

Friday in Holy Week
Good Friday
THE TENEBRAE
“A Service of Shadows”, 7:30 P.M.
April 7, 2022
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
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The Rev. Brian D. Vasey, Pastor

***PLEASE ENTER THE NAVE AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE AND SILENCE
ALL CELL PHONES AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES.***



***Please stand.**

SILENT MEDITATION

ANNOUNCING THE DAY/INTRODUCTION

Notes on tonight's Worship

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") is a liturgy of the Passion from the Gospel according to John. At the conclusion of each reading, a candle is extinguished and the nave grows ever darker as we near the announcement of Jesus' death. At the conclusion of our liturgy this evening, please leave the nave as quietly as possible, refraining from all conversation until you exit the building.

If you care to leave an offering, please do so by way of the baskets provided.

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree.

C **That we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. Grant that we, who glory in this death for our salvation, may also glory in his call to take up our cross and follow him; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN 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.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**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.**

***A BIDDING PRAYER**

The pastor will offer a short intercession (a bidding). After each phrase silence will follow.

***OUR 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.**

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

John 19:17-37

+ The congregation remains seated until it is read that Jesus came to “the place called the place of a skull...”. When this is read the congregation is asked to stand.

+ As the death of Jesus is read, a loud discord on the organ will be heard (the strepitus) symbolizing the death of Christ. The Paschal Candle will be extinguished for a short time and then relit. This reminds us that for a brief time in history the “Light” did indeed go out.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN

Were You There?

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

***THE ADORATION OF THE CROSS**

P Behold the life-giving cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.

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The congregation kneels

HYMN

Ah, Holy Jesus

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

**Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.**

**Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,
God intercedeth.**

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

**Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.**

DISMISSAL

P We adore and bless you O Christ,

C For by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Please leave the nave as quietly as possible.

EASTER SERVICES

The Vigil (Saturday, April 8), 8 p.m., chapel, moving to the nave.

Easter Sunday (Sunday, April 9), 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., nave.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

LEADING IN WORSHIP THIS NIGHT:

Lector	Ralph Zeigler
Lector	Pastor Vasey
Acolyte	Lou Ann Zeigler
Organist	Carol Waltz
Ushers	Gary Weber



Upper Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Upper Susquehanna Synod Bishop Craig Miller is asking congregations and members to hold the congregation of Salem, Selinsgrove, in their prayers. On Monday, April 3, 2023, there was a fire at the 125-year-old church and there is extensive damage to the building. No one was injured. It is likely that the congregation will not be able to return to their building for several months. The church's pastor, Rev. Stina Schaeffer, also serves as the assistant to the bishop for mobility and transition.

A large volunteer firefight happened that morning and it went to two alarms due to the rapid nature of the fire spreading. Smoke poured out of the building but exterior damage seems to be limited. Most of the damage was to the basement and

EASTER HOSPITALITY



We are excited to once again be hosting Easter Hospitality! Please join us April 9th for a variety of tasty treats ~ nothing too big so no worries that Easter dinner will be ruined. We will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (anytime after 9:15 should work well) for refreshments and Christian Fellowship. All are invited and welcome to join in our Easter Celebration! We can't wait to see you!

Lutheran World Relief (LWR)

There is a great need for personal care kits for the victims of the Turkey earthquake and for war victims in the Ukraine. Kits are composed of a bath towel (dark color preferred - regular size not a bath blanket), 2 bars of soap, a comb, a toothbrush, and a nail clipper. You can provide a complete kit or bring in any of the components of the kit and I will make sure to complete the kit. Monetary donations are also welcome - make out to St. Mark's with LWR kits in the memo line.



Family Promise

Hosting for Family Promise will begin March 26. Chefs are needed to prepare dinner for the families. Alternatives to cooking are take-out, pizza, providing the components for one of the guests to do the cooking. More information will be given toward the end of the month. If you can provide a dinner (in any form), please let me know. dabuckman65@gmail.com or 570-323-1707



Holy Week and Easter Schedule

Saturday, April 8, Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter, 8 p.m.

(We will gather in the Chapel and move to the Nave).

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday

The Feast of Resurrection (Easter Holy Communion), 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 30, "St. Mark Sunday"

(Remembering our patron)

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m

