

WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 7, 2023

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

Jesus' fourth word from the cross was incomprehensible to the crowd that gathered at his feet. Some wondered if he was calling out to Elijah. The words he spoke were the words of Psalm 22, "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" Clearly, Jesus is inviting us to draw a connection between this psalm and his passion. We consider the theme: God's Redemption Plan Foretold.

VISITOR INFORMATION

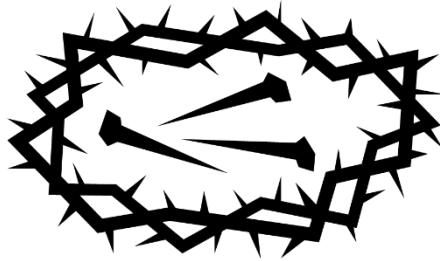
Restrooms are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

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.





GOOD FRIDAY - TENEBRAE

As the middle part of the *Triduum*, Good Friday follows the preparation done on Maundy Thursday. In turn, it leads into the Easter Vigil. The absence of a closing blessing the previous evening and again on Good Friday underscores the connectedness of the *Triduum* services.

This evening's service is a *Tenebrae* service. *Tenebrae* simply means "darkness". On Good Friday, Jesus Christ, the light of the world, experiences the darkness of death caused by sin and Satan. His death brings life and immortality to light.

On Good Friday the sanctuary is darkened to represent the gathering darkness of sin that hangs over the world as the life of the Son of God grows closer and closer to termination. A series of candles is extinguished to remind us of the loneliness of Jesus as one by one, His friends and followers abandoned Him and fled. The last candle represents Jesus. This candle is not extinguished but is deliberately taken away from the altar and hidden from view, to depict Jesus' burial.

The service closes with the *Strepitus*, a loud sound symbolizing the closing of Jesus' tomb, and the return of the Christ candle to the altar. Satan and the powers of darkness may have thought they won in Jesus' death. However, the unextinguished Christ candle reminds us of our Savior's victory and the certain hope of the resurrection.

DIVINE SERVICE

GOOD FRIDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE

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

Go to Dark Gethsemane | ELH 284:1-3

PASSION HISTORY

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FIRST READING

So then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified. After they had mocked him, the soldiers took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. Jesus was carrying his own cross. As they were going out of the city, a certain man, Simon of Cyrene (the father of Alexander and Rufus), was passing by on his way in from the country. They placed the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of the people was following him, including women who were mourning and wailing for him. Jesus turned to them and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. Be 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.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Cover us!' and to the hills, 'Fall on us!' For if they do these things to the green wood, what will happen to the dry?" Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, "The place of a skull." They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

HYMN

O Dearest Jesus | ELH 292:1-2

*The first candle is extinguished.***SECOND READING**

Now it was the third hour when they crucified him. Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that 'this man said, 'I am the King of the Jews.''" Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it. Instead, let's cast lots to see who gets it." This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there. People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him. They said, "He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he's the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

HYMN

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted | ELH 297

*The second candle is extinguished.***THIRD READING**

One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." Jesus said to him, "Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise." Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother!" And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

HYMN

O Sacred Head Now Wounded | ELH 334:1-2, 4

The third candle is extinguished.

FOURTH READING

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun was darkened. At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!” After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.” A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately 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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people. When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God.”

CHOIR

Pavonne | Andrea Klouse

Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov’reign die?
Would He, His sacred head devote to sinners such as I?
Well might the sun yet in darkness hide His glories in,
When God our maker died to pardon us from sin.

Amazing pity, amazing pity! And grace unknown, He suff’red for me!
Yet drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe.
Here Lord, I give myself away, ‘tis all that I can do.

Alas, and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov’reign die.
Would He His sacred head devote to sinner such as I?

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The fourth candle is extinguished.

SERMON

God's Redemption Plan Foretold | Psalm 22:1-18, 26b-31

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? My groaning does nothing to save me. ² My God, I call out by day, but you do not answer. I call out by night, but there is no relief for me. ³ Yet you are seated as the Holy One, praised by Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers trusted. They trusted and you delivered them. ⁵ They cried out to you, and they were rescued. They trusted in you, and they were not disappointed. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me. They sneer. They shake their heads. ⁸ They say, "Trust in the LORD. "Let the LORD deliver him. Let him rescue him, if he delights in him." ⁹ But you are the one who brought me out of the belly. You made me trust when I was at my mother's breasts. ¹⁰ I was cast on you from the womb. From the belly of my mother you have been my God. ¹¹ Do not be distant from me, for distress is near, and there is no one to help. ¹² Many bulls surround me. Strong bulls from Bashan encircle me. ¹³ Enemies open their mouths wide against me, like a lion that tears its prey and roars. ¹⁴ Like water I am poured out. All my bones are pulled apart. My heart has become like wax. It has melted in the middle of my chest. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like broken pottery, and my tongue is stuck to the roof of my mouth. You lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded me. A band of evil men has encircled me. They have pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones. They stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them. For my clothing they cast lots. , , , ²⁶ Those who seek him will praise the LORD may he live in your hearts forever ²⁷ All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before you. ²⁸ For the kingdom belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the rich of the earth will eat and bow down. All who go down to the dust will kneel before him those who cannot keep themselves alive. Descendants will serve him. For generations people will be told about the Lord. ³¹ They will come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet to be born because he has done it.

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

FIFTH READING

When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests. All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him, were there, watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day). They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man. But when they came to Jesus and saw

that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, “Not one of his bones will be broken.” Again another Scripture says, “They will look at the one they pierced.”

HYMN

Rock of Ages | ELH 286

The fifth candle is extinguished.

SIXTH READING

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews. Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the council, was a good and righteous man. He had not agreed with their plan and action. He was looking forward to the kingdom of God. He boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus was already dead. He summoned the centurion and asked him if Jesus had been dead for a long time. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he granted the body to Joseph. Joseph bought a linen cloth, came, and took Jesus' body away. Nicodemus, who earlier had come to Jesus at night, also came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-two pounds. They took Jesus' body and bound it with linen strips along with the spices, in accord with Jewish burial customs.

HYMN

O Darkest Woe | 332

The sixth candle is extinguished.

SEVENTH READING

There was a garden at the place where Jesus was crucified. And in the garden was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. So they laid Jesus there, because it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was near. Joseph took the body and 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. The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed after Joseph, and they observed the tomb and how Jesus' body was laid there. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus were watching where the body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment. On the next day, which was the day after the Preparation Day, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered in the presence of Pilate and said, “Sir, we remembered what that deceiver said while he was still alive: ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So 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.”

Pilate said to them, "You have a guard. Go, make it as secure as you know how." So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and posting a guard.

HYMN

Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labors | Stuempfle



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in



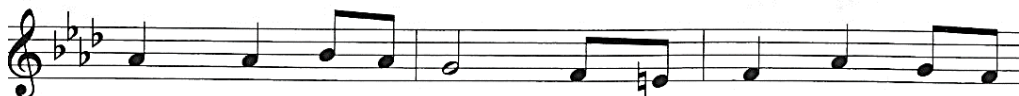
in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
guards you will not let your death be vain.

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The sixth candle is extinguished. The Christ candle is carried from the chancel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – GOOD FRIDAY

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.

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.

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.

Silence for meditation

STREPITUS

HYMN

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart | 406:3

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.

The service ends in silence. The congregation hears no closing blessing—yet. Rather, the three services of the *Triduum* flow into one another as the congregation disperses in silence to reassemble for worship for our Easter Sunrise Service on April 9th at 7am.

Historically, Christians celebrating the Triduum have gathered for the third of the three services on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter for an Easter Vigil. Since it has been our practice at Peace to have a Sunrise Service early on Easter morning, we will be using portions of the historic Easter Vigil Service for our Easter Sunrise Service.

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

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Ushers

Katie Hartwig | Director
Lexi Fosburg | Accompanist
Katie Hartwig
Brian DeVos & Paul Bunkowski



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EASTER CELEBRATION

SUNRISE SERVICE **7AM**
with Holy Communion



EASTER BREAKFAST
9:15 AM



10AM
EGG HUNT



Easter
— HE'S ALIVE —
FESTIVAL SERVICES
8:15 & 10:30AM