

St. John
SHARING
the LOVE of Christ



Good Friday
April 2, 2021
5:30 pm & 7:00 pm

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church as we gather for this time of worship and reflection on God's love for the world.

The Three Days (Triduum)

The Three Days is the church's annual experience of the heart of the Christian faith. Because there ought to be no immersion into suffering without the gift of resurrection, and there ought to be no resurrection without the reality of uncertainty and suffering, the Three Days is one story and one worship, told in three chapters: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday end in silence, in anticipation of the next chapter in the story.

Good Friday: The Second Chapter

The Office of Tenebrae – "Tenebrae" is the Latin word for "shadow."

The sanctuary is progressively darkened as the candles are extinguished and the lights dimmed, symbolizing the great darkness and grief of Jesus' death on the cross. The story you hear tonight is compiled from the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. It was created for our Good Friday worship by St. John members many years ago, and is a yearly practice of our faith community.

The service concludes with a moment of complete silence in the darkened church as the congregation departs, following the exit of the Paschal candle. We then keep vigil, waiting for Christ's return. A Good Friday Prayer Vigil will begin immediately after the service tonight and continue until early morning.

Worship Leaders

Altar Guild

Pat Bambule, Sharon Sullivan

Ushers

Pam Kornaus, Jackie Mansholt, Lisa Marshall,
Mike Smith, Sandy Smith, Steve Volkening
Susan Fick

Pianist

Janet Blomquist

Organist

Handbell Ensemble Director

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**Indicates Congregation, Please Stand*

Silent Meditation

Prelude

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless”
“Were You There?”
(Handbell Ensemble)

arr. Kickstat
arr. Ingram

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

I. Before the Passover

First candle extinguished

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Maker, arr. Wyrzten

Silence for reflection.

II. The Last Supper and Gethsemane

Second candle extinguished

Silence for reflection.

III. Arrest and Trial

Third candle extinguished

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
(Handbell Ensemble)

Redhead, arr. Krug

Silence for reflection.

IV. Jesus Before Pilate and Herod

Fourth candle extinguished

Silence for reflection.

V. The Sentence and the Way of the Cross

Fifth candle extinguished

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

arr. Callahan

Silence for reflection.

VI. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus

Sixth candle extinguished

Silence for reflection.

VII. The Burial of our Lord

Seventh candle extinguished

“Were You There?”

Trad. Spiritual arr. Bock

Silence for reflection.

The Shadow of Silence

Please observe silent reflection after the exit of the Paschal candle.

Congregation leaves in silence.

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