

# GOOD FRIDAY



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**In reverence for the awesome events we observe today, please maintain the discipline of silence for meditation upon the fulfillment of our Lord's saving mission.**

**(PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IN PREPARATION FOR THE SERVICE.)**

**TENEBRAE** is a Latin word meaning "shadows" or "darkness". It is the name given to the ancient Offices recited on the last three days of Holy Week, as all lamps were extinguished from Maundy Thursday to Holy Saturday. The mood of this Service is most **solemn**, encouraging the worshipper to **deeply reflect** upon his or her own life in light of the Passion of our Lord for us. This service uses word and action to impress upon our minds and hearts the awful consequence of our sin and the magnitude of our Savior's loving sacrifice. The unique feature of **TENEBRAE** is the gradual extinction of all the light [candles] except the Christ-candle. The darkened church reminds us of the darkness which covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross, the darkness which even now covers the people who reject the Son of God, and the gradual expiration and death of our Savior. The Christ-candle is **not** extinguished but removed from the chancel and hidden for a short period of time, just as Christ's body was hidden in grave for three days. The ceremony is symbolic of the apparent victory of the powers of darkness over the Lord in His Passion. A loud noise, termed the *strepitus*, indicates the closing of the tomb, reminding us that Jesus, now resting in the tomb, has completed the work of salvation. The return of the light anticipates the hope we have in the Light of the World, Who rises, nevermore to die. Even though we depart in silent darkness, we anticipate the triumph of the Light, casting hope through the gloom of **GOOD FRIDAY**.

**PASTORAL WELCOME / RINGING OF THE BELL**

## OPENING HYMN

### *In Silent Pain the Eternal Son* LSB 432



1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;  
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ-teous-ness;  
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark-ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.  
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.  
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang-est vic - to - ry,  
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;  
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car-ries all our ill.  
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.  
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

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## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our hearts are heavy today, as we worship our crucified Lord.

**C** **He lived among us because of our sins.**

**P** We watch with horror as we see Him hanging on the cross.

**C** **He died because of our sins.**

P We cry out to you, dear God, as we find ourselves surrounded by the darkness of sin.

**C Help us to examine our lives in the light of Your holy law that we may see ourselves as we truly are by nature.**

P Holy Father, we come earnestly desiring the righteousness achieved by the sacrifice of Your Son.

**C Help us see ourselves as You now see us, robed in Christ's righteousness, which is ours by grace through faith in Jesus.**

### **PSALM 22**

P My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning?

**C O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.**

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.**

To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

**But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people.**

All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads;

**“He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”**

Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts.

**On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.**

Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

**Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening, roaring lion.

**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death.

**For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—**

I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

**they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.**

But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid!

**Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog!**

Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!

**I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:**

You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

**For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

**Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it. *(ESV)*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.**

## **THE PRAYER**

**Almighty and everlasting God, who has willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross that You might remove from us the power of the adversary, help us to remember and give thanks for our Lord's Passion that we may obtain remission of sins and redemption from everlasting death; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.**

# SERMON HYMN

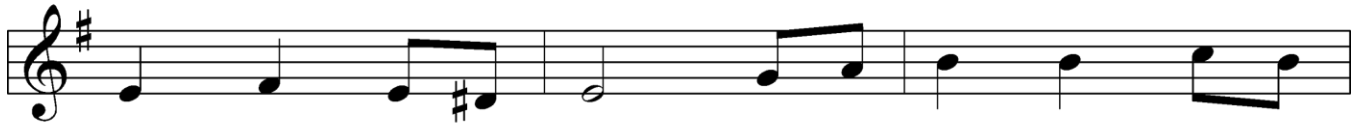
## *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
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  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## **SERMON TEXT**

*ISAIAH 55:6-11*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

## **SERMON THEME:**

**“THE WORD OF THE LORD RETURNS WITH SUCCESS”**

## **SEVEN WORDS OF THE CROSS**

### **FIRST WORD**

*Luke 23:34*

<sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be* LSB 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

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**SECOND WORD**

*Luke 23:39-43*

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

## Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain LSB 435



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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### THIRD WORD

*John 19:26-27*

<sup>26</sup> When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!”

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

#### *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes* LSB 447



7 Je - sus, lov - ing to the end Her whose heart Your  
8 May we in Your sor - rows share, For Your sake all  
9 May we all Your loved ones be, All one ho - ly



sor - rows rend, And Your dear - est hu - man friend:  
per - il dare, And en - joy Your ten - der care:  
fam - i - ly, Lov - ing, since Your love we see:



Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.  
Hear us, ho - ly Je - sus.

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### FOURTH WORD

*Mark 15:34*

<sup>34</sup> And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

#### *Jesus, in Your Dying Woes* LSB 447

10 Jesus, whelmed in fears unknown,  
With our evil left alone,  
While no light from heav'n is shown:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

11 When we seem in vain to pray  
And our hope seems far away,  
In the darkness be our stay:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

12 Though no Father seem to hear,  
Though no light our spirits cheer,  
May we know that God is near:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

## FIFTH WORD

*John 19:28-29*

<sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." <sup>29</sup> A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

*Jesus, in Your Dying Woes* LSB 447

13 Jesus, in Your thirst and pain,  
While Your wounds Your lifeblood drain,  
Thirsting more our love to gain:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

14 Thirst for us in mercy still;  
All Your holy work fulfill;  
Satisfy Your loving will:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

15 May we thirst Your love to know.  
Lead us in our sin and woe  
Where the healing waters flow:  
Hear us, holy Jesus.

## SIXTH WORD

*John 19:30*

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

### *O Perfect Life of Love* LSB 452



1 O per - fect life of love! All, all, is fin - ished now,  
2 No work is left un - done Of all the Fa - ther willed;  
4 And on His thorn - crowned head And on His sin - less soul  
5 In per - fect love He dies; For me He dies, for me.  
7 Yet work, O Lord, in me As Thou for me hast wrought;



All that He left His throne a - bove To do for us be - low.  
His toil, His sor - rows, one by one, The Scrip - tures have ful - filled.  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid That He might make us whole.  
O all - a - ton - ing Sac - ri - fice, I cling by faith to Thee.  
And let my love the an - swer be To grace Thy love has brought.

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## SEVENTH WORD

*Luke 23:46*

46 Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last.

## O Sacred Head, Now Wounded LSB 450



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
5 What lan - guage shall I bor - row To thank Thee, dear - est Friend,



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
For this Thy dy - ing sor - row, Thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
O make me Thine for - ev - er! And should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, Out - live my love for Thee.

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## **THE DEPARTURE OF THE CHRIST-CANDLE**

### **THE CLOSING OF THE TOMB**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Remember us in Thy kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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 RETURN OF THE CHRIST-CANDLE**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

P In our grief we go forth now, to meditate, to witness, and to serve. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The BENEDICTION is not pronounced at this service as the events from Maundy Thursday to the Resurrection were celebrated by early Christians as one festival over these days. The congregation leaves in silence following the Pastor. Please join us on the third day **(10:00 AM Sunday)** as we complete the Paschal festival and celebrate God's acceptance and affirmation of His Son's saving work. During that service the lit candles will signify the victory won by the Light of the World.

## THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- Sunday**      **10 AM**              **Chapel Worship**  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64 (Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- 11 AM**              **Roman Catholic Mass**  
*Channel 45 and 59*
- Monday**      **1:30 PM**              **Rosary**  
                  **2:00 PM**              **Roman Catholic Mass in the Chapel**  
*Hosted by Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- Wednesday** **10 AM**              **Bible Study on Romans**  
*Nursing Home residents meet in person in the Event Center.*
- 2 PM**              **Bible Study on Romans**  
*Apartment and Patio Home residents meet in the Chapel.*  
*Also broadcast on Channel 64(Nursing Home)/Channel 900(Apartments)*
- 3: 30 PM**              **Memory Cottage Worship**

### ALL ARE WELCOME.

*Please join us for the Worship Services and other Spiritual Programs.  
Attendance at Worship and other events **in The Chapel** is determined by  
Official Government Regulations for Health Care Facilities.  
**This Schedule is subject (and likely) to change at any time.***

### Offerings

*Your gifts and offerings in support of the ministry of the Gospel at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are welcome and appreciated. Please place them in the basket at the entrance to the chapel as you arrive or leave.*

*Receivers are available to amplify the sound system during services. Please tune to channel 3 and adjust volume as needed.*

*Those interested in membership in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd are asked to speak with the pastor.*