

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sermon Series: “LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY”



**“Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us
From Evil”**

GOOD FRIDAY

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Good Friday

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12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Gather in Silence

Welcome and Announcements

*Hymn

“Were You There”

Hymn # 353

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading – Isaiah 52:13-53:12

¹³ See, my servant shall prosper;

he shall be exalted and lifted up
and shall be very high.

¹⁴ Just as there were many who were astonished at him

—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,
and his form beyond that of mortals—

¹⁵ so he shall startle many nations;

kings shall shut their mouths because of him,
for that which had not been told them they shall see,
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

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,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by others;

a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity,
and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

- ⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases,
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.
- ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was 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.
- ⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.
- ⁹ They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
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 with affliction.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.
- ¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- ¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out himself to death
and was numbered with the transgressors,
yet he bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1-18 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

² **O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;
and by night, but find no rest.**

³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴ **In you our ancestors trusted;
they trusted, and you delivered them.**

⁵ To you they cried, and were saved;
in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

⁶ **But I am a worm, and not human;
scorned by others, and despised by the people.**

⁷ All who see me mock at me;
they make mouths at me, they shake their heads;

⁸ **“Commit your cause to the LORD; let him deliver—
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!”**

⁹ Yet it was you who took me from the womb;
you kept me safe on my mother’s breast.

¹⁰ **On you I was cast from my birth,
and since my mother bore me you have been my God.**

¹¹ Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹² **Many bulls encircle me,
strong bulls of Bashan surround me;**

¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion.

¹⁴ **I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are out of joint;
my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast;**

¹⁵ my mouth is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks to my jaws;
you lay me in the dust of death.

¹⁶ **For dogs are all around me;
a company of evildoers encircles me.
My hands and feet have shriveled;**

¹⁷ I can count all my bones.

They stare and gloat over me;

¹⁸ **they divide my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots.**

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:16-25

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

After the Reading: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[we stand]

***Gospel – John 19:16b-30**

The gospel is announced:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 19th Chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ Then Pilate handed Jesus over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and carrying the cross by himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’ ” ²² Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.” ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes

and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. ²⁴ So they said to one another, “Let us not tear it but cast lots for it to see who will get it.” This was to fulfill what the scripture says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.”²⁵ And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁸ After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), “I am thirsty.” ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the wine, he said, “It is finished.” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Message “Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil”

(k) **Bidding Prayer** (*The Bidding Prayer has long been a tradition of the Church on Good Friday.*)

The minister concludes each petition with “... through Christ our Lord,” and the congregation responds “**Amen.**”

(k) **The Lord’s Prayer**

**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.**

TENEBRAE

The word Tenebrae means shadows or darkness. Today you will hear the Seven Last Words of Christ as His life was passing on the cross. The seven lit candles will be extinguished one at a time after each of the Seven Last Words are sung. The piano will play as a candle is extinguished, and then the congregation will respond “**Father, forgive us**” using one of the first three notes you hear. As you look at this music, the first note you hear is for the men, and the second note is for the Lectern side women, while the third note you hear is for the Pulpit side women. The lights in the church will also be gradually lowered, allowing us to reflect on what Christ has done for us on this day.

The musical score is divided into three parts: Women, Men, and Piano. The Women part is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a rest, followed by a series of notes corresponding to the lyrics 'Fa-ther, for - give us'. Above the staff, there are labels: 'Starting pitches' above the first note, 'men lectern pulpit' above the next three notes, and 'As each candle is extinguished, then sing' above the final notes. The Men part is written on a single staff with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat, starting with a rest followed by a series of notes. The Piano part is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with a key signature of one flat, starting with a rest followed by a series of notes. The lyrics 'Fa-ther, for - give us.' are written below the Women part.

JESUS: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. (candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: This day, thou shalt be with me in Paradise. (candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: Woman, behold thy son, son behold thy mother. (candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
(candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: I thirst.

(candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. (candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: This day, thou shalt be with me in Paradise. (candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: Woman, behold thy Son, son behold thy mother. (candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?
(candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: I thirst.

(candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: Father, into Thy hands, I commit my spirit.
(candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

JESUS: It is finished.

(candle extinguished as piano plays)

CONGREGATION (sung): **Father, forgive us.**

(Silence for meditation)

PASTOR: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Candles and Prayers

The congregation is invited to come forward to offer prayers of thanksgiving and petition. There are four prayer stations available, two standing and two kneeling. Please remain seated until a station becomes open then come forward to light one of the narrow tapers from the center candle and place it in the sand.

Remain at the station as long as you wish. Leave in silence.

If you choose not to participate in this rite you may leave quietly at this time.

All Depart in Silence

*Congregation stands

(k) Congregation kneels

Ministers	Rev. J. Chris Fischer Rev. Stephen Roehrs
Organist/Choir Director	Jill Helgeson
Pianist	Brenda McGowan
Lectors	(12:00 p.m.) Nancy Korn (7:00 p.m.) Sid Stokes
Candlelighter	Mary Ann Hobbs
Soloist	Virgil Hobbs
Ushers	(12:00 p.m.) Sid Stokes, John Lybrand (7:00 p.m.) Chris Caldwell, Mike Oates

There is an offering basket in the Narthex and Sacristy to receive your offering. Offering (All offerings received today/tonight will go to New Foundations Home for Children.)



Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion
7:00 a.m.
Breakfast to follow

Worship Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.

Note: There will not be any Adult or Children Sunday School classes.



CROSS OF FLOWERS

Again, this year the cross will be outside in front of the church. Please remember to bring your flowers Easter Sunday morning from your garden or from the grocery store to cover the cross. This is a great opportunity for family photos. What a beautiful way to celebrate our risen Lord!