



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Friday April 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Jesus said: I am the light of the world,

anyone who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

If I say, *“Let the darkness cover me, and the light around me turn to night,”* darkness is not dark to you, O God.

The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

Special Music

“Stars” (from “The Shack”)

By Seth Mosley, Korea Cooper, John Cooper & Jason Ingram

Shawn McDonnell, Madison Hanson, Tera McDonnell, Justin Hanson and Clark Likness

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Let us pray,

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

(please stand)

Hymn

“Were You There”

#353, vs. 1-3

Adoration of the Cross *(stated 3 times)*

Turn to face the entrance of the church, following the cross as it is carried into the chancel.

Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

Oh, come let us worship him.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the message we have heard from Christ and proclaim to you: God is light and in God there is no darkness.

If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Amen

Confession of Sin

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Offering

Text to Give: 605-250-6765

*Mission of the Month: LCOOR Preschool
Lenten Offering: Milestone Ministries*

The Service of Tenebrae

The Office of Tenebrae (the name means "Darkness" or "Shadow") is a Holy Week devotion which dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. and is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles and darkening of the Sanctuary as the service progresses. The lessons commemorate the Last Supper, the betrayal, the arrest, Christ's passion, trial, death, and finally the burial and destitution of the disciples. No service during the entire year is more Biblical; most every word of the Tenebrae is taken from Scripture.

The First Nocturne

Hymn	<i>"Abide with Me"</i> <i>The first candle is extinguished.</i>	#629
First Lesson	<i>"Jesus is Arrested in the Garden"</i> <i>The second candle is extinguished.</i>	John 18:1-11
Second Lesson	<i>"Simon Peter Denies Jesus"</i> <i>The third candle is extinguished.</i>	John 18:12-18
Third Lesson	<i>"Jesus is Tried by the Religious Authorities"</i> <i>The fourth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 18:19-27
Lord's Prayer <i>(spoken softly)</i>	<i>The fifth candle is extinguished.</i>	

The Second Nocturne

Hymn	<i>“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded “ The sixth candle is extinguished.</i>	#351, vs. 1 & 2
Fourth Lesson	<i>“Jesus is Questioned by the Governor” The seventh candle is extinguished.</i>	John 18:28-37
Fifth Lesson	<i>“The Crowd Calls for Jesus’ Death” The eighth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 18:38-19:11
Sixth Lesson	<i>“Jesus is Sentenced to Death” The ninth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 19:12-16
Lord’s Prayer <i>(spoken softly)</i>	<i>The tenth candle is extinguished.</i>	

The Third Nocturne

Hymn	<i>“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” The eleventh candle is extinguished.</i>	#351, vs. 3 & 4
Seventh Lesson	<i>“Jesus is Crucified” The twelfth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 19:17-27
Eighth Lesson	<i>“Jesus Dies and is Speared in the Side” The thirteenth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 19:28-37
Ninth Lesson	<i>“Jesus is Buried”</i>	John 19:38-42
Hymn	<i>“Were You There”</i>	#353, vs. 4 & 5 Sung by Brian Bak

Final Reading		Romans 6:5-11
<i>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever had died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you must also consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.</i>		
<i>The fourteenth candle is extinguished.</i>		

(At the conclusion of the reading the final candle is extinguished. A loud noise is heard to signify the death of our Lord. After a pause, the Christ Candle is lit as a symbolic promise of the resurrection.)

The Light shines in the darkness (*Christ Candle is relit*)
and the darkness has not overcome it.

Departure – At the completion of the service, please leave silently, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting this solemn evening.



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Serving This Evening

Preaching: Pastor Overbo; **Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Ushers:** Chuck and Lynn Langner;

Sound & Projection: Cathy Zubke & Robbyn Givens;



Because all that we
have belongs to God,
our goal in using that
which belongs to
Him is to glorify Him.
"So, whether you eat or
drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the
glory of God"
1 Corinthians 10:31

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HYMN FOR HOLY WEEK
They Crucified My Lord



HOLY WEEK MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is some bad news that you have heard recently?
- What is some good news that you have heard? How is God's grace and mercy part of that good news?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9.

The words in this reading say so much about Jesus' suffering and death. Jesus fully identifies with us and experiences what we experience, yet without the sin that clouds our relationship with God. Because of what he experienced he has compassion for our frailty. Jesus suffers, prays, and cries with and for us. His obedience benefits us. His suffering is not just something Jesus must obediently endure. His suffering identifies who he is for us as the obedient Son of God and as the ultimate high priest who prays with and for us. Because of his faithful suffering, his obedience, his own testing as a human, and his intercessions on our behalf, we have the perfect Savior we can approach with confidence and even boldness. In Jesus we have the one to whom we can turn to in prayer for divine mercy again and again. It is the reason we can "*hold fast to our confession*" (4:14), the source of our hope now and forevermore.

Discuss: How does it make a difference for you to know that Jesus intercedes and suffers for us?

Pray: **Almighty God, we pray for your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ who in obedience to you suffered and died that we may live with confidence and boldness. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for these days, how might you pray with and for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

On Good Friday, make a cross made from two sticks tied together and put it on the table where you are eating. Place a nail at each person's place as a reminder of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Observe a moment of silence. As you are eating, tell the story of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday in your own words or use a storybook Bible.

Pray: **Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms on the cross in love for us. Open our hearts to receive your love. Amen.**

In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to:
www.milestonesministry.org



LCOOR

The Weekly Word

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday (4/6):
6:30 p.m. Worship Service
Good Friday (4/7):
6:30 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service
Easter Sunday (4/9):
7:00 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion
8:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now!

Pre-Kindergarten Enrolling Now for the **Afternoon Class!** Now enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our preschool offers a Monday-Thursday 12:15-3:15 Pre-Kindergarten (4/5 year old) program, which is open to anyone, not just church members. Enrollment forms are at the Welcome Center, the classroom, or online. *Please note that we will only have an afternoon class if enough students enroll.*

Job Opportunity

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Watertown is accepting applications for the full-time position of Worship and Music Coordinator. LCOOR has worship Wednesday, Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. Applicants who are interested in more information are encouraged to look at the job description and application on the church website lcoorwatertown.org. Any questions, please call the church office: (605)886-2696. Salary is based on experience and qualifications.

Mission Trip Opportunity

Mission Trips registration has begun. HS youth will be attending an Urban Plunge in Kansas City, MO from June 5-9, 2023. MS youth will attend an Urban Plunge in Omaha, NE from June 26-30, 2023. Cost of each trip is \$400 (Urban Plunge fee / Transportation) plus meals during travel and spending money. LCOOR will pay \$150 of the Urban Plunge fee/transportation cost making your payment \$250 (extra scholarships are available). Please contact Philip to receive a mission trip registration form.

March Mission of the Month Results

ELCA World Hunger was the Mission lifted up in March. \$1,360.85 was brought in through offering and Noisy Can. They also received \$1,800 that was budgeted for this mission. THANK YOU for supporting this mission.

Salvation Army Needs

Our friends at the Salvation Army need peanut butter and jelly to help feed our neighbors this month. Please consider picking up some extra jars while you are shopping. Drop these items off in Kathy's Kart at LCOOR -- and we will deliver them to the Salvation Army.

April Mission of the Month

The Christian Preschool operates on tuition, special gifts (an example: Thrivent Choice Dollars) and fundraiser profits. Mission of the month dollars are above and beyond your regular giving. Please clearly mark your offering with (Mission of the Month - Preschool) during April. Thank You for Your Support!

First Communion

Sunday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 10: First Communion Class for any student 2nd grade and older who have not taken the class. Grown-ups, please attend with your kiddos!

Sunday, May 14 and Wednesday, May 17: First Communion

Timmerman Scholarships

Watertown High School Graduates that will be entering 1st or 2nd year of education or technical training at a South Dakota State supported institution are eligible to apply for one of three \$500 scholarships. Information and applications are available in the church office, at the Welcome Center or online at <https://lcoorwatertown.org/> under the RESOURCES tab. Registration Deadline is 5/31/2023.

Prayer Shawls Available

Prayer shawls created by members of Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer are available to anyone to be shared with family and friends. Prayer shawls can be given as a source of comfort as well as celebration. Stop by the church office or Welcome Center for more information.

Circles & Bible Study

Priscilla Circle will meet at 9:30 a.m. **Wednesday, April 19** & Martha Circle will meet at 2 p.m. **Tuesday, April 11**, both in the Gathering Space.

April 9- April 16	Attendance & Offering
Sunday April 9 <i>Easter Sunday- No Church School</i> 7:00 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship w/ Holy Communion	March 26 Live Stream- 132 Saturday, April 1 - 67 Sunday, April 2- (8:30) 362; (10:30) 94 Wednesday, March 29- 465 <u>Offering (4/2):</u> General Fund: \$9,394.78; Mission of the Month: \$188.10; Debt Reduction: \$80; Lent: \$826; Church School: \$31.50; Other: \$1,500; <u>Simply Giving Offering (3/27-3/31):</u> General Fund: \$5,292.70; Debt Reduction: \$30; Mission of the Month: \$30; Other: \$185;
Monday April 10 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 5:30 p.m. Property Committee Meeting 6:45 p.m. Al-Anon	
Tuesday April 11 <i>Spring Theological Conference</i> 11:00 a.m. Text Study 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle	
Wednesday April 12 <i>Spring Theological Conference</i> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry 4:45 p.m. Community Meal 5:30 p.m. Church School 6:30 p.m. W.O.W Worship 7:15 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal 7:15 p.m. HS Hang Out 7:15 p.m. 7/8 Confirmation Workshop 7:30 p.m. Praise & Rejoice Choir Rehearsal	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Serve</div> <p>There are many ways to serve your congregation each month including volunteering before, during and after worship services. During the month of March, we had 125 slots to fill including greeters, ushers, lectors, communion assistants and coffee servers. We were able to fill 60.8% (76) of those available slots. Please consider signing up to serve by contacting Twila in the church office or sign up online at lcoorwatertown.org --> Serve --> Volunteer at Worship in April.</p>
Thursday April 13 <i>Spring Theological Conference</i> 5:15 p.m. Al-Anon 6:40 p.m. Executive Committee 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	
Friday April 14 <i>Church Office Closes at Noon</i> 8:00 a.m. Watertown Sandwich Ministry	
Saturday April 15 5:30 p.m. Worship (Lay Led)	
Sunday April 16 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship w/ Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship w/ Holy Communion	<div style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px;">Staff</div> <p> Senior Pastor Dan Overbo Associate Pastor Laura Overbo Worship & Music Coordinator Robbyn Givens Welcoming & Caring Ministries Twila Schmitt Christian Education Director Rachel Clendenin Youth Director Philip Lickei Business Manager Jodi Spilde Business Administrative Assistant Megan Thyen Preschool Nikki Landmark, Director/Teacher Wendy Kruger, Paraprofessional Facility Manager Adam Lauseng </p>



APRIL 6-8, 2023
MAUNDY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY

Jesus suffers and intercedes for us.

HOLY WEEK BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Holy Week observances.

- Thursday John 13:1-17, 31b-35** **Jesus gives a new commandment**
- Friday John 18:1-19:42** **The suffering and death of Jesus**
- Saturday Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9** **The great high priest who saves us**

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR HOLY WEEK

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Holy Week:

Ah, holy Jesus, for your sacrifice of love that knows no end and that brings your grace, mercy, and salvation to us, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, for your steadfast love and mercy that gives us Jesus, we thank you for giving us this food. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the love of God give you grace, mercy, and peace now and always.

