

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

# Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026, 6:30 P.M.

## Prelude

Four Lenten Hymn Tunes

## 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.**

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*pages 529-530 (Old Testament)*

## 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

"Abide with Me"

#629 vs. 1, 3, 4

## 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.**

## 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.**

## 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.**

## Offering

Text to Give: 888-303-5012 or Scan the QR code located in the pew  
Noisy Can Offering (for all ages) Mission of the Month:  
**Lutheran Campus Ministry (LuMin)**



Lenten Offering: **LCOOR Mobile Soup Kitchen & Watertown Sandwich Ministry**

**During the offering**, individuals and families, including children, are invited to come forward to the cross. Choose flowers or herbs from the table and gently place them inside the cross. The flowers remind us of love that does not fade, even in sorrow. The herbs remind us of the spices placed with Jesus' body. These are symbols of care, devotion, and mourning.

## 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	"Go to Dark Gethsemane" The first candle is extinguished.	#347 vs. 1-3
First Lesson	"Jesus is Arrested in the Garden" The second candle is extinguished.	John 18:1-11 Page 86 (New Testament)
Second Lesson	"Simon Peter Denies Jesus" The third candle is extinguished.	John 18:12-18 Page 86 (New Testament)
Third Lesson	"Jesus is Tried by the Religious Authorities" The fourth candle is extinguished.	John 18:19-27 Page 86 (New Testament)
Lord's Prayer (spoken softly)	The fifth candle is extinguished.	

## The Second Nocturne

Hymn	"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" The sixth candle is extinguished.	#351, vs. 1 & 2
Fourth Lesson	"Jesus is Questioned by the Governor" The seventh candle is extinguished.	John 18:28-37 Page 86 (New Testament)
Fifth Lesson	"The Crowd Calls for Jesus' Death" The eighth candle is extinguished.	John 18:38-19:11 Page 86 & 87 (New Testament)
Sixth Lesson	"Jesus is Sentenced to Death" The ninth candle is extinguished.	John 19:12-16 Page 87 (New Testament)
Lord's Prayer (spoken softly)	The tenth candle is extinguished.	

## The Third Nocturne

Hymn	<i>"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"</i> <i>The eleventh candle is extinguished.</i>	#351, vs. 3 & 4
Seventh Lesson	<i>"Jesus is Crucified"</i> <i>The twelfth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 19:17-27 Page 87 (New Testament)
Eighth Lesson	<i>"Jesus Dies and is Speared in the Side"</i> <i>The thirteenth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 19:28-37 Page 87 (New Testament)
Ninth Lesson	<i>"Jesus is Buried"</i> <i>The fourteenth candle is extinguished.</i>	John 19:38-42 Page 87 & 88 (New Testament)
Hymn	<i>"Were You There"</i> <i>The Christ candle is extinguished.</i>	#353, vs. 1-3, 5

**Final Reading** Romans 6:5-11 Page 119 (New Testament)  
*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.*

*(At the conclusion of the reading 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.**

### Easter Sunday Services:

8:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

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### Serving

**Organist:** AJ Sherrill; **Ushers:** Robbyn Gauger-Givens, Sheila Moehring; **Lector:** Beverly Splinter;