide my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.

[19]But you, O LORD, do not be far off!
O you my help, come quickly to my aid!
[20]Deliver my soul from the sword,
my precious life from the power of the dog!
[21]Save me from the mouth of the lion!
You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

[22]I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
[23]You who fear the LORD, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
[24]For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted,
and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.

[25]From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.
[26]The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

[27]All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.
[28]For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

[29]All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
even the one who could not keep himself alive.

30 Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;
31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

Psalm 2

Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,
3 "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."

4 He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6 "As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."

7 I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

Psalm 51

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

[3]For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
[4]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.

[5]Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
[6]Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

[7]Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
[8]Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
[9]Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
[10]Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
[11]Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
[12]Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

[13]Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
[14]Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
[15]O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
[16]For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
[17]The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

[18]Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
[19]then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Reading with the Choir

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Choir *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;*

[13]Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted.
[14]As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—
[15]so shall he sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;
for that which has not been told them they see,
and that which they have not heard they understand.

Choir *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;*

[1]Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
[2]For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
[3]He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Choir

[4]Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
[5]But he was wounded for our transgressions;
he was bruised for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.

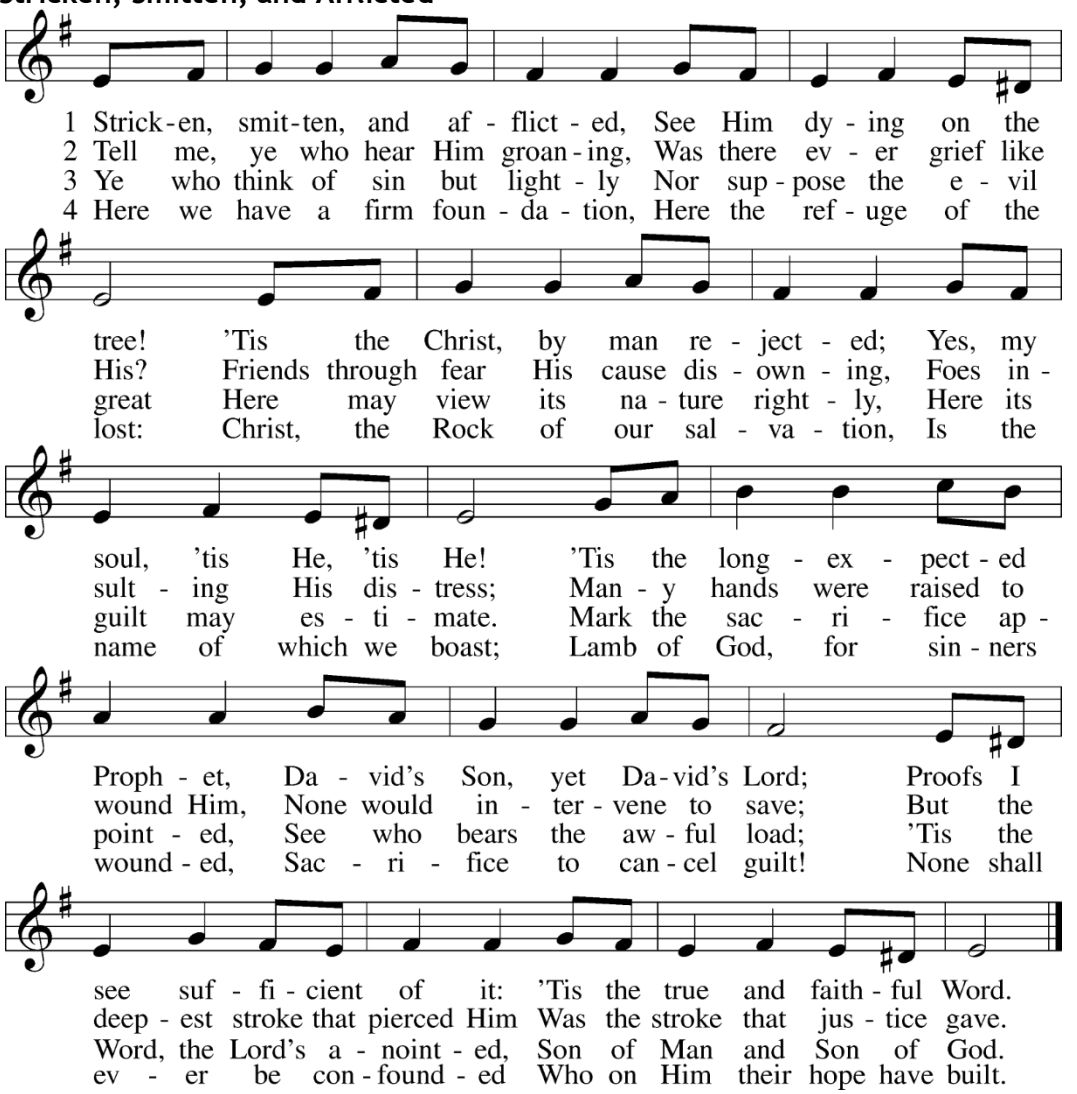
[6]All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
[7]He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.
[8]By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people? [9]And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth. [10]Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

Choir *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;*

[11]Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities. [12]Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

Choir *Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows*

451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted



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Reading of the Seven Words of Our Lord from the Cross

The First Word: Luke 23:34

The soldiers now had charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out of the city to a place called Skull Hill, in Hebrew, *Golgotha*. As they led him away, they laid hold of Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country. On him they laid the cross that he might bear it after Jesus. Following him was a great company of people and of women who bewailed and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,

There were also two others, criminals whom they led along to be put to death with him. When they came to the place called Golgotha, they gave him wine mingled with gall to drink, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

It was the third hour, and there they crucified him.

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

1 Jesus, in Your dying woes,
Even while Your lifeblood flows,
Craving pardon for Your foes:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

2 Savior, for our pardon sue
When our sins Your pangs renew,
For we know not what we do:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

3 Oh, may we, who mercy need,
Be like You in heart and deed,
When with wrong our spirits bleed:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A candle is extinguished.

Silence

The Second Word: Luke 23:43

The two criminals they also crucified with him—one on his right, the other on his left, with Jesus in the middle. The Scripture was then fulfilled which says, "And he was numbered with the transgressors."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they cast lots to divide his clothes and decide what each should take. They made four parts, one for each soldier. There remained his tunic, which was without seam, woven in one piece from the top to the bottom. They said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide who shall have it." The Scripture was thus fulfilled which says, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." These things the soldiers did and, sitting down, they kept watch over him there.

Over his head was put the charge against him. Pilate wrote the notice to be put on the cross. It read, JESUS OF NAZARETH, KING OF THE JEWS. This title was read by many of the Jews,

for the place where Jesus was crucified was near to the city, and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. The chief priests of the Jews then said to Pilate, "You should not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but 'This man said, I am the King of the Jews.'"

Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

People stood by, watching. Those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him to one another saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross that we may see and believe. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming to him and offering him wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." And one of the criminals who hung there with him railed at him: "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God since you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are getting what we deserve for what we have done; but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

4 Jesus, pitying the sighs
Of the thief, who near You dies,
Promising him paradise:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

5 May we in our guilt and shame
Still Your love and mercy claim,
Calling humbly on Your name:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

6 May our hearts to You incline
And their thoughts Your cross entwine.
Cheer our souls with hope divine:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A candle is extinguished.

Silence

The Third Word: John 19:26–27

Near to the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

7 Jesus, loving to the end
Her whose heart Your sorrows rend,
And Your dearest human friend:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

8 May we in Your sorrows share,
For Your sake all peril dare,
And enjoy Your tender care:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

9 May we all Your loved ones be,
All one holy family,
Loving, since Your love we see:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A candle is extinguished.

Silence

The Fourth Word: Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, *"Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?"* which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,
With our evil left alone,
While no light from heav'n is shown:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray
And our hope seems far away,
In the darkness be our stay:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear,
Though no light our spirits cheer,
May we know that God is near:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A candle is extinguished.

Silence

The Fifth Word: John 19:28

When some of them that were standing there heard it, they said, "He is calling for Elijah."

After this, Jesus knew that all things were accomplished. Fulfilling the Scripture he said, "I thirst." There was a jar of wine standing there. One of them ran immediately to get a sponge. He filled it with wine, put it on a reed, held it up to his mouth, and gave it to him to drink.

Others said, "Wait and see if Elijah will come and save him."

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,
Thirsting more our love to gain:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;
All Your holy work fulfill;
Satisfy Your loving will:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.
Lead us in our sin and woe
Where the healing waters flow:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A candle is extinguished.

Silence

The Sixth Word: John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he cried with a loud voice, "It is finished!"

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

16 Jesus, all our ransom paid,
All Your Father's will obeyed;
By Your suff'rings perfect made:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

17 Save us in our soul's distress;
Be our help to cheer and bless
While we grow in holiness:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

18 Brighten all our heav'nward way
With an ever holier ray
Till we pass to perfect day:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

A candle is extinguished.

Silence

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:46

Then he said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."
Having said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Meditation

447 Jesus, in Your Dying Woes *(spoken)*

19 Jesus, all Your labor vast,
All Your woe and conflict past,
Yielding up Your soul at last:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

20 When the death shades round us low'r,
Guard us from the tempter's pow'r,
Keep us in that trial hour:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

21 May Your life and death supply
Grace to live and grace to die,
Grace to reach the home on high:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

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Please rise.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he died, he said, "Truly, this man was the Son of God."

All the people who had gathered to see the sight, when they saw what had happened, turned away beating their breasts. Those who had known him stood at a distance, as also the women who had followed him from Galilee. Among them was Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

It was the day of Preparation before the Sabbath, and this was Passover Sabbath. Therefore, so that the bodies should not remain on the crosses during the Sabbath, the Jews asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies removed. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. One who saw it is our witness, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth that you also may believe. These things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones shall be broken." And again, another Scripture says, "They shall look on him whom they pierced."

By this time evening had come. A respected member of the council, Joseph of Arimathea, was one who was looking for the kingdom of God, a good and righteous man who had not consented to their purpose and deed. He was a disciple of Jesus secretly, for he feared the Jews. Now he took courage and went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate was astonished that he could be dead already. He called for the centurion and asked him whether Jesus was already dead. When he was assured by the centurion that it was so, Pilate granted Joseph the corpse and commanded that it be given over to him.

Joseph bought fine linen and came and took the body of Jesus. Nicodemus came also, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. It was he who had first come to Jesus by night. They then took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb, where no one had ever been buried. Joseph laid the body in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock, and rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were sitting there opposite the sepulcher and saw where he was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath day they rested according to the commandment.

On the next day, the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees went together to Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember what that imposter said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command that the sepulcher be made secure until the third day to stop his disciples from coming and stealing him and saying to the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' making the final deception worse than the first."

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go and make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting a watch.

Responsory

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

C **He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.**

Prayers

Kneel/Stand

P Lord, have mercy. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P Christ, have mercy. **C** **Christ, have mercy.**

P Lord, have mercy. **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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 The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Strepitus

The congregation follows the Christ Candle out in silence and minimal light.

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FELC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK IN PERSON AND THROUGH ZOOM

Friday	12:00 PM 7:00 PM	Good Friday Service Tenebrae Service
The Resurrection of Our Lord	7:00 AM 8:15 AM 8:45 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM	Sunrise Service Easter Brunch Easter Egg Hunt Bible Study Divine Service

Requesting Prayers

Pray for Our Servicemen and Missionaries we support

†Devin Houser†Franklin LaLonde†Chris MacMurray†Jacob Gan†Anthony Isaac
†Laramie Yancey †Geoff Gronewold†
†Rev. Dr. David Preus & family (Romania)†Nathaniel & Emma Jensen (Kaiserslauten)†

Current Events

†Pray that we and the nations put away false gods, but know, trust, love, and follow Jesus
†Natural disasters recovery
†Prayers for Peace and Justice
†Prayer for Nation's Leaders and illness; prayer for the Lord to do His will through our local, state, and national elections
†Health Workers
†Educators & Students
†All new military visitors and families

Thanksgivings

†Dylan & Angie Cleeton – twins born in March
†Samantha
†Free Women's Center

COVID-19 Thanksgivings

†Thankfulness for Vaccine

Pregnancies

†Ethyn & Hanna Boorom – Due in July
†Geoff & Brittany Gronewold – Due in August
†Anthony & Nicki Isaac – Pregnant with twins, due in May
†Colin & Christine Strange – Due in August

Immediate Needs

†Marcia Euren
†George Garber
†Peggy Gregor
†Debra Helton
†Mary Jones
†Irene Leitgeb
†Tim Matthews
†JD Mattison
†Ingrid Ozee
†Renate Phillips
†Roberta Thornsberry
†Dave Wainio

Long Term Needs

†Sheri
†Ann Marie Boerner (Capps)
†The Boettger Family
†Barb BonGiovanni
†Dan Boorom
†Ray Crosby
†Duane Green
†Finnigan Heine
†Herb Houser
†Mary Jones
†Liz Joyce
†Marge Kohl
†Ken Merrill
†Sydney Merrill
†Jenny Miessler
†Clark Mullins
†Marion Munson
†Velda Myers
†Judy Neff
†Dwayne Richard
†Susan Rostad
†Helen Rostad
†Melvin Rust
†Pastor Ben Schumacher
†Ben Paul Schumacher
†Mary Smith
†Donna Thomas
†Becky Vogel
†Ron Weaver
†Jerome Welliver
†Lisa Weinhold
†Donna Wogan

Comfort Facing Death

†The Family of Karen Garber
†The Family of Sharon Greene
†The Family of Marian Kubinski
†The Family of Gisela Sundell