

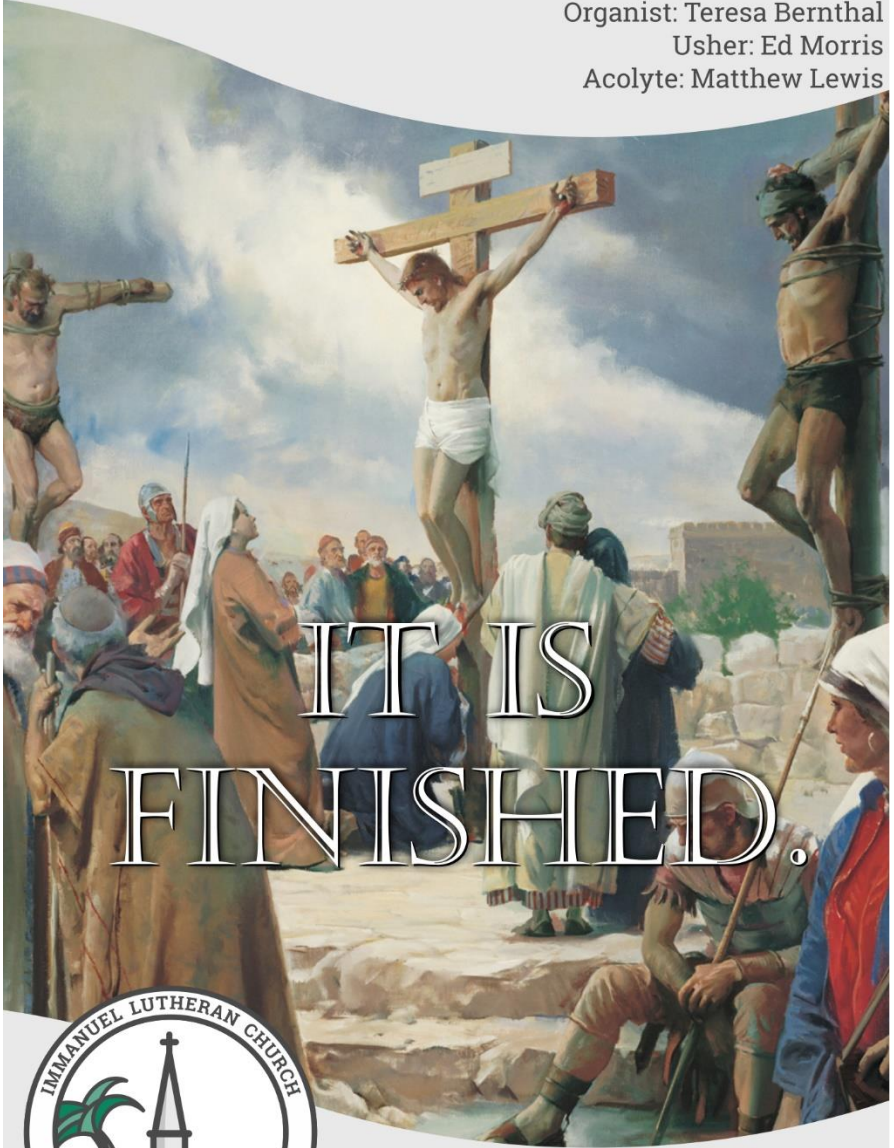
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**Good Friday**

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**P** Holy Father, on this day Your Son Jesus carried the burden of our sin to the cross, there to suffer and die for the darkness of our trespasses. Your love for us is so great that You sacrificed Your only Son in our place. He willingly took the guilt, pain, and punishment that we so rightfully deserve. The darkness of His death gives us the light of salvation through faith. For this we give You the praise, honor, and glory due Your most holy name.

**C** Amen.

**Hymn: WS #721**

**Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

*Mark 14:26-31*

**P** And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.”

**C** Peter said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be.”

**P** Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that today, even this night, before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times.”

**C** But he spoke more vehemently, “If I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And they all said likewise.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**C** Gracious God, You know our frailty. You understand our weakness. You are acquainted with our failures. Though we have professed to believe, we betray our Lord by our actions. Though we have promised to follow, we deny Christ by our selfishness. Though we have vowed to be faithful, we desert our Savior by our own desires. We have lived for ourselves and abandoned those in need. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. In Your great mercy, forgive our sins, free us from all evil, and enable us to live for You, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed

your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you grace to live according to His will.

**C** Amen.

**Hymn: TLH #156:1,2,5**

**Not All the Blood of Beasts**

## ✠ The Service of Darkness ✠

### I. The Gospel: Mark 14:32-42

*Gethsemane*

*Extinguishing of the first candle.*

**Hymn: TLH #159**

**“Go to Dark Gethsemane”**

### II. The Gospel: Mark 14:43-52

*Betrayal and Arrest*

**P** And immediately, while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders.

**C** Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely.”

**P** As soon as he had come, immediately He went up to Him and said to Him, “Rabbi, Rabbi!” and kissed Him. Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

**C** And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

**P** Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

**C** Then they all forsook Him and fled. Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.

### III. The Gospel: Mark 14:53-65

*The Sanhedrin Trial*

*Extinguishing of the second candle.*

**Hymn: TLH #172:1-4**

**“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”**

## IV. The Gospel: Mark 14:66-72

## *The Courtyard*

- P** Now as Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came. And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."
- C** **But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch, and a rooster crowed.**
- P** And the servant girl saw him again, and began to say to those who stood by, "This is one of them."
- C** **But he denied it again.**
- P** And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."
- C** **Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!" A second time the rooster crowed.**
- P** Then Peter called to mind the word that Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."
- C** **And when he thought about it, he wept.**

*Extinguishing of the third candle.*

**Hymn: TLH #146:1**

**"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"**

## V. The Gospel: Mark 15:1-15

## *The Roman Trial*

- P** Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council; and they bound Jesus, led Him away, and delivered Him to Pilate.
- C** **Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"**
- P** He answered and said to him, "It is as you say." And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing.
- C** **Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!"**
- P** But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marveled.
- C** **Now at the feast he was accustomed to releasing one prisoner to them, whomever they requested.**
- P** And there was one named Barabbas, who was chained with his fellow rebels; they had committed murder in the rebellion. Then

the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them.

**C** But Pilate answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?” For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

**P** So they cried out again, “Crucify Him!”

**C** Then Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has He done?”

**P** But they cried out all the more, “Crucify Him!”

**C** So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to them; and he delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.



**VI. The Gospel: Mark 15:16-20** *The Mocking of the Soldiers*  
*Extinguishing of the fourth candle.*

**Hymn: Bulletin**

**“O Lamb of God”**

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me

in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**SERMON - Matthew 27:62-66** The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate <sup>63</sup> and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' <sup>64</sup> Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." <sup>65</sup> Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." <sup>66</sup> So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

## **Ironies of the Passion** **He Said, "I Will Rise Again"**

### **OFFERING and PRAYER**

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#### **VII. The Gospel: Mark 15:21-32**

#### *The Crucifixion*

#### *Extinguishing of the fifth candle.*

#### **Solo**

#### **"My Song Is Love Unknown"**

1. My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me, Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be. Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

2. He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

3. Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend.



## VIII. The Gospel: Mark 15:33

*The Darkness*

- P** Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.



**Extinguishing of the sanctuary lights.**



**Minute of silence.**

## IX. The Gospel: Mark 15:34-41

*Christ's Death*

*Extinguishing of the sixth candle.*

## X. The Gospel: Mark 15:42-47

*Jesus' Burial*

*Extinguishing of the seventh candle.*

## THE BENEDICTION

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- P** Go now into the darkness of evening. Though we walk in darkness, we are not forsaken. We are led by the hand of God. May the love of the Father calm your fears. May the grace of the Lord Jesus keep you through the night. May the presence of the Holy Spirit sustain you throughout life. The Lord be with you. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Tolling of the bell 33 times.*

*The congregation is asked to leave the service and building quietly.*

*Our celebration of Christ's Resurrection will begin Sunday at 10:15am.*

**“Tenebrae”** is a Latin word meaning “darkness” or “shadows.” Good Friday Tenebrae is not a liturgical “funeral” for Jesus, marked by gloom, but a solemn service of reflection on and adoration for God’s Son who offered up His life for us. One by one the Tenebrae candles are extinguished and the lights in the church are gradually dimmed.

**Looking Ahead...**

✝ **Apr. 21:** Easter Breakfast 9 am

✝ **Apr. 21:** Easter Song Service

This loss of light symbolizes the ebbing of Jesus’ life and the darkness which surrounded the cross at Calvary on Good Friday.

After the service, we ask all to leave the church in silence whenever they are ready, meditating on the seriousness of our sins and the greatness of God’s grace in the death of our Savior. We will join on Sunday in joy to remember that He who died for us also lives again!

**Easter Service** Just a friendly reminder that this Sunday is Easter, and we’ll be holding our Easter Worship at the regular 10:15 time slot. In place of the 9:15 Bible class, we will be having our Easter Breakfast Potluck. If you are able, bring a dish to share. Easter Breakfast will begin at 9 o’clock. If you haven’t seen someone in church for a while, reach out to them with a reminder that this Sunday we’ll be celebrating our Lord’s Resurrection!

**Easter Lilies** If you’d like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday, you can find the signup sheet in the back of church. Lilies are \$10, and you can give that money to Teresa Bernthal.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann’s** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers.

*Join us Sunday to celebrate our Savior’s empty tomb!*