



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP

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Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

We are so glad that you joined us to worship our Lord Jesus today, and welcome to our church! Christ is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We have been gathering around Word and sacrament since 1976. Our pastor would be happy to answer your questions about our service, our beliefs, or communicant membership in our congregation. Please join us again soon!

Our restrooms are located by going to the right out of the sanctuary doors and proceeding down the hallway. They are at the end of the hallway on the right. There is also a **family restroom** with a changing station out the sanctuary doors to the left and around the corner.

We love hearing little ones in God's house but if you feel like your child needs a moment there are speakers to hear the service as well as books and toys in the entryway

Our guest register is located in the entryway. Please leave us a record of your visit and we will be glad to supply you with more information about our church.

The **Tenebrae** or "Darkness" service centers on the crucifixion of the Lamb of God, our Savior, Jesus Christ. This year's service recalls God's Holy Law, which he expects all people to obey. Our lessons also remind us of God's desire to save those who fall short and fail to keep his laws; a desire which was fulfilled through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As the service proceeds throughout the readings and the hymns, the lights will slowly be turned off as the candles are extinguished. At the end of the service the church will be left in "tenebrae" for quiet meditation. The beauty of this ancient service is found in its symbolism: the darkness represents the curse of death which rested upon Jesus because of our sins, the flickering candles represent the waning life of Jesus, the removal of the last candle represents the moment of Christ's death, and the return of this candle represents the sure hope of Jesus' resurrection on the third day.

We will conclude this service with the "**strepitus.**" The strepitus, Latin for "crash," is an awesome reminder of Jesus' death and the part our sins played. It echoes several scriptural sounds: the final cries of Jesus, the earthquake at his death (Matt. 27:46-53), the shutting of his tomb, and the second earthquake at his rising (Matt. 28:2). Following this, the Christ candle will be returned, still burning, to its place, reminding us that Christ will not remain dead but victoriously rise Easter morning.

Please remember, this service is intended to be connected to Maundy Thursday and the Festival of the Resurrection. It is intended to end in quiet reflection (consider having a half hour or so of "quiet time" following the service) as we prepare our hearts with eagerness for Easter Sunday.

Service Introduction – Pastor Sam Biebert

A reading from the Gospel of St. John:

John 19:17-30

¹⁷Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

²⁰Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

²¹So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’”

²²Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

²³When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

²⁵Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

Hymn – “A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth” (#100 in Red Hymnal)

PSALM 2:

L: The Kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. Why do the nations conspire

C: And the peoples plot in vain?

L: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

C: Against the Lord and against his Anointed One.

L: "Let us break their chains," they say,

C: "And throw off their fetters."

L: The one enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: The Lord scoffs at them.

L: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

L: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD;

C: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father.

L: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

C: The ends of the earth your possession.

L: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

C: You will dash them to pieces like pottery."

L: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

C: Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

L: Serve the LORD with fear

C: And rejoice with trembling.

L: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

L: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

THE FIRST CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION



PSALM 22:1-21

L: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?

L: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer,

C: By night, and am not silent.

L: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;

C: You are the praise of Israel.

L: In you our fathers put their trust;

C: They trusted and you delivered them.

L: They cried to you and were saved;

C: In you they trusted and were not disappointed.

L: But I am a worm and not a man,

C: Scorned by men and despised by the people.

L: All who see me mock me;

C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads:

L: "He trusts in the LORD," they say, "let the LORD rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

L: Yet you brought me out of the womb;

C: you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

L: From birth I was cast on you;

C: from my mother's womb you have been my God.

L: Do not be far from me,

C: for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

L: Many bulls surround me;

C: strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

L: Roaring lions that tear their prey

C: open their mouths wide against me.

L: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

C: My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

L: My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: you lay me in the dust of death.

L: Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;

C: they pierce my hands and my feet.

L: All my bones are on display;

C: people stare and gloat over me.

L: They divide my clothes among them

C: and cast lots for my garment.

L: But you, LORD, do not be far from me.

C: You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

L: Deliver me from the sword,

C: my precious life from the power of the dogs.

L: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

C: save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

L: They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

**THE SECOND CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.
SILENCE FOR MEDITATION**



Psalm 27

L: (Antiphon) False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear

C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

L: When the wicked advance against me to devour me,

C: it is my enemies and my foes who will stumble and fall.

L: Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear;

C: though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

L: One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek:

C: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

L: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

C: he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

L: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

C: at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

L: Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

C: be merciful to me and answer me.

L: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

C: Your face, LORD, I will seek.

L: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

C: Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior.

L: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: the LORD will receive me.

L: Teach me your way, LORD;

C: lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.

L: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

C: for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations.

L: I remain confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

L: Wait for the LORD;

C: be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

L: (Antiphon) False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

THE THIRD CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION



A Reading From Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found! Call on him while he is near!

⁷Let the wicked man abandon his way. Let an evil man abandon his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will show him mercy. Let him turn to our God, because he will abundantly pardon.

⁸Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.

¹⁰Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky and do not return there unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout, so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth will not return to me empty. Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please, and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

Soloist – “My Worth Is Not in What I Own”

THE FOURTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION



A reading from the lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet

Lamentations 1:1-14

How deserted lies the city, once so full of people! How like a widow is she, who once was great among the nations! She who was queen among the provinces has now become a slave. ² Bitterly she weeps at night, tears are on her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no one to comfort her. All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. ³ After affliction and harsh labor, Judah has gone into exile. She dwells among the nations; she finds no resting place. All who pursue her have overtaken her in the midst of her distress. ⁴ The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to her appointed festivals. All her gateways are desolate, her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she is in bitter anguish. ⁵ Her foes have become her masters; her enemies are at ease. The LORD has brought her grief because of her many sins. Her children have gone into exile, captive before the foe.

C: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

HYMN – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” v.1 (#268 in Red Hymnal)

⁶ All the splendor has departed from Daughter Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer. ⁷ In the days of her affliction and wandering Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old. When her people fell into enemy hands, there was no one to help her. Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction. ⁸ Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean. All who honored her despise her, for they have all seen her naked; she herself groans and turns away. ⁹ Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future. Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her. “Look, LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed.”

C: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

HYMN – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” v.2 (#268 in Red Hymnal)

¹⁰ The enemy laid hands on all her treasures; she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—those you had forbidden to enter your assembly. ¹¹ All her people groan as they search for bread; they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive. “Look, LORD, and consider, for I am despised.” ¹² “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the LORD brought on me in the day of his fierce anger? ¹³ “From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones. He spread a net

for my feet and turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day long.
¹⁴ “My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together. They have been hung on my neck, and the Lord has sapped my strength. He has given me into the hands of those I cannot withstand.

C: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

HYMN – “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” v.3 (#268 in Red Hymnal)

Sermon on Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Theme: “A Holy Week: His Punishment, Our Peace”

¹³ Look, my servant will succeed.

He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as many were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,
and his form was disfigured more than any other person—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him,

because they will see something they had never been told before,
and they will understand something they had never heard before.

Who has believed our report,

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot

and like a root from dry ground.

He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by men,

a man who knew grief,

who was well acquainted with suffering.

Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at,

he was despised,

and we thought nothing of him.

⁴ Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,

and he was carrying our sufferings.

We thought it was because of God

that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,

⁵ but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced.

He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.

The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all have gone astray like sheep.

Each of us has turned to his own way,
but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth.

Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers,
he did not open his mouth.

⁸He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice,
and of his generation, who even cared?

So, he was cut off from the land of the living.

He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.

⁹They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,
because he had done no violence,
and no deceit was in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and to allow him to suffer.

Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will prolong his days,

and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

¹¹After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.

He will provide satisfaction.

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,
for he himself carried their guilt.

¹²Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great,

and with the strong he will share plunder,

because he poured out his life to death,

and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners.

He himself carried the sin of many,

and he intercedes for the rebels.

Response – "Song of Mary" (pg. 57 in front of Red Hymnal)

THE FIFTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.

SILENCE FOR MEDITATION



The SENTENCE: (Said Together)

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name.

LORD'S PRAYER

Luke 11:1-4; Matthew 6:9-13

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.

SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 51

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. ¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered

whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

THE SIXTH CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED.

THE SEVENTH CANDLE IS CARRIED FROM THE CHANCEL



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn – “The Lamb” vs.1-4 (#714 in the Blue Hymnal)

- **SILENCE FOR MEDITATION**
- **STREPITUS** (SEVENTH CANDLE RETURNED FOLLOWING THE STREPITUS)



- **SILENCE FOR MEDITATION**

PSALM 88

(OPTION TO AID IN PERSONAL MEDITATION)

- ¹O LORD, the God who saves me, by day I cry out. At night I cry before you.
- ²May my prayer come before you. Turn your ear to my cry.
- ³Indeed, my soul has had its fill of troubles, and my life has arrived at the grave.
- ⁴I am treated like those who go down to the pit. I am like someone without strength.
- ⁵I am turned loose with the dead. I am like the slain who lie in the grave, like the ones you do not remember anymore, like those who are cut off from your hand.
- ⁶You have put me in the lowest pit, in dark places, in the depths.
- ⁷Your wrath presses against me. You have battered me with all your breakers.

⁸ You have distanced my acquaintances from me. You have made me repulsive to them. I am shut in and I cannot get out.

⁹ My eyesight grows dim from affliction. I call to you, O LORD, every day. I spread out my hands to you.

¹⁰ Is it for the dead that you do a miracle? Do the spirits of the dead rise up and praise you?

¹¹ Is your mercy declared in the tomb, your faithfulness in decay?

¹² Is your wonderful work known in the darkness? Is your righteousness known in the land of forgetfulness?

¹³ But I cry to you, O LORD, and in the morning my prayer comes before you.

¹⁴ Why, O LORD, do you reject my soul? Why do you hide your face from me?

¹⁵ I have been afflicted and I have been close to death since my youth. I have endured your terrors. I am in despair.

¹⁶ Your rage has swept over me. Your terrors have destroyed me.

¹⁷ All day long they surround me like water. They have battered me completely.

¹⁸ You have distanced my loved one and friend from me. My only friend is darkness.

JOIN US FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THIS SERVICE ON EASTER SUNDAY!

Easter Services:

6:30am and 9:00am

Easter Breakfast following the Sunrise Service

Thank you to our musicians who helped beautify our worship service.

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