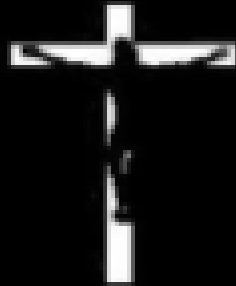


TENEBRAE



A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Aurora, MN

March 29, 2024

*Good Friday*

*Pastor Greg Anderson*

## **TENEBRAE**

Tenebrae, or “Service of Shadows” is one of the oldest traditions of the Christian church for the commemoration of the passion and death of Christ. As the Passion story unfolds, the darkness increases, until with the death of Jesus, only one light is left burning. The light is removed from the sanctuary, symbolizing Christ’s three days in the tomb. The "strepitus" is heard, a harsh noise indicating the closing of the tomb. Then the Christ Candle is returned to its place in anticipation of our Lord’s resurrection.

At the completion of the service, please leave silently, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting this solemn evening. Worshipers are invited to come forward and light a prayer vigil candle from the Christ candle as a sign of their devotion to Christ.

**(The congregation gathers in silence. You may wish to meditate on Psalm 85, found in the front of the hymnal, while waiting for the service to begin.)**

*\*please stand as you are able*

# WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO TENEBRAE

## PRELUDE

P. The Lord be with you.      **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray.

**C. Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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.**

## **The Darkness of Misunderstanding**

John 12:28-36 "The Crowds"

P: Let us Pray: **C: Abba Father, help us to understand the gift of Jesus giving his life for us. Help us to see your son as the light of the world. Amen.**

## **The First Candle is extinguished**

**Hymn**

*Sing: "God Whose Almighty Word" #400*

## **The Darkness of Betrayal**

Matthew 26:20-28 "Judas and the Supper"

**P: Let us Pray: C: Abba Father, we come to you tonight, asking for your forgiveness and mercy, for so often we walk in the shoes of Judas and sin. Help us to receive forgiveness and resurrection through the power of the Lord's Supper. Amen**

**The Second Candle is extinguished.**

***Hymn of Devotion: "Alas and did my Savior Bleed" vv. 1-4 LBW#98***

### **The Darkness of Temptation**

Matthew 26:30-31, 36-46 "Gethsemane"

**P: Let us Pray: C: Abba Father, forgive us when we walk the tired path of the disciples. Forgive us when we close our eyes to you when you need us the most. Amen**

**The Third Candle is extinguished.**

***Hymn of faithfulness: "Go to dark Gethsemane" vv. 1-3 LBW#109***

### **The Darkness of Injustice**

Luke 23:7-11 "Herod and the Soldiers"

**P: Let us Pray: C: Abba Father, as our Lord and Savior was unjustly accused; help us to fight for all who are the victims of injustice in the world.**

**The Fourth candle is extinguished.**

***Hymn of Sorrow: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" LBW #117***

## **The Darkness of Denial**

Mark 14:66-72 "Peter"

**P: Let us Pray: C: Abba Father, forgive us when we walk in the shoes of Peter and deny we know you to the world.**

**The Fifth Candle is extinguished.**

***Hymn of Intercession: "In the hour of trial" LBW #106***

## **The Darkness of Rejection**

Luke 23:13-24 "Pilate and the People"

**P: Let us Pray: C: Abba Father, forgive us when we join the crowd and reject you and your love. Amen**

**The Sixth Candle is extinguished.**

***Hymn of Penitence: "When I survey the wondrous cross" #482***

## **The Cross Procession**

Luke 23:26-27 "Simon of Cyrene"

***The Hymn "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" verses 1-2 LBW #107 are sung as the cross is brought into the chancel.***

## **The Darkness of Crucifixion**

The Seven Last Words of Jesus

**Hymn: 'Jesus in Thy Dying Woes' LBW#112**

**1st Word Luke 23:33-34**

*Sing Part I vs.1*

**2nd Word Luke 23:39-43**

*Sing Part II vs.4*

**3rd Word John 19:26-27**

*Sing Part III vs.7*

**4th Word Matthew 27:45-46**

*Sing Part IV vs.10*

**5th Word John 19:28-29**

*Sing Part V vs.13*

**6th Word John 19:30**

*Sing Part VI vs.16*

**7th Word Luke 23:46-48**

*Sing Part VII vs.21*

**P: Let us Pray: C: Abba Father, help us to truly grieve the death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Amen**

**The Seventh Candle is extinguished.**

**The Darkness of Death**

Luke 23:50-56 "The Grave"

**P:Let us Pray C: Abba Father, Give us strength when we are confronted with the darkness of death. Amen**

**The Last Candle is extinguished "Christ Candle"**

***Hymn of Darkness of the Tomb: "Were you There" v. 1-3 LBW#92***  
**{The tomb is shut}**

**Closing Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**P: Let us Pray: C:: Abba Father, Tonight we walked with Jesus to the journey of the cross. Help us to never forget his wonderful act of love, which gives us the gift of salvation for free. Amen**

**C: Lord's Prayer**

The minister leaves in silence. Taking the Cross

(The sanctuary is darkened and there is a period of silence for reflection and meditation. Then the Christ Candle is returned to the sanctuary as a sign of the hope of resurrection. The congregation leaves in silence. Those wishing to remain and pray are encouraged to do so.

## Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Mary Mulari and Pam Peterson

Ushers ~ Don Barstad and Mark Boback

Music ~ Diane Boback

### ~Prayer Concerns~

Joy and Kim Norman, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Barb Swanson, Elsie Lehtinen, Susan Ray (Paula Skelton's sister), Tom and Lori Berrigan.

### ~Calendar ~

Tuesday 8:30

Bandage Rolling

Wednesday 9:00

Quilting

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Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Next Sunday \*\*\*

9:30

**Coffee an prior to Worship**

10:30

Easter Sunday Worship/HC

First Communion

Sunday School

### Next Sunday ~ March 31, 2024

Pastor Greg Anderson

Reader ~ Pam Peterson

Ushers ~ Lori and Steve Ekman



Music ~ Diane Boback

### **Contributions**

2023 Total budget \$ 87,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2023 budget \$ 1,470.00

Given Sunday March 17, 2024 ~ \$ 907.00

### **~ Announcements~**

**All LADIES are invited** to attend the Laurentian Conference Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran in Tower, Minnesota. The lunch price is \$8.00 and we must RSVP by March 30, 2024. Please let Kate Undeland know if you plan to attend.

WELCA Meatball Dinner April 15, 2024.

**Prayer Concerns** ~ Everyone, if you need or know someone who needs/wants prayers, please call the church office, Pastor Greg, Deb Maki or call the prayer chain as printed in the weekly bulletins and monthly EyeOpener.

**Prayer Chain** ~ When anyone is in need of prayer for special needs, concerns or support, please call Pastor Greg, or anyone on the list of the prayer chain. All requests and prayers are kept confidential. Lorraine Ekman 229-3328, Janet Salo 229-2332 or 404-3358, Yvonne Trowbridge 229-2463, Linda Loeffler 248-8511,

Jan Moore 229-3466, Kate Undeland 780-2436, Debbie Maki 290-2728.

**Anyone wishing to bring plants or flowers** for the Altar Area for Easter Sunday, please feel free to do so. They are always a beautiful addition to our Altar Area.

Myla Fallos, daughter of Jared & Kari Fallos and Sawyer Feldt, son of Kevin & Katie Feldt will take first Communion on Easter Sunday.

**Please remember the Food Shelf. The Board of Stewardship has set up a table in the Fellowship Hall for items for the Food Shelf. Items needed are personal hygiene items such as soaps, toilet paper, tissue, lotions, deodorants, feminine products, tooth brushes, etc. This table will be set up until the end of the month. These donations replace the Lenten Soup Can Offering.**

**Special Coffee “an on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> , PRIOR to our worship Service. Join us @ 9:30 a.m**