

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR
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Good Friday
March 29, 2024
7:00 pm

Please stand

INVOCATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Please be seated

THE FIRST WORD

Prophecy: Psalm 22:7, 8, 17, 18

History: Luke 23:32-38

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: RED #339 *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

THE SECOND WORD

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:8-11

History: Luke 23:39-43

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: RED #349 *Ah, Holy Jesus*

THE THIRD WORD

Prophecy: Exodus 20:12

History: John 19:25-27

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: RED #338 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

THE FOURTH WORD

Prophecy: Psalm 22:1-5

History: Matthew 27:45-49

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: RED #337 *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

THE FIFTH WORD

Prophecy: Psalm 69:20-21

History: John 19:28-29

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: RED #347 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

THE SIXTH WORD

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:3-4

History: John 19:30

Silence for Meditation

Hymn: RED #351 *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

THE SEVENTH WORD

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:5-6

History: Luke 23:44-48

Silence for Meditation

Solo: *Were You There*

Silent Reflection & Departure

The Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) is one of the oldest devotional services in Christendom.

This service is a series of scripture readings, hymns, and prayers designed to call attention to the fact that we have been accomplices to the sufferings of Christ and yet have received his abundant love and mercy.

Each stage of this fearsome experience is marked by the progressive dimming of lights until a darkened church bears witness to the ultimate consequences of human sinfulness. But the apparent victory of sin is never realized for the candle which remains at the end of the service reminds us that he who died in our stead will come down to our lowest levels of despair and draw us once more unto Himself.

In order that this period of worship be an effective one, bear in mind these things:

- 1) There will be no sermon, no offering, and no announcements once the service has begun.
- 2) The organ serves as support to the singing.
- 3) Worshippers should refrain from all conversation until they have left the church. The pastor will not greet you at the door.
- 4) It is understood that in the increasing darkness, not everyone will be able to participate in the singing of the hymns. But this too is symbolic--for they all forsook him and fled.
- 5) The church will not be re-lighted at the end of the service. Leave silently **after the pastor exits.**

ASSISTING

Reader John Zimmerman
Usher Penny & John Zimmerman
Soloist Mitchell Sensenig

Mission Statement

Our Saviour Lutheran Church, a caring congregation dedicated to the word of Christ welcomes all people to worship and grow with us as we share His love and salvation with our neighbors, our children and ourselves.

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