



Lutheran Church & Christian School



Good Friday
“Seven Words of Life”
Noon

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Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS
FORGIVENESS.**

"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"

AS WE GATHER

The services of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are essentially 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: “Return to the Table ... the Cross ... the Empty Tomb”

In this worship service, we focus on the seven Words that Jesus spoke and prayed from the cross. Jesus had no epitaph. He left no legal Last Will & Testament. However, during our Savior’s final hours, He left us Words of great hope and mercy. From His first breath to His last, these seven simple sentences, uttered amidst suffering and complete surety, have sustained many a soul in their time of uncertainty and need. Jesus’ Words still beckons us, as He is given and shed “for you.” Therefore, welcome to today’s worship. Welcome to ... hope!

Note: this afternoon’s service 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 MUSIC

As worshipers enter today’s service, you are invited to proceed 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.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER “Father, Forgive Them” (Words & Music by Andrew Peterson)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord and Savior 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

O COME AND MOURN WITH ME A WHILE (*Public Domain words by Frederick Faber, Arr. by Eric Ashley © `999 Eric Ashely Music*)

1. Solo
2. Sev'n times He spake, sev'n words of love, and all three hours His silence cried
For mercy on the souls of men; Jesus our Lord is crucified.

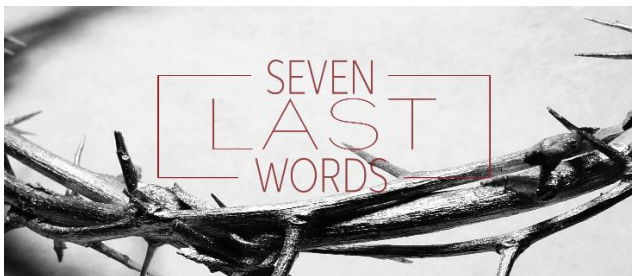
*Chorus: O love of God, O sin of man, in this dread act Your strength is tried,
And victory remains with love; Jesus our Lord is crucified.*

3. O break, O break hard heart of mine; Thy weak self love and guilty pride.
His Pilate and His Judas were; Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Chorus

4. A broken heart, a fount of tears, ask and they will not be denied;
A broken heart love's cradle is, Jesus our Lord is crucified.

Chorus & Repeat



THE FIRST WORD: Luke 23:34

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

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:1-3)



THE SECOND WORD: Luke 23:43

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

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:4-6)



THE THIRD WORD: John 19:26b

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

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:7-9)



THE FOURTH WORD: Matthew 27:46

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

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:10-12)



THE FIFTH WORD: John 19:28

"I thirst."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:13-15)



THE SIXTH WORD: John 19:30

"It is finished."

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:16-18)



THE SEVENTH WORD: Luke 23:46

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

MEDITATION

HYMN

"Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"
(LSB 447:19-21)

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (*Words & Music by Stuart Townend*
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1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.)*

People:	<p>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>
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BIDDING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we thank You that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to hold fast Your Word in hearts which You have cleansed that thereby we may be made strong in faith and perfect in holiness, and be comforted in both life and in death; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

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., with a breakfast served @ 7:30 a.m. and Bible class to follow @ 9:00 a.m.

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