

# OUR SAVIOR EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## THE TRIDUUM GOOD FRIDAY † TENEBRAE



THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE is an ancient order of worship conducted on the final days of Holy Week, in commemoration of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world. The word “Tenebrae” is *Latin* and means “darkness.”

Throughout the Rite of Tenebrae, the candles in the church are extinguished and the light in the sanctuary gradually fades until only a single candle, a symbol of our Lord, remains. Toward the end of the Service this candle is removed, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil. At the very last, a loud noise is made, the strepitus, symbolizing the earthquake which took place at the time of Christ’s death and at the time of His resurrection. The candle is then returned to its place as a witness to the Savior’s triumph for us. By the light of this candle all depart in silence.

In preparation for Tenebrae, please meditate quietly and prayerfully on the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

“HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; UPON HIM WAS THE PUNISHMENT THAT MADE US WHOLE, AND BY HIS BRUISES WE ARE HEALED.”

*Isaiah 53:5*

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

*Please sit for all Readings and Responsories. Please stand for the Hymns.*

**First Reading**

Lamentations 1:1-5

**Hymn**

“Upon the Cross Extended” (LSB 453)



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.

5 Your soul in griefs unbounded,  
Your head with thorns surrounded,  
You died to ransom me.

The cross for me enduring,  
The crown for me securing,  
You healed my wounds and set me free.

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**Responsory One**

“Ecce vidimus eum”

**P** Lo, we have seen him without beauty or majesty,

**C** with no looks to attract our eyes.

**He bore our sins and grieved for us,  
he was wounded for our transgressions,  
and by his scourging we are healed.**

**P** Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows:

**C** And by his scourging we are healed.

**Second Reading**

Lamentations 1:6-9

## Responsory Two

“Tamquam ad latronem”

- P** Have you come out as against a robber,  
**C** with swords and clubs to capture me?  
**P** When they had laid hands on Jesus and were holding him, he said:  
**C** Day after day I sat in the temple teaching,  
and you did not seize me,  
but now, behold, you scourge me,  
and lead me away to be crucified.

## Third Reading

Lamentations 1:10-14

## Responsory Three

“Eram quasi agnus”

- P** I was like a trusting lamb led to the slaughter.  
**C** I did not know it was against me, that they devised schemes, saying,  
Let us destroy the tree with its fruits; let us cut him off from the land of the living.  
**P** All my enemies whispered together against me,  
and devised evil against me, saying:  
**C** Let us destroy the tree with its fruits;  
let us cut him off from the land of the living.

## Fourth Reading

Hebrews 4:15–5:10

## Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (LSB 451)



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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### Responsory Four

“Velum templi”

- P** The veil of the temple was torn in two,
- C** **and the earth shook, and the thief from the cross cried out, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**
- P** The rocks were split, the tombs were opened,  
and many bodies of the saints who slept were raised:
- C** **And the earth shook, and the thief from the cross cried out, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**  
**And Jesus said, Today you will be with me in Paradise.**

### Fifth Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15a

### Responsory Five

“Tenebrae factae sunt”

- P** Darkness covered the whole land  
when Jesus had been crucified;
- C** **and about the ninth hour he cried with a loud voice:  
My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?**
- P** *Jesus, crying with a loud voice said:  
Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.*
- C** **And he bowed his head and handed over his spirit.**

### Sixth Reading

II Corinthians 5:16-19

### Responsory Six

“Ecc quomodo moritur”

- P** See how the righteous one perishes,

- C** and no one takes it to heart. The righteous are taken away, and no one understands.  
From the face of evil the righteous one is taken away, and his memory shall be in peace.
- P** Like a sheep before its shearers is mute,  
so he opened not his mouth.  
By oppression and judgment he was taken away:
- C** And his memory shall be in peace.

## Seventh Reading

II Corinthians 5:20–6:2

## Responsory Seven

“Sepulto Domino”

- P** When the Lord was buried, they sealed the tomb,
- C** rolling a great stone to the door of the tomb;  
and they stationed soldiers to guard him.
- P** The chief priest gathered before Pilate and petitioned him.
- C** And they stationed soldiers to guard him.

## Hymn

“O Darkest Woe” (LSB 448)

1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has  
2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -

earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's  
on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -

on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.  
liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.

- 7 O Jesus Christ,  
Who sacrificed  
Thy life for lifeless mortals:  
Be my life in death and bring  
Me to heaven's portals!

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## Sermon

*Following the sermon, all shall kneel. The remaining lighted candle, symbolic of Christ, is taken from the stand and removed from the church. A brief silence is observed.*

*The following prayer and the Lord's Prayer are then prayed quietly.*

**P** Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into 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.

**C** Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*Nothing further is said. A loud noise, the strepitus, is made, symbolizing the earthquake which occurred at our Lord's death. The remaining lighted candle, symbolic of Christ, is brought forth and placed again on the stand. By the light of this candle, the minister and assistants depart in silence.*

✠ TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY ✠

