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Our mission is to

Glorify God

as we

Gather

around the Gospel

to help people

Grow

in the **Gospel**

and

Go

with the **Gospel**

Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

April 18, 2025
Good Friday: Tenebrae

The Triduum (TRID-oo-um, “three days”) refers to the time from worship on Maundy Thursday until the final worship of Easter Day. The “Three Holy Days” of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire church year. It is over these days – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter – that we celebrate God’s redeeming love in the dying and rising of his Son, Jesus, and still see that love today. The Triduum is a single celebration. Once we have begun the Triduum on Maundy Thursday, we do not “leave” it until Easter Sunday. It is one continuous celebration of dying and rising, with Christ.

Tenebrae The word *tenebrae* means “darkness” and refers to a worship service in which the progressive extinguishing of candles represent the approaching death of Christ. The Tenebrae service is one of prolonged meditation of the suffering of Christ. The service is divided into seven chief parts. At the end of each part the sanctuary will become darker. At the end of the service, the church will be very dark. No offering will be taken during the service. As you leave in silence you may place your offering in the basket in the back of the church.

Service of Seven Words

The Three Holy Days of Christendom continue on Good Friday with a service that focuses our attention on the words Christ spoke while on the cross. In these words we see the depth of our Savior’s suffering as well as the depth of his love for us.

Rite of Nails and Cross This year we will use a visual to help us contemplate the love of Jesus on the cross. All who wish to do so will be invited to come forward and place a nail in the cross on the main floor of church. The nail has a red ribbon attached to remind us that it was our sins that caused Jesus to shed his blood. This truth pains us. This truth causes us joy because Jesus’ life and death is the sacrifice that paid for the guilt of our sins and the sins of the whole world.

Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) and warns there are dangers in taking the Lord’s Supper in an improper way (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), we practice close communion. WELS, ELS, and members of other churches around the world who are in fellowship with WELS are welcome to commune with us. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member and communing with us in the future, please speak to pastor or an usher.

The minister enters in silence. Silence for self-examination.

Stand

Confession of Sins

M: Lord God, Heavenly Father, we acknowledge the immensity of our guilt. We can offer you nothing to remove these sins. We are unworthy of all your grace. Yet in your grace we have confidence. Through the life and death of Jesus Christ we cry out to you in the full assurance of faith,

C: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God has had mercy on you, on me, and on the entire world. Jesus' holiness is ours by faith. His death was the punishment for all sin. In Christ, you are a forgiven child of God.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus, Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Communion

Please remember to register for communion using the sheets in the back of the church, elder's room or the sacristy room and in the basement. 2 individual cups of white grape juice are available in each tray for those who prefer/need to have a nonalcohol alternative to wine. Gluten free wafers are also available. Hold your hand palm down to let the server know you would like the gluten free wafer.

Distribution

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Distribution Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This CW 526



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse
down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,
free, I'll sing his love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1835, ed. William Walker
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Distribution Hymn

Were You There CW 426



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh,
there when they nailed him to the tree? Oh,
there when they laid him in the tomb? Oh,



some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Text: African-American spiritual, 19th cent., abr.

Tune: African-American spiritual, 19th cent., alt.

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Rite of Nails and Cross

M: The cross is a confusion for us.

C: **There is mystery in the cross.**

M: The cross is a paradox which we do not understand.

C: **There is mystery in the cross.**

M: We see the weakness of a dying man on the cross:

C: **Yet we acknowledge the power of the living Lord upon the cross.**

M: We see the life of Jesus draining out of him on the cross:

C: **Yet we acknowledge the reconciliation of the world through it.**

M: We see a servant on the cross:

C: **Yet we acknowledge him as Lord.**

M: There is mystery in the cross:

C: And great joy.

M: The cross is a confusion for us.

C: And life and peace and hope.

M: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless your saving name:

C: Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world. Amen.

If you wish to place a nail in the cross please come up the middle aisle and return to your seat down the outside aisle. There are holes in the cross in which you may place your nail. As you take a nail from the tray the minister will speak the words, "Pierced for you."

Hymn (congregation)

As The Nails by Ben Ott

1. As the nails the soldiers struck
Held my Lord upon the tree
Satan surely ran amuck
Thinking he had victory
While the world in darkness fell
Sorrow that words can not tell
2. It was me and my own sin
That caused Christ my Lord to die
It was all my thoughts within
That were focused all on "I"
All the times I broke His laws
All my dark and hidden flaws
3. It was love not sin or nails
That held Christ upon the tree
Love that for us never fails
Matchless love that set us free
Love to us by Spirit given
Bids our fears away be driven
4. When I look upon the cross
Where the world sees pain and loss
I see life and hope and love
From our Father up above
Who sent Christ His only Son
To make right what I have done

The candles are lit.

First Word

Luke 23:32-34

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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

C: They pierce my hands and my feet.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: and cast lots for my clothing.

M: He bore the sin of many,

C: **and made intercession for the transgressors.**

(Psalm 22:16,18; Isaiah 53:12)

The first candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

M: Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn

The Seven Words CW 436:1

1 Their nails were fresh - ly driv - en, their ha - tred
clear - ly shown, when, "Let them be for - giv - en,"
was heard at heav - en's throne. Your en - e - mies, O
Je - sus, you loved be - yond de - gree, a love so
pure and pre - cious it e - ven par - doned me.

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Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, 1546–1612

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³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

M: All who see me mock me;

C: They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

M: “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.

C: and cast lots for my clothing. *Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.*”

M: Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

C: Come to my aid when you save them.

(Psalm 22:7,8; Psalm 106:4)

The second candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

M: Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

C: Amen.

Hymn

The Seven Words CW 436:2

2 On you, my King, depending,
 I’m rid of all my sins!
 My final day here ending,
 my first in heav’n begins.
 As you have truly spoken,
 in paradise I’ll be,
 with you in bliss unbroken—
 you will remember me.

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," ²⁷and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

M: This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,

C: and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

M: so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

C: And a sword will pierce your own soul too.

M: Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?

**C: Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother.**

(Luke 2:34,35; Matthew 12:48,50)

The third candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

M: Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls.
Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain
safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

C: Amen.

Hymn

The Seven Words CW 436:3

3 A Savior like no other,
all self-concern denied,
you served your grieving mother
while you were crucified.
My sin had made me filthy,
but you, the perfect child,
were designated guilty,
and I am reconciled.

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

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

C: by night, but I find no rest.

M: “In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon

C: and darken the earth in broad daylight.” *(Psalm 22:1,2; Amos 8:9)*

The fourth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

M: Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

C: Amen.

Hymn*The Seven Words CW 436:4*

4 Condemned, cut off, forsaken,
outside the Father’s care,
by terror overtaken,
no ear would hear your prayer.
On you God’s wrath was vented,
on you his fury fell,
when, on the cross tormented,
you took my place in hell.

²⁸After this, when he knew that all things necessary for the Scripture to be fulfilled had now been accomplished, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

M: 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.

M: I am worn out calling for help;

C: my throat is parched.

M: They put gall in my food

C: and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

(Psalm 22:15; Psalm 69:3,21)

The fifth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

M: Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

C: Amen.

Hymn

The Seven Words CW 436:5

5 My Lord, in death's dark valley,
both soul and body drained,
one drink would help you rally
what little strength remained
to raise your voice in vict'ry,
to sound your foe's defeat—
the highest point in hist'ry—
my rescue was complete.

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

M: On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

C: to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

M: Because of the blood of my covenant with you,

C: I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

M: I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

**C: I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.** (*Zechariah 13:1; 9:11; 3:9; Jeremiah 31:34*)

The sixth candle is extinguished.

Silence for meditation.

M: Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

C: Amen.

Hymn

The Seven Words CW 436:6

6 Though sin's most lethal wages
to me, O Christ, were due,
the guilt of all the ages
came crashing down on you.
Most surely, "It is finished"—
my debt is fully paid;
my joy is undiminished;
my heart is unafraid.

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

M: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

M: He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;

C: he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

M: He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

C: He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

and will remember their sins no more. (Psalm 31:5, Psalm 22:24; Isaiah 53:12)

Hymn

The Seven Words CW 436:7

7 My death will be triumphant
 no matter how I die;
 Lord Jesus, in that instant
 escort my soul on high
 into my Father's keeping,
 all-blameless and all-blest,
 like waking up from sleeping,
 his hands my place of rest.

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel.

Silence for meditation.

M: Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

C: Amen.

Choir

Within the Shadow of the Cross

Within the shadow of the cross he stood on Calvary:
A little boy, alone and lost, a little child like me.
Within the shadow of the cross he turned and raised his eyes.
He wondered who this stranger was; why did He have to die?

By Don Besig and Nancy Price
1986 Harold Flammer Music (division of Shawnee Press)

The angry mob cried out with scorn; they showed no shame nor grief,
But silence fell upon them as the man began to speak.
Although His voice was faint and weak, the words were clear and true;
“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Within the shadow of the cross the child began to cry.
He felt the pain; he felt a loss; he watched the stranger die.
Then all at once the air was cold, the sky was dark and gray;
And those who watched were filled with fear, they turned and went away.
But through the storm the child remained; his fears were all but gone.
Now he knew the answer: he had felt the touch of God!

Within the shadow of the cross he knelt on Calvary, no longer alone,
No longer lost, a child of God like you and me.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Silence for meditation.

A loud noise, the Strepitus, representing the opening of Christ's tomb is heard and the seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel.

Silence for meditation.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Amen.

The minister exits the chancel.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

The service concludes with no blessing or postlude because Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter are one continuous service of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection

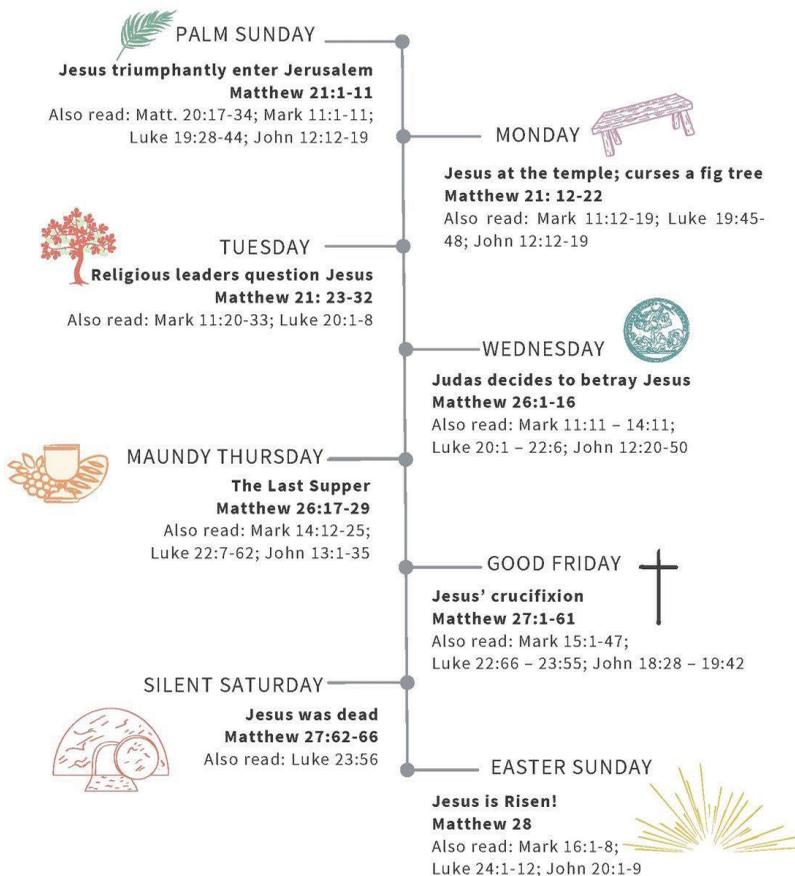
Offerings may be placed in the baskets in the back of church as you leave.

The Three Holy Days continues Saturday with Easter Vigil worship with Communion at 8:00 p.m. Easter Festival worship with communion is Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Communion Register Please let us know you participated in the Lord's Supper by signing the communion register. Sheets are located in the back of church, in the scarcity, in the elder's room, and in the basement.

HOLY WEEK: A TIMELINE

Chronological Bible Reading Plan



PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

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