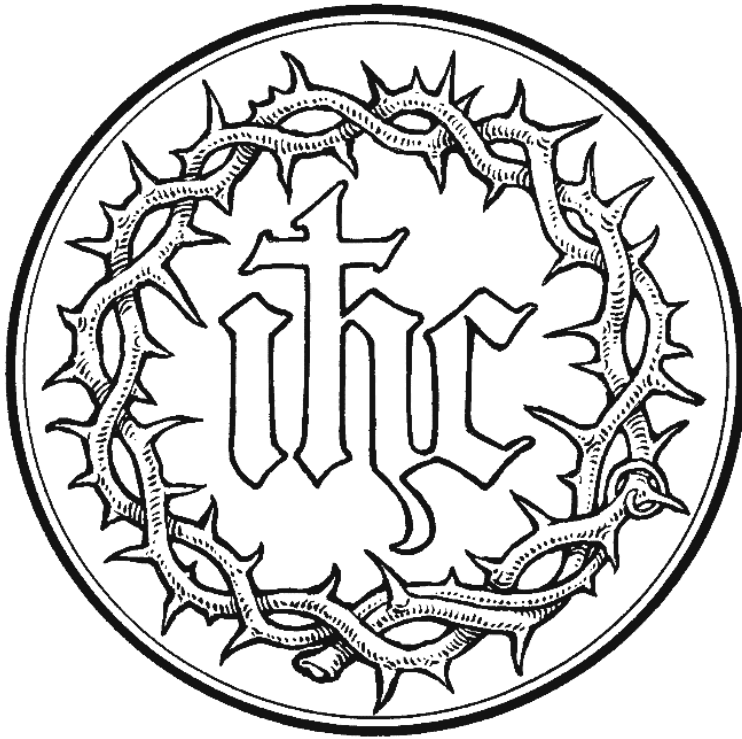


Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Good Friday

Tenebrae Vespers



“Surely He was pierced for our iniquities”

-Isaiah 53

*O' my heart,
for your part,
what will you do?
While the whole world
suffers as Jesus suffers,
the sun is clothed in mourning,
the veil is torn, the rocks split,
the earth quakes, graves gape open,
because they beheld the creator grow cold in death.*



John's Passion

The Tenebrae service is a continuation of the Triduum (Latin for “the three days”), an ancient and holy service. The service began last night with Maundy Thursday, continues today with the Tre Ore “Three Hour” and the Tenebrae, and then concludes with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

Good Friday is not observed as a funeral for Christ. It is a day for repentance over sin and restrained joy and praise for the redemption Christ accomplished for us on the cross. The altar remains bare, having been stripped on Maundy Thursday. The pastor wears only an alb (white robe) with a black stole.

Tenebrae Vespers (meaning a service of evening darkening) commemorates the darkness in the world with Jesus the Light of the World crucified and dead in a tomb. The service will grow gradually darker as a reminder of sin. We look ahead to the return of that light tomorrow in the Easter Vigil and the hope that Christ’s resurrection brings.

During the service, the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ is read in its entirety, and as it’s read, seven candles are extinguished.

As this service is a continuation of the Triduum, there is no Invocation or Benediction.

The congregation and pastors enter in silence.

Please stand.

Opening Versicles from Vespers

LSB 229

P O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Ps. 51:5

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Ps. 70:1

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our Salvation.

Introit for Good Friday

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our | sorrows.*

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- | iquities.

All we like sheep have | gone astray;*

and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity | of us all.

Hear my prayer, | O Lord;*

let my cry | come to you!

Do not hide your face from me in the day of | my distress!*

Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day | when I call!

But you, O Lord, are enthroned for- | ever;*

you are remembered throughout all gener- | ations.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our | sorrows.*

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our in- | iquities.

All we like sheep have | gone astray;*

and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity | of us all.

Sit

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

LSB 451

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

The passion according to St. John is traditionally read in its entirety during the service of darkening. During the reading, there will be pauses for silent meditation during which the seven candles in the front of the church will be extinguished one by one. The last candle is left lit until the end of the service.

Jesus I will Ponder Now

LSB 440:1

John 18:1-11

Silent Meditation

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Candle Extinguished

LSB 450:1

John 18:12-27

Silent Meditation

Candle Extinguished

LSB 450:2

John 18:28-40

Silent Meditation

Candle Extinguished

LSB 450:3

John 19:1-16a

Silent Meditation

Candle Extinguished

LSB 450:4

John 19:16b-24

Silent Meditation

Candle Extinguished

LSB 450:5

John 19:25-30

Silent Meditation
Candle Extinguished

LSB 450:6

John 19:31-42

We stand for the final reading from the passion narrative, just as we normally do out of respect for the Gospel lesson.

Silent Meditation
O Sacred Head Now Wounded

LSB 450:7

Lenten Responsory

The Responsory reminds us why we are here today. Propitiation means payment or the thing that appeases God's wrath.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

O Perfect Life of Love

LSB 452 vs 1-5

Sermon

Offering ~ Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle

LSB 454

Prayers

Stand

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Silent meditation for personal prayer and intercession

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive

forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Silent Prayer while the final candle is extinguished.

The Strepitus

Strepitus means "loud noise." It symbolizes the earth shaking and rocks splitting (Matt. 27:51) at Jesus' death, and foreshadows the "violent earthquake" (Matt. 28:2) at the opening of Jesus' tomb on Easter morning. Following this noise, the pastor and congregation may leave in silence. The service will conclude tomorrow with the Easter Vigil service in anticipation of Easter Morning.

The rest of our Triduum Services will be broadcast at these times:

Easter Vigil – Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Feast of the Resurrection with Communion - Sunday at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

