Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

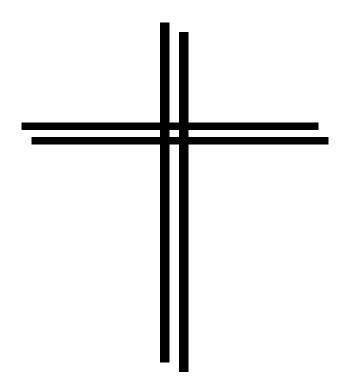
Our mission is....

"to bring people the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ."

Good Friday

March 29, 2024 12:00pm † 6:30pm





Silence is kept as we gather for worship.

On Good Friday, the people gather in silence. **ALL** are encouraged to enter into the silence of this day by breathing slowly and deeply, feeling the beating of their hearts, observing the austerity of the barren altar and listening for the "music" that silence forms within our souls.

This Good Friday liturgy, which alternates readings from Scripture, prayers and hymns, invites us to contemplate the meaning of the "Seven Last Words" of Jesus as he hung upon the cross.

Offering:

Good Friday's offerings may be placed in the baskets as you exit the Sanctuary.

Members, Friends & Guests please sign the burgundy welcome pad and pass it to those sitting next to you.

When all have signed please pass it back and welcome guests after worship.

First time guests please fill out a Welcome Card and place in the offering plate.

* (Denotes when congregation is invited to stand.)

(BOLD PRINT: ALL will respond.)

CALL TO WORSHIP: RINGING OF THE CHIMES

Almighty God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross; strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his Passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant will act wisely;

He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

Just as there were many who were appalled at him -

His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness-

So will he startle many nations,

and kings will shut their mouths because of him.

For what they were not told, they will see,

and what they have not heard, they will understand.

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by humans, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering,

Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

yet we considered him stricken, struck down by God and afflicted,

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that made us whole was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;

and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants?

For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,

Though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer.

When you make his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life, and be satisfied;

By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

Therefore, I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong,

Because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

(sing seven times for the seven words from the cross)

Stay with me, remain here with me, watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Look to Jesus, who, for the sake of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

FIRST READING MEDITATION HYMN Luke 23:32-38 Pastor Deb Hippen Schultz Ah, Holy Jesus

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

SECOND READING MEDITATION HYMN Luke 23:39-43 Seminary Student, Courtney Krueger What Wondrous Love Is This?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on.

"Woman, here is your son." "Here is your mother."

THIRD READING MEDITATION HYMN John 19:25b-27 Pastor Kristin Rice When We are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

FOURTH READING MEDITATION HYMN Matthew 27:45-49 Diakonia Graduate, Dave Cech O Sacred Head Now Wounded

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend, for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

PRAYER LITANY

(All are invited to stand.)



For your baptism, fasting and temptation; for your agony and bloody sweat; for your cross and suffering; for your death and burial, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In times of tribulation; in times of prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgement, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense for those who would believe; and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to reconcile us to them; to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the sea, and the air, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

God, the Father in heaven; God the Son, the redeemer of the world; God the Holy Spirit, be gracious to us.

Amen.

(All are seated.)

"I am thirsty."

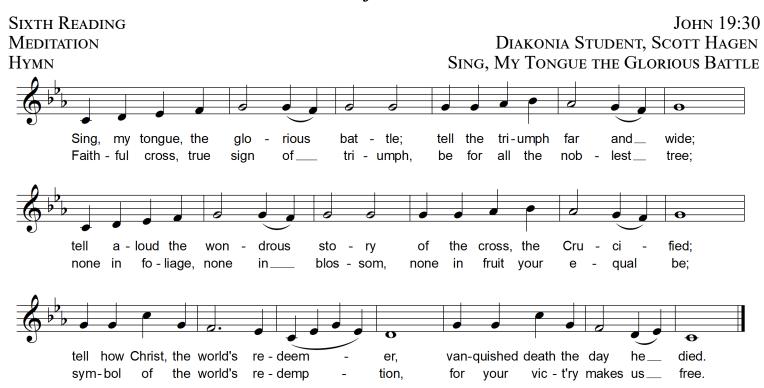
FIFTH READING MEDITATION HYMN John 19:28-29
Director of Faith Formation, Donald Wade
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

"It is finished."



"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

SEVENTH READING MEDITATION

Luke 23:44-49 Pastor Dan Hoeger Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST DEPARTS

For a little while, even the light symbolizing Christ is carried out of our Worship Space. The darkness symbolizes the darkness of Christ's three days in the tomb.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (please remain seated)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.

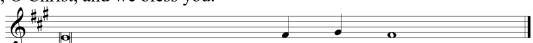
* ADORATION OF THE CRUCIFIED (please stand and face the cross)

The adoration of the crucified (as the Taize liturgy calls it) is not unlike the homage paid to a sovereign at a coronation. The cross is a throne, and the people show allegiance to Christ and his rule as they kneel before the sign of salvation. Silence is kept for meditation on the mystery of the crucified Savior, the mystery of redemption.

Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the world.



We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.



By your holy cross, you have re-deemed the world.

The congregation may come forward to bow before the cross or to touch it as a further sign of devotion.

OFFERING

Offerings are placed in the baskets as you exit the Sanctuary.

ALL LEAVE IN SILENCE

As a courtesy to those who wish to remain in the sanctuary for prayer, please remain silent until you are outside the building.

Thank you.

Easter Sunday: March 31st

A joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection!

6:45am Easter Blessing at the Columbarium Blessing of the Saints who have

gone before us at the Columbarium

7:00am Sunrise Worship

Holy Communion service.

9:00am & 11:00am

Festival Services of Holy Communion Sanctuary Choir & Brass Ensemble. Nursery care available.





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