



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Good Friday
“The Cross”

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are really one worship service – continuing for three consecutive days. Historically these days are called the **Triduum** in Latin, simply meaning “the three days.” Our theme for this year’s services is: “The Cup – The Cross – The Crown.”

On this night, we focus on **The Cross**, the crucified Savior, and His life-giving death at Calvary. The cross is laid against the chancel area, symbolic of the fact that it was in the “holy of holies” that our salvation was “worked out” once for all. The liturgy is simple – an adaptation of the ancient Liturgy of the Cross. The simplicity of the worship emphasizes the stark and solemn nature of the day. There is, however, a hint of triumph in the service, for on this day Jesus died that we might live.

Note: this evening’s service begins and ends in silence. As all three services of Holy Week form one continuous service, there will be no invocation or benediction in this service, which stands at the crux of the other two. As we have come to reflect on the covenant which our Lord made – sealing it with His very life – may we be blessed to know that He has done it for us. There is no greater promise. There is no greater gift!

PRE-SERVICE “The Old Rugged Cross” (*Pianist: Karrie Kosakowski*)

As worshipers enter tonight’s service, you are invited to process forward toward the chancel, where a large wooden cross has been placed. Hammers and nails are provided. Adults assist children, and all worshipers are invited to contemplate Christ’s sacrifice by hammering individual nails into the crossbeams.

RINGING OF THE BELLS (*33 times for each year of our Lord’s earthly life.*)

OPENING SONG “At the Cross” (*Words & Music by Chris Tomlin*)

*Chorus: At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life,
I’m in awe of You; I’m in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red, and my sins washed white,
I owe it all to You, I owe it all to You ...
Jesus.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Now is the time of God's favor;

Congregation: Now is the day of salvation.

Pastor: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

Congregation: That the light of Your face may shine on us.

Pastor: May Your justice shine like the sun;

Congregation: And may the poor be lifted up.

Silence for self-examination.

CONFESSION

Pastor: Friends in Christ, we live in a sin-sick world. Unbelief and despair abound. We all would be in dire straits if it were not for the call of our gracious and merciful Father. Through His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus, He offers us forgive-ness and life in His name, a true Word of hope, which is still our great heritage. Let us, therefore, consecrate ourselves in prayer and service to the glory of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking His grace and forgiveness for our life in Him.

Pastor: O Lord, if our personal lives have become shallow,

Congregation: Deepen them.

Pastor: If our principles have become shabby,

Congregation: O Lord, repair them.

Pastor: If our loyalties have grown dim,

Congregation: O Lord, brighten them.

Pastor: If our values have become confused,

Congregation: O Lord, clarify them.

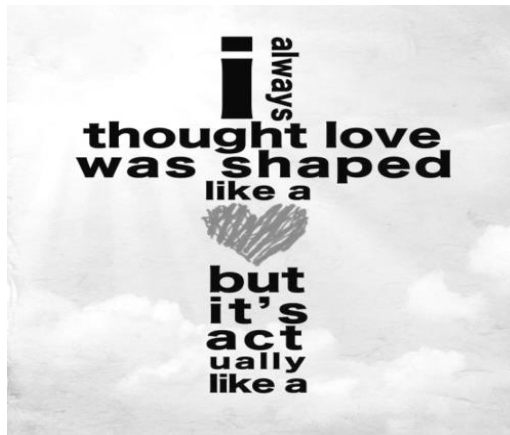
Pastor: If our purposes have become blurred,
Congregation: O Lord, sharpen them.

Pastor: If our hopes have become faded,
Congregation: O Lord, revive them.

Pastor: Redeemed of Jesus, we need not carry a burden of guilt, for Christ has lifted it. We need not be anxious about tomorrow, for God holds us in the palms of His scarred hands. We need not feel unequal to the task, for the Spirit of God lives within us.

Therefore, as a fellow redeemed of Jesus, by His command and in His stead, I announce to you the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, who willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross, and so remove from us the power of the adversary to accuse,

Congregation: Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion, that we may receive forgiveness for our sins, and salvation to eternal life for all who believe this Promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (*He was pierced for our transgression.*)

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.

53 Who has believed what He has 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.

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 pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with His wounds 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 guilt,
He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.



EPISTLE READING Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 (*Jesus the great High Priest.*)

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ...

⁷ In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. ⁸ Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "In Darkness Do I Wander" (*Douglas E. Wagner & Charlotte Lee*)

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JESUS' SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

THE FIRST WORD: Luke 23:34

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

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Our Savior Spoke with Seven Words"

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**Our Savior spoke with seven words as on the cross He died;
Through pain and sorrow echoed hope when He was crucified.
The first word His forgiveness gave to those who did Him ill;
And blessing like a river flowed from Calv'ry's holy hill.**

THE SECOND WORD: Luke 23:43

"I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Our Savior Spoke with Seven Words"

**The second word gave heaven's hope; the dying thief found peace –
For Jesus promised on this day His joy would never cease.
To meet His grieving mother's needs His third word did He share
And brought a new relationship for John and Mary there.**



THE THIRD WORD: John 19:26b

"Dear woman, here is your son ... Here is your mother."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"O Perfect Life of Love"

LSB 452, St. 1, 5-7



THE FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27:46

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

MEDITATION

"Our Savior Spoke with Seven Words"

**The fourth word from Christ's loneliness and desolation came
As sinking in abandonment He called His Father's name.
As for the sins of all He died, the Shepherd for the sheep,
His fifth word of His thirst He spoke to slake the sorrow deep.**

THE FIFTH WORD: John 19:28

"I thirst."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

LSB 451, St. 1, 3-4



THE SIXTH WORD: John 19:28

"It is finished."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Our Savior Spoke with Seven Words"

**The sixth word spoke of victory – His hours of passion done;
His finished work to God He gave as ever-faithful Son.
And with His labor at its end His last word came as prayer
Committing all He did and was to God's unending care.**



THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:46

"Father, into Your hands I commit my Spirit."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Our Savior Spoke with Seven Words"

**Our Savior spoke with seven words as on the cross He died
Through pain and sorrow echoed hope when He was crucified.
In garden tomb His body lay awaiting Easter day;
With resurrection hope may we yet follow in His way.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

For those desiring to leave an offering this evening, an offering plate will be placed in the narthex. You may leave your offering as you depart this evening's worship.

LITANY OF THE CROSS

Pastor: Jesus, Son of God and Redeemer of the world:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, sold by Judas for thirty pieces of silver:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, betrayed by a friend with a kiss:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, bound by the soldiers and forsaken by the disciples:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, accused by false witnesses:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, found guilty and sentenced to death:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, spat upon, blindfolded and struck on the face:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, denied three times by Peter:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, rejected in favor of Barabbas:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, whipped and bruised for our sins:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, covered with a scarlet robe and crowned with thorns:

Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, demanded for crucifixion by Your own
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, laden with the heavy weight of the cross:
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, stripped of Your garments and nailed to the cross.
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, declaring Yourself forsaken by the cross.
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, crying out in agony that it is finished:
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, pierced with spear and taken down from the cross:
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Jesus, laid in the tomb:
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world:
Congregation: Have mercy on us.

Pastor: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
Congregation: Grant us Your peace.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Prayed softly.)*

Pastor: Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**Congregation: 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.**

EXITING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

*The Christ candle is taken from the sanctuary as the lights are completely turned off. After a brief time, a loud noise (the **strepitus**) is heard, symbolizing the closing of the tomb, the earthquake at the time of Christ's death, and the "closing of the book" on Jesus' sacrifice and our sin.*

IT IS FINISHED

Pastor: For all the sins that ever were, and for all the sins that are, and for all the sins that ever will be – may they be nailed to the cross of Christ forever.

Congregation: Amen.

SOLO "Were You There" (Soloist: Mike Stewart)

The Christ candle is now returned to its place at the altar, symbolizing that our redemption is complete.

The pastor and worshipers leave the church in silence.

Those wishing to do so may stay as long as they wish for further meditation.

God's people gather again in "three days" to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. Services are at 6:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. A breakfast will be served following the Sunrise service with Bible class to follow at 9:00 a.m.

