

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 29th, 2024 7:00pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Beaver Dam, WI

Welcome to Worship at Good Shepherd!

It is our privilege to have you here today! We are especially delighted to welcome any guests who are with us. May the Holy Spirit bless your worship and fill your heart with peace, joy, and faith in your Savior Jesus Christ. Please introduce yourself, complete your Connect card, and worship with us again soon!

- Restrooms (with changing stations) are located in the hallway toward the gym, and the nursery is located right next to the sanctuary entrance.
- Children's bulletins, sermon notes sheets, digital offering cards, offering plates, and hand sanitizer are located on tables in the church entryway.
- If you have any questions about our congregation's ministries or facilities, please ask an usher for assistance. If you are looking for a church home or have questions about what we believe and teach, please speak to our pastor.

The Day: Good Friday is the solemn celebration of our Lord's suffering and death on the cross. However, our remembrance of Jesus' death is not a message of gloom, but a service of adoration of the Son of God as he gives up his life. We gather here today to celebrate the sacrifice of the cross and to remember that through it Christ has ransomed us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

The Service: Tenebrae (ten' eh bray) is an ancient rite of the Church. The Latin word "tenebrae" means "darkness." During this service the seven candles will be extinguished and lights will be progressively dimmed. In this we remember that God the Father cloaked the land with darkness during the death of his Son (Matthew 27:45). The last of the seven candles represents Christ. It is not extinguished, but is carried from the chancel to his Father's side. Then is heard the *strepitus*, a loud noise that represents the sealing of Christ's tomb. The seventh candle is returned to burn in the chancel, foreshadowing the hope and joy that await us on Easter morning.

The congregation gathers in silence. Seven candles are lit.

 **Reading: Isaiah 52:13—53:12**

¹³ See, my servant will act wisely;
he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were appalled at him—
his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,
and what they have not heard, they will understand.

^{53:1} Who has believed our message
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 out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

⁹ He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for sin,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹ After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

♪ **Hymn #422, v. 1-3, A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of
3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send
you com - mand me. My will con-forms to your de - cree;



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"
I'll do what you have asked me." O won-drous Love,



grows weak and faint, to slaughter led with - out com-plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
 of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes
 de - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 the fruit of your sal - va - tion."
 who built the earth's foun - da - tion.

Meditation: Isaiah 53:2-6, 10

The Suffering but Successful Servant

Small Group Choir Anthem: O Calvary's Lamb



The First Word

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

Luke 23:32-34

The first candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

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

C: They pierce my hands and my feet.

Psalm 22:16

M: They divide my garments among them

C: and cast lots for my clothing.

Psalm 22:18

M: He bore the sin of many,

C: and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12

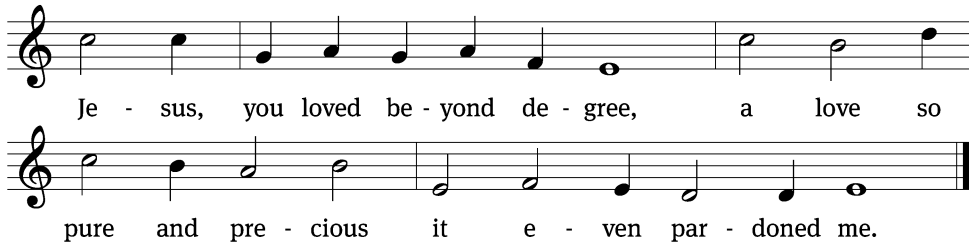
M: Let us pray.

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 you will.

C: Amen.

♪ Hymn #436, The Seven Words

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



The Second Word

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Jesus answered him, “*I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.*”

Luke 23:32, 39-43

The second candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

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: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Psalm 22:7-8

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

C: Come to my aid when you save them.

Psalm 106:4

M: Let us pray.

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.

- ♩ 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.

The Third Word

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "*Dear woman, here is your son,*" and to the disciple, "*Here is your mother.*" From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. *John 19:25-27*

The third candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

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.

Luke 2:34-35

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.

Matthew 12:48, 50

M: Let us pray.

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.

♪ **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.**

The Fourth Word

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*” *Matthew 27:45-46*

The fourth candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

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. *Psalm 22:1-2*

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.” *Amos 8:9*

M: Let us pray.

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.

♫ **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.**

The Fifth Word

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “*I am thirsty.*” A 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.
John 19:28-29

The fifth candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

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. *Psalm 22:15*

M: I am worn out calling for help;

C: my throat is parched. *Psalm 69:3*

M: They put gall in my food

C: and gave me vinegar for my thirst. *Psalm 69:21*

M: Let us pray.

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.

♪ **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.**

The Sixth Word

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “*It is finished.*” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. *John 19:30*

The sixth candle is extinguished. Silence for meditation.

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. *Zechariah 13:1*

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

C: I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. *Zechariah 9:11*

M: I will remove the sin of this land in a single day. *Zechariah 3:9*

C: I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.
Jeremiah 31:34

M: Let us pray.

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.

♪ **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.**

The Seventh Word

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

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. *Luke 23:44-48*

The seventh candle is carried from the chancel, symbolizing Christ's spirit being carried to his Father's side.

M: Into your hands I commit my spirit;

C: deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

Psalm 31:5

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.

Psalm 22:24

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.

Isaiah 53:12

M: Let us pray.

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.

♩ **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.**

Reading: John 19:31–42

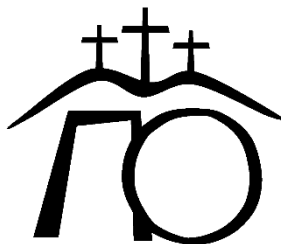
³¹ Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³² The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴ Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵ The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶ These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷ and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

The Strepitus

This is a loud, unsettling noise that represents the sealing of Christ's tomb.

The seventh candle is returned to the chancel, foreshadowing the hope and joy that await us on Easter morning.



♫ **Hymn #396, Christ, the Life of All the Living**



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
 3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
 all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
 cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
 O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
 rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of
 All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
 might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee
that from pain I might be free;
falsely did thy foes accuse thee:
thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish
me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion,
fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented
that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden,
I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,
for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

The Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and 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, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal Statement

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

C: Amen.

The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation until they leave in darkness and in silence. We gather again in joy on Easter morning for the celebration of the resurrection.



The Offering

*The members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church give offerings to show love and thanks to God for doing so much for them, as well as to support the Lord's work here in Beaver Dam and around the world. **If you have an offering to give, please place it in one of the plates at the doors to the sanctuary as you leave after the service. Thank you!***



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Lent & Holy Week Schedule

Joint Easter Vigil Service – 7:00pm, Saturday, March 30th (with Communion)

Good Shepherd will host this historic service with our fellow area-WELS churches.

Easter Sunrise – 6:30am, Sunday, March 31st

Breakfast will be served by Fellowship Team #1 between services.

Easter Festival – 9:00am, Sunday, March 31st

This schedule is also posted on our website and church calendar.