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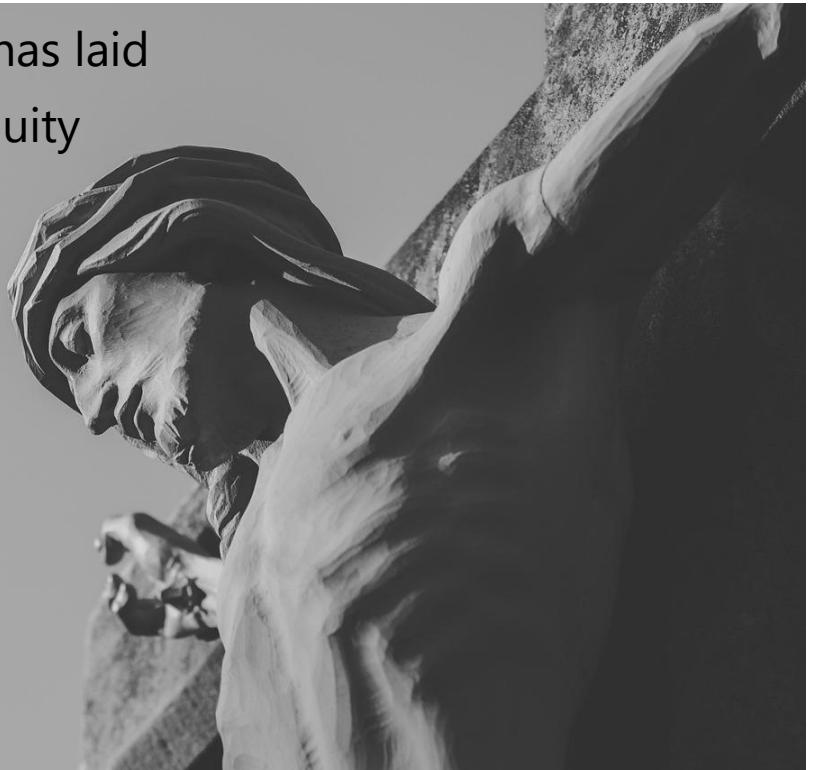
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Good Friday Tenebrae

And the LORD has laid  
on Him the iniquity  
of us all.



Isaiah 53:6b

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 22 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

**Welcome** (Pastor) - Good evening and welcome to our Good Friday Tenebrae service. *Tenebrae* is a Latin term meaning “*shadows, darkness.*” This service is an ancient form of worship dating from the fourth century. During this service the sanctuary is gradually darkened and the seven candles are gradually extinguished to remind us of the three hours of darkness which blanketed the earth during Christ’s crucifixion as He suffered the punishment of being forsaken by God for our sins. The darkness of Good Friday prepares us for the brilliant dawning of Jesus resurrection on Easter.

## **Invocation & Opening Prayer**

*We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD;

**C let my cry come to You!**

**P** Holy Father, on this day Your Son Jesus carried the burden of our sin to the cross, there to suffer and die for the darkness of our trespasses. Your love for us is so great that You sacrificed Your only Son in our place. He willingly took the guilt, pain, and punishment that we so rightfully deserve. The darkness of His death gives us the light of salvation through faith. For this we give You the praise, honor, and glory due Your most holy name.

**C Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn: 547 *The Lamb***

*LSB 547*

## **Responsive Reading**

***Isaiah 53 (selected verses – NKJV)***

*The responsive reading of selected verses of **Isaiah 53** a prophecy of the suffering and death of Christ Jesus for the sins of all people.*

**P** He is despised and rejected by men,

**C A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.**

**P** And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;

**C He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.**

**P** Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;

**C Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.**

**P** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;

**C The punishment for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.**

**P** All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;

**C And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

**P** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth;

**C He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.**

**P** He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation?

**C For He was cut off from the land of the living;  
For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.**

**P** And they made His grave with the wicked -- But with the rich at His death,

**C Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.**

**P** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring,

**C He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD  
shall prosper in His hand.**

**P** He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.

**C By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,  
For He shall bear their iniquities.**

**P** Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great,

**C And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
Because He poured out His soul unto death,**

**P** And He was numbered with the transgressors,

**C And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.**

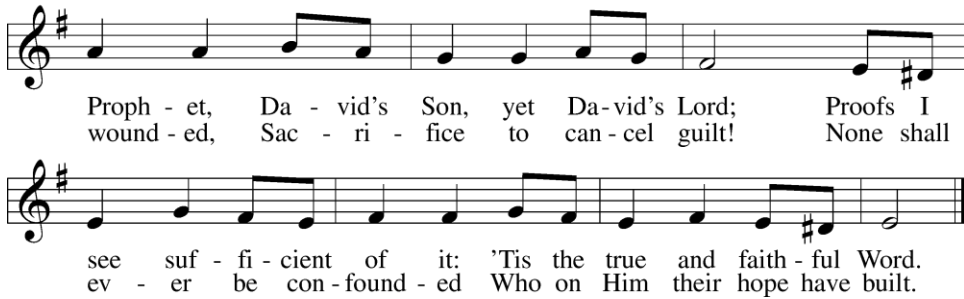
## Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** Let us now confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Gracious God, You know our frailty. You understand our weakness. You are acquainted with our failures. Though we have professed to believe, we betray our Lord by our actions. Though we have promised to follow, we deny Christ by our selfishness. Though we have vowed to be faithful, we desert our Savior by our own desires. We have lived for ourselves and abandoned those in need. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins, free us from all evil, and enable us to live for You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**
- P** God's Word tells us, that although we were "*dead in our trespasses...He has made us alive together with Him, having forgiven us all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross*" (Colossians 2:13-14). Now, with boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. May God give us grace to live according to His will.
- C** **Amen.**

### 451 v. 1, 4 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the  
tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the  
soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - spect - ed  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



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## THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS

### I. The Gospel: Mark 14:26-42 – *Gethsemane* (Reader: Jim Lisak)

Extinguishing of the first candle.

**Hymn: 436** *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

LSB 436

### II. The Gospel: Mark 14:43-65 – Betrayal and Arrest / Trial Before the Sanhedrin (Reader: James Schaser)

Extinguishing of the second candle.

**Confession of Faith: 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostle's Creed** (Luther's Catechism, Sydow p. 87)

**☩ "I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,  
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.  
He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,**

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**purchased and won me from all sin, from death,  
and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver,  
but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom,  
and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy;  
just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

**This is most certainly true!"**

**Hymn: "His Robes for Mine"**

CW21 568

1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!  
2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?

Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.  
God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.

Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.  
Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,

In Christ I live, for in my place he died.  
saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.

Refrain

I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:  
Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

- 3 His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.  
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.  
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!'"  
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won.**

Refrain

- 4 His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though his foe.  
He, as though, I accursed and left alone;  
I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home!**

Refrain

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Music: Greg Habegger, b. 1973

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### III. The Gospel: Mark 14:66-72 – The Courtyard (Reader: Jason Bailey)

Extinguishing of the third candle.

**Hymn: 450 v. 1, 3, 5-7 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

LSB 450 v. 1, 3, 5-7

### IV. The Gospel: Mark 15:1-20 – The Roman Trial / The Mocking of the Soldiers (Reader: Caleb Gerbitz)

Extinguishing of the fourth candle.

#### **Choir Song: “Last Words”**

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

Today you will be with me in paradise.

Behold your son, behold your mother.

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

I thirst.

It is finished.

Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit.

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

### V. The Gospel: Mark 15:21-32 – The Crucifixion (Reader: Paul Tiefel)

Extinguishing of the fifth candle.



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## **VI. The Gospel: Mark 15:33 – The Darkness**

- P** Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

**Extinguishing of sanctuary Lights.**

**A minute of silence.**

## **VII. The Gospel: Mark 15:34-41 – Christ's Death** (Reader: Philip Reim)

Extinguishing of the sixth candle.

## **VIII. The Gospel: Mark 15:42-47 – Jesus' Burial** (Reader: Erik Nelson)

Extinguishing of the seventh candle.

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** Go now into the darkness of night. Though we walk in darkness,  
we are not forsaken. We are led by the hand of God.  
May the love of God the Father calm your fears.  
May the grace of our Lord Jesus keep you through the night.  
May the presence of the Holy Spirit sustain you throughout your life.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

(The congregation softly speaks the Lord's Prayer)

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 209*

- G** **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.**

**THE PASSION HISTORY OF CHRIST - Part 7**  
**"The Events Surrounding the Death and Burial of Our Lord"**  
(Pastor)

**The Sealing of the Tomb**

**Tolling of the Bell 33 Times**

✝ *In observance of our Savior's death,*  
*worshippers are asked to leave the service quietly.* ✝

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**Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this evening.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.



Sunday: *Easter Sunday – Resurrection Day*  
4/20/25 **Worship – 9am**  
**Easter Brunch – 10:15am**

Church Cleaning: Team #4 (4/19-4/25)

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