

# Good Friday

Friday, April 3, 2026 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, WI

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**Helping people make life-changing connections with God  
through Jesus Christ.**

## Good Friday Tenebrae

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### Notes for Worship

- Hymnals: ELW: cranberry ACS purple.
- We invite children of all ages to be in worship with us. Children are welcome to use the Pray-Ground in front of the church on the piano side as a comfortable space to experience worship. If you feel your child(ren) are being too disruptive, you are welcome to move into the Chapel.

### *About Tonight's Service*

*Tonight's Tenebrae service is built around the story of the Passion in the book of John. A service of Tenebrae typically dims the lights and extinguishes candles as the service progresses.*

*After each reading a musical reflection will occur. This may be a hymn sung by the congregation, an anthem sung by the choir, or a piece of music played on the organ.*

*Near the end of worship, we hear the tomb being closed shut and we exit in silence.*

*We then come together again on Easter Sunday.*

*We gather in silence.*

### OPENING WORDS

On this Good Friday, we contemplate the good news of the cross: how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to embrace a world of suffering and sin; how Christ our Lord stretched out his arms to save us.

Come and see the beloved Son of God.

**He is high and lifted up.**

Come and see the Ruler of the nations.

**He is high and lifted up.**

Come and see the Savior of the world.

**He is high and lifted up – upon a cross.**



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
 2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
 3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
 4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
 5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
 A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
 when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, ... lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

### OFFERING *Herzliebster Jesu*

Helmut Walcha

*Good Friday emphasizes the offering of Christ for us.*

*In keeping with the mood of the day, the offering will not be presented at the altar.*

### BIDDING PRAYER

*The assembly kneels or sits. A minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid. The presiding minister leads the prayers that conclude the silence.*

Almighty and eternal God, ... We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## *A Service of Tenebrae*

### READING

John 18:1-11

HYMN *There in God's Garden*

ELW 342

st. 1 - high voices

st. 2 - all

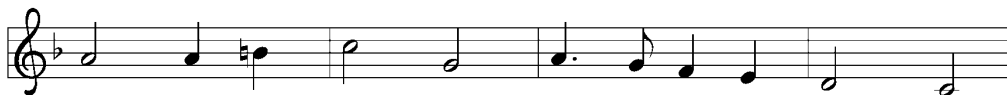
st. 3 - low voices

st. 4 - choir

st. 5 & 6 - all



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

*The first candle is extinguished.*

READING

John 18:12-27

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

setting, David Cherwien

*The second candle is extinguished.*

READING

John 18:28-19:16a

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Ah, Holy Jesus*

arr. Carolyn Jennings

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,  
that man to judge thee hath in haste pretended?  
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,  
O most afflicted.*

*For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;  
thy death of anguish and thy bitter Passion,  
for my salvation.*

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,  
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,  
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,  
not my deserving.*

*The third candle is extinguished.*

READING

John 19:16b-22

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Drop, Drop, Slow Tears*

Robert Graham

*Drop, drop, slow tears,  
And bathe those beauteous feet  
Which brought from Heav'n  
The news and Prince of Peace:*

*Cease not, wet eyes, His mercy to entreat;  
To cry for vengeance Sin doth never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears,  
Nor let His eye See sin, but through my tears.  
Amen.*

*The fourth candle is extinguished.*

READING

John 19:23-25a

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

ELW 351

st. 1 & 2 - all

st. 3 - Voices of Faith

st. 4 - all



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 lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,  
4 Lord, be my con - so - la - tion; shield me when I must die;



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
how does thy face now lan - guish, which once was bright as morn!  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?  
re - mind me of thy pas - sion when my last hour draws nigh.



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Thy grief and bit - ter pas - sion were all for sin - ners' gain;  
Oh, make me thine for - ev - er, and should I faint - ing be,  
These eyes, new faith re - ceiv - ing, from thee shall nev - er move;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.  
for all who die be - liev - ing die safe - ly in thy love.

*The fifth candle is extinguished.*

READING

John 19:25b-30

MUSICAL REFLECTION *This Cross*

Mark Mummert

*This cross is the tree in which I take delight.  
I take root in its roots; I am extended in its branches.  
In my tent I am shaded by its shade; its flowers are my flow'rs;  
I am wholly delighted by its fruits.*

*This cross is my nourishment when I am hungry,  
my fountain when I am thirsty,  
my covering when I am stripped.  
For my leaves are no longer fig leaves, but the breath of life.*

*This cross is the ladder of Jacob, the way of blessed angels.  
This cross is my tree, wide as the firmament,  
extending from earth to the heavens.  
This cross is the tree of life.*

*The sixth candle is extinguished.*

READING

John 19:31-42

## HYMN *My Song is Love Unknown*



*Solo:* 1. My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
*Organ:* 2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
*All:* 3. Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es  
*Low Voices:* 4. Why, what has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
*Treble Voices:* 5. They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -  
*All:* 6. Here might I stay and sing - no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. Oh,  
 stow; But all made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But,  
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their king. Then  
 spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
 way; a mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet  
 vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine. This



who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
 oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!  
 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.  
 cheerful he to suff - 'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.  
 is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend!

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*The seventh candle is extinguished.*

### PROCESSION OF THE CROSS

Behold the life-giving cross,  
on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

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### **SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS**

*Please be seated.*

O my people, O my church, what have I done to you?...  
...but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

*A time of silence.*

### **ADORATION OF THE CROSS**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

### **MUSICAL REFLECTION** *At the Cross*

arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?  
At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.*

*Well, was it for sins that I have done that he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity grace unknown, and love beyond degree!  
Oh, at the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away,  
and my burden was rolled away.*

*Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in.  
When Christ, the maker died, for his own creatures' sin.  
At the cross, at the cross I saw the light, and my burden was rolled away.*

*At the cross, my savior died.  
He bled and died.  
At the cross, died in love for me.  
Savior, Savior, yes, He died for me.*

*The service nears its end with the Word of God being dramatically closed. This action is a symbol of Jesus' tomb being sealed.*

*We remember, tonight, that Jesus, the Word of God, died. However, his death was not the final word. So, we whisper the Lord's Prayer and depart in silence, quietly waiting for the Word of God to be resurrected among us.*

*Whispered:*

**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.**

*\* Please exit in silence. \**

## **Easter Schedule**

There will be **NO** service on Saturday, April 4.

Easter Sunday: April 5, normal schedule – 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Light continental breakfast served between services.

Church Office is closed on Monday, April 6.

## Serving in Worship Tonight:

Presiding:	Pastor Hooper
Assistant Minister:	Steve Wiley
Organist:	Michael Schaner
Choir:	Voices of Faith
Soprano Soloist:	Jill Larson
Cello:	Wendy Enters
Worship Tech:	Eli Larson
Acolytes:	DevinReigh Endries
	Colin Larson
Ushers:	Jay Fontaine
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