



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
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Good Friday, March 29th, 2024
1:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Tonight’s service reflects upon and honors our Savior’s saving work of suffering and dying. We learn of the meaning of His passion through the Words He spoke from the Cross. Offerings can be put in the offerings plates by the sanctuary doors, but they will not be brought forward during the service.

Resurrection Sunday Schedule – 8:45 am Bible Class and Children’s Sunday School at 9:00 am
10 am Divine Service with Communion

Personal Prayer Before Worship

Dear Lord Jesus, please bless my meditation on Your suffering and death for my salvation. Grant that I know the cost of sin and the precious value of Your work to save me. In Your name I pray, Amen.

Prelude

Tower Bells

The pastor enters in silence.

Opening Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane (vs 1-3)

LSB 436

Invocation (*Congregations Stands.*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Introit: Isaiah 52:13-53:12 God's Suffering Servant (*The congregation may be seated for this responsive reading. This passage from Isaiah chapters 52-53 clearly foretells of the suffering, death and resurrection of the promised Messiah, God's "Servant." It has the traditional name "Song of the Suffering Servant." The passage also clearly explains the reason why the Servant needed to suffer, to take on "our" griefs, sorrows, transgressions, iniquities and chastisement. The prophecy promises that after suffering God's Servant would make many righteous, taking away their sins and iniquities.*)

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;
**he shall be high and lifted up,
and shall be exalted.**

14 As many were astonished at you—
his appearance was so marred, beyond human
semblance,
**and his form beyond that of the children of
mankind—**

15 so shall he sprinkle many nations.
**Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which has not been told them they
see, and that which they have not heard they
understand.**

1 Who has believed what he has heard from
us?
**And to whom has the arm of the LORD been
revealed?**

2 For he grew up before him like a young
plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
**he had no form or majesty that we should
look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.**

3 He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
**and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
**yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
**upon him was the chastisement that brought
us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
**and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
**like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is
silent,
so he opened not his mouth.**

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken
away;
**and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the
living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?**

9 And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
**although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.**

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush
him; he has put him to grief;
**when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his
days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.**

11 Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see
and be satisfied;
**by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my
servant,
make many to be accounted righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.**

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with
the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
**yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.**

Collect

All: 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. Amen.

New Testament Reading Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-10

4:14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need...

5:7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Amen**

Gospel Reading Mark 15:1-32 (*The congregation is invited to stand.*)

1 And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. And they bound Jesus and led him away and delivered him over to Pilate. 2 **And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" And he answered him, "You have said so." 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things. 4 And Pilate again asked him, "Have you no answer to make? See how many charges they bring against you." 5 But Jesus made no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.**

6 Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. 7 And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. 8 And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. 9 And he answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12 And Pilate again said to

them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13 And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14 And Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." 15 So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. 17 And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. 18 And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

21 And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. 22 And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). 23 And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. 24 And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. 25 And it was the third hour when they crucified him. 26 And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27 And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. 29 And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32 Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. **C: Thanks and praise to You, O Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Congregations sits)

Meditation

Hymn

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (vs 1,2)

LSB 451

+ + + **THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS** + + +

The Gospels record Jesus speaking seven times from the cross. Hanging by nails on a cross made even simple breathing terribly painful. To say the seven statements loud enough for people to hear cost Jesus much physical pain and grief. Yet His Words are full of grace and love for all His accusers and torturers; for a great sinner on the cross; for His disciples and for His mother. His Words are full of grief to be separated from His Father by the sin He bore. His Words are obedience to fulfill the Old Testament prophecies. His Words declare His victory over sin, Satan and death for us. His Words give up His spirit into His Father's care.

*The congregation reads the **bold print words** along with the pastor in the following readings.*

The First Word: Luke 23:32-38

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "***Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.***" And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

Hymn

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted (vs 3,4)

LSB 451

The Second Word: Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "***Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.***"

The Third Word: John 19:23-27

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "***Woman, behold, your son!***" Then he said to the disciple, "***Behold, your mother!***" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Fourth Word: Matthew 27:41-43; 45-47

So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” that is, “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**” And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.”

The Fifth Word: John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “**I thirst.**” A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

The Sixth Word: John 19:30 (*Congregation stands*)

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “**It is finished,**” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:44-49

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!**” And having said this he breathed his last. Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, “Certainly this man was innocent!” And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

Paschal Candle is Hidden Representing Christ's Death

The Closing of the Book — The Word Made Flesh Died

The Lord's Prayer (*Whispered Together*)

Paschal Candle is Quietly Returned Representing The Promise of Christ's Resurrection

The Benediction

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **C: Amen.**

*After the Benediction all shall leave the church building in silence.
What must be said can wait until later.*