

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Good Friday

The Service of Shadows - *Tenebrae*

The Solemn Hour at the Cross

April 3, 2026 | 2pm & 5pm

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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The Lord is in His Holy Temple – Let All the Earth Keep Silence before Him

~ please silence all devices for worship ~

Prelude

Tolling of the Bells & Entrance of the Ministers

The Bells are tolled 33 times in remembrance of the years of Jesus' life on earth

The Pronouncement of Sentence

Luke 23:13-31

Reflection

Pastor Tom Kaye

Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

LBW 117 (Green) Verses 1&2



The First Word from the Cross

Father, Forgive Them

The Reading

Luke 23: 31-38

The Prayer

Hymn: *Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes*

LBW 112 (Green) Verses 1-3

The First Light is Extinguished

Silence is kept for Meditation



The Second Word from the Cross
Woman, behold your Son

The Reading

John 19: 23-27

The Prayer

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

LBW 123 (Green) Verses 1-3

The Second Light is Extinguished

Silence is kept for Meditation



The Third Word from the Cross
Today, You will be with me in Paradise

The Reading

Luke 23: 39-43

The Prayer

The Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*
LBW 117 (green) Verses 3&4

The Third Light is Extinguished

Silence is kept for Meditation



The Fourth Word from the Cross
My God why have you forsaken me?

The Reading

Matthew 27: 45-46

The Prayer

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus

LBW 123 (Green) Verses 4&5

The Fourth Light is Extinguished

Silence is kept for Meditation



The Fifth Word from the Cross
I Thirst

The Reading

John 19: 28-29

The Prayer

The Hymn: *What Wondrous Love is This?*
LBW 385 (Green) Verses 1&2

The Fifth Light is Extinguished

Silence is kept for Meditation



The Sixth Word from the Cross
Into Your hands, I commend my Spirit

The Reading

Luke 23: 44-47

The Prayer

Hymn: *What Wondrous Love is This?*
LBW 385 (Green) 3&4

The Sixth Light is Extinguished

Silence is kept for Meditation



The Seventh Word from the Cross
It is Finished

The Reading

John 19: 30-37

The Prayer

The Hymn: *Were You There?*

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble!

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

The Seventh Light is Removed



The Strepetus

The Closing of the Book & Darkness

The sound of a closing book, called the Strepetus, is reminiscent of the thunder heard at Jesus' death. It signifies that in Christ's passion and death, the entire Old Testament prophesy has been fulfilled.



Silence is kept for Meditation



The Word of Hope
For God so Loved the World

The Light Returns

The Reading

John 3: 16-17

Depart in Complete Silence
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