

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 15, 2022

MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

TODAY'S WORSHIP

The last words of loved ones are important. After someone has died, those who loved them remember and treasure their last words. This evening we bend our ears to the cross to hear the last words of our dear Savior. Although we've heard them before, we listen again tonight, treasuring each one—a word of forgiveness, a word of promise, a word of love, a word of ???, a word of fulfillment, a word of completion, and a word of confidence.

VISITOR INFORMATION

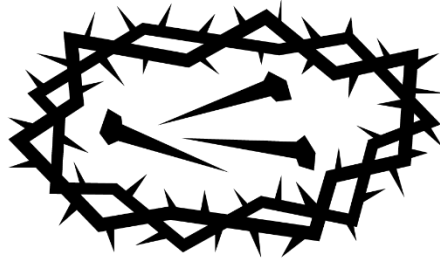
Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

Parent Room is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

For the hearing impaired, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

For other special needs or questions, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.





EXPLANATION OF GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death on the cross. The English designation of "Good Friday" is apparently a corruption of "God's Friday," although the term is a very fitting one since the Lord's death was for our eternal good.

Good Friday worship is marked by austerity and silence. The music of keyboards and other instruments is minimized or eliminated altogether. The altar, completely stripped of appointments, is normally not used. Instead, one or more lecterns or reading desks serve as the focal points of the service.

The congregation is asked to gather quietly in the sanctuary so that worshipers may contemplate and reflect on their Savior's suffering and death. At the end of the service, the congregation also will leave quietly for meditation and reflection.

DIVINE SERVICE

SPECIAL RITE FOR
GOOD FRIDAY

PRAYER

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.

Amen.

HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus | ELH 330

Verses 1, 2 – Vocalist

Verse 3 – All

OLD TESTAMENT READING

The suffering servant | Isaiah 53

¹Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, he was despised, and we thought nothing of him. ⁴Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted, ⁵but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers, he did not open his mouth. ⁸He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice, and of his generation, who even cared? So, he was cut off from the land of the living. He was struck because of the rebellion of my people. ⁹They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked, but he was given a grave with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, and no deceit was in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt

offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand. ¹¹After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt. ¹²Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.

HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted | ELH 297

FIRST WORD FROM THE CROSS

LUKE 23:26-34

²⁶As they led him away, they seized Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large crowd of people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. ²⁸Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹Be sure of this: The days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never gave birth, and the breasts that never nursed.' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?" ³²Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

DEVOTION

A Word of Forgiveness

HYMN

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss, till now was Thine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.

Their nails were freshly driven, their hatred clearly shown,
When, "Let them be forgiven," was heard at heaven's throne.
Your enemies, O Jesus, you loved beyond degree,
A love so pure and precious it even pardoned me.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded | ELH 334:1

The Seven Words | Michael D. Schultz

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SECOND WORD FROM THE CROSS

LUKE 23:38-43

³⁸There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” ⁴³Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”

DEVOTION

A Word of Promise

HYMN

Our Blessed Savior Seven Times Spoke | ELH 337:3

THIRD WORD FROM THE CROSS

JOHN 19:25-27

²⁵Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

DEVOTION

A Word of Love

HYMN

Near the Cross was Mary Weeping | ELH 294:1-3

FOURTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

MATTHEW 27:45-49

⁴⁵From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*” which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “This fellow is calling for Elijah.” ⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, “Leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

DEVOTION

A Word of ???

ADULT CHOIR

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us | Stuart Townsend & Larry Shackley

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
How high, how wide, how deep the Father's love for us.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
How pure, how strong, how deep the Father's love for us.

I will not boast of anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.
How high, how wide, how pure, how strong,
How deep the Father's love for us.

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FIFTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

JOHN 19:28-29

²⁸After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

DEVOTION

A Word of Fulfillment

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus | ELH 292:1-2

SIXTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

JOHN 19:30

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

DEVOTION

A Word of Completion

HYMN

The Lord into His Father's Hands | ELH 339

SEVENTH WORD FROM THE CROSS

LUKE 23:44b-46

⁴⁴... and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" When he had said this, he breathed his last.

DEVOTION

A Word of Confidence

HYMN

Oh, Darkest Woe | ELH 332:1-2, 5-6

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, in humble awe, in reverent silence, and in solemn trembling, Your people have gathered around Your cross to remember Your death.

O Christ, friend of sinners, have mercy on us; O Christ, Savior and Redeemer, have mercy on us; O Christ, only hope of a lost world, have mercy on us.

At Your cross let us see all the ugliness, horror, and misery that sin, death, and Satan brought into the world and that You willingly took on Yourself. Open our eyes to see that we deserved the death and torments of hell that You suffered for us.

But open our eyes also to see that by Your death You destroyed death, by Your sacrifice You reconciled us with Your Father, and by the blood You shed You purchased us to belong to You forever.

Help us believe that we are worth that much to You. Fill us with joy and peace in believing that we are truly free from condemnation and forgiven by Your Father. Help us dedicate our lives in thankful love to You, who gave Yourself for us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, O Lamb of God, who bore all sin for us. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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.

DEVOTION

The burial of Jesus | Matthew 27:57-66

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb that he had cut in the rock. He rolled a large stone over the tomb's entrance and left. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶²On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we

remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴So give a command that the tomb be made secure until the third day. Otherwise his disciples might steal his body and tell the people, ‘He is risen from the dead.’ And this last deception will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

STREPITUS

ENSEMBLE

Sing to Jesus | Fernando Ortega & Rich Nibbe

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The seventh lit candle is returned to the altar. The minister exits the chancel. The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

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