

Good Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

1:00PM

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Good Friday Worship

On Good Friday the church remembers the crucifixion of Jesus. The worship service on this day, while solemn, is not one of gloom, but a service of adoring the Son of God who offered his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. Good Friday worship is not a funeral service for Jesus, but a solemn service of reflection, intercession, adoration of the Lamb of God, and quiet contemplation of all that he did to gain salvation for us.

He was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

At the conclusion of our Good Friday worship, you may take time for personal meditation. Then please leave quietly contemplating the cross of Christ.

You may place your offering in the offering boxes in the entryway as you leave.

Thank you for worshiping with us today! Whether you are a guest or a member we would love to know you are here! Please use this QR code to sign our digital friendship register. There are also tablets available in the back of Church for you to sign in.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Preacher

Organist

Pastor Aaron Winkelman

Pastor Collin Vanderhoof

David Porth

A SERVICE OF THE SEVEN WORDS FROM THE CROSS

Stand

Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

¹³See, my servant will act wisely;

he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.

¹⁴Just as there were many who were appalled at him—

his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being
and his form marred beyond human likeness—

¹⁵so he will sprinkle 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.

¹Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²He grew up before him 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.

³He was despised and rejected by mankind,

a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴Surely he took up our pain

and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,

stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,

and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We 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.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.
⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.
⁹He 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.
¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes 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.
¹¹After he has suffered,
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.
¹²Therefore 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.

Be seated

The Nails and the Cross

At this time we ask anyone who would like to participate to come forward at the direction of the ushers. In pew sections from left (north) to right (south), you will be dismissed to place a nail in the cross. In quiet reflection we realize that it was our sins that nailed Jesus to the cross. Yet it also reminds us all the more that our sins were placed on the cross and paid for in full by the blood of our loving Savior. "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) After placing the nail in the cross, please walk to the far right (south) window aisle, walk to the back of the church and then return to your pew in silence.

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

CW 422

- 1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,
our guilt and evil bearing
and, laden with the sins of earth,
none else the burden sharing,
goes patient on, grows weak and faint,
to slaughter led without complaint,
that spotless life to offer;
bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,
anguish and mockery and saith,
“Willing all this I suffer.”

- 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul’s great friend,
the Lamb of God, our Savior;
him God the Father chose to send
to gain for us his favor.
“Go forth, my Son,” the Father said,
“and free my children from their dread
of guilt and condemnation.
The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,
but by your passion they will share
the fruit of your salvation.”

- 3 “Yes, Father, yes, most willingly
I’ll bear what you command me.
My will conforms to your decree;
I’ll do what you have asked me.”
O wondrous Love, what have you done!
The Father offers up his Son,
desiring our salvation.
O Love, how strong you are to save!
You make his bed within the grave
who built the earth’s foundation.

4 From morn till eve, in all I do,
 I'll praise you, Christ, my treasure.
 To sacrifice myself for you
 shall be my aim and pleasure.
 My stream of life shall ever be
 a current flowing ceaselessly,
 your constant praise outpouring.
 I'll treasure in my memory,
 O Lord, all you have done for me,
 your gracious love adoring.

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Hymn

CW 568



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
 3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.
 4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
 God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
 Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.
 Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.

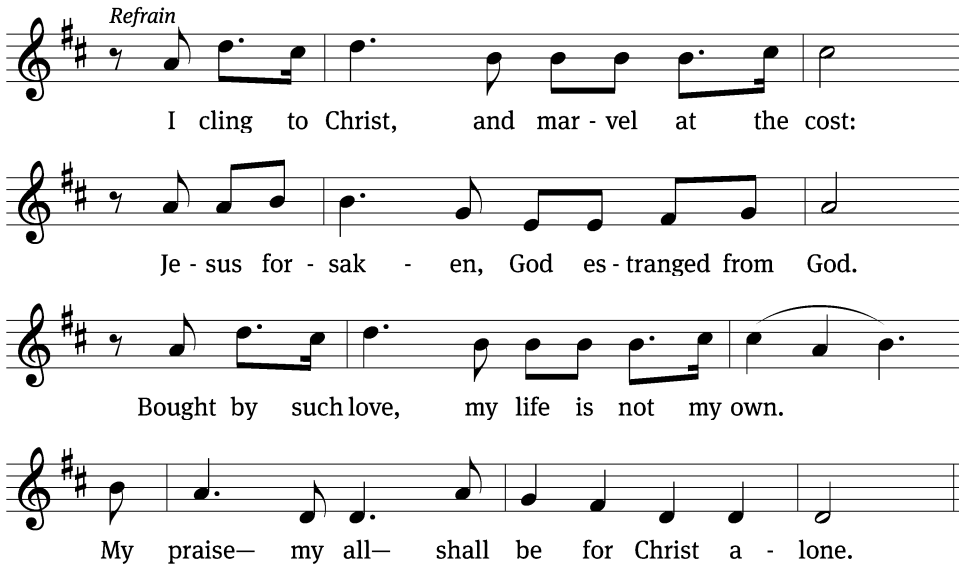


Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
 Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
 He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
 saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
 Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.
 I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!

Refrain



I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:
 Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.
 Bought by such love, my life is not my own.
 My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

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First Word

Luke 23:32–34

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed.

³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;
They pierce my hands and my feet.

They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

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

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.
Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 1

1 Their nails were fresh - ly driv - en, their ha - tred
clear - ly shown, when, "Let them be for - giv - en,"
was heard at heav - en's throne. Your en - e - mies, O
Je - sus, you loved be - yond de - gree, a love so
pure and pre - cious it e - ven par - doned me.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Seven Words'. It consists of five staves of music in a single treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the start of the first line. The music is written in a simple, clear style with a mix of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: '1 Their nails were fresh - ly driv - en, their ha - tred clear - ly shown, when, "Let them be for - giv - en," was heard at heav - en's throne. Your en - e - mies, O Je - sus, you loved be - yond de - gree, a love so pure and pre - cious it e - ven par - doned me.'

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Second Word

Luke 23:35–43

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

All who see me mock me;
They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.
Come to my aid when you save them.

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.
Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 2

2 On you, my King, de - pend - ing, I'm rid of
all my sins! My fi - nal day here end - ing,
my first in heav'n be - gins. As you have tru - ly
spo - ken, in par - a - dise I'll be, with you in
bliss un - bro - ken— you will re - mem - ber me.

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Third Word

John 19:25–27

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.
And a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?
**Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven
is my brother and sister and mother.**

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.
Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 3



3 A Sav - ior like no oth - er, all self - con -
cern de - nied, you served your griev - ing moth - er
while you were cru - ci - fied. My sin had made me

filth - y, but you, the per - fect child, were des - ig -
 nat - ed guilt - y, and I am rec - on - ciled.

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Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45, 46

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lemasabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

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

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,
by night, but I find no rest.

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon
and darken the earth in broad daylight.”

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 4

4 Con - demned, cut off, for - sak - en, out - side the
Fa - ther's care, by ter - ror o - ver - tak - en,
no ear would hear your prayer. On you God's wrath was
vent - ed, on you his fu - ry fell, when, on the
cross tor - ment - ed, you took my place in hell.

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Fifth Word

John 19:28, 29

²⁸After this, when he knew that all things necessary for the Scripture to be fulfilled had now been accomplished, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.” ²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

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

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.

They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 5

5 My Lord, in death's dark val - ley, both soul and
bod - y drained, one drink would help you ral - ly
what lit - tle strength re - mained to raise your voice in
vic - t'ry, to sound your foe's de - feat— the high - est
point in his - t'ry— my res - cue was com - plete.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note, followed by a double bar line.

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Sixth Word

John 19:30

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.
**I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.**

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 6



6 Though sin's most le - tal wa - ges to me, O
Christ, were due, the guilt of all the a - ges
came crash - ing down on you. Most sure - ly, "It is

fin - ished"— my debt is ful - ly paid; my joy is

un - di - min - ished; my heart is un - a - fraid.

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Seventh Word

Luke 23:44–46

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.

⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.
He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

Amen.

The Seven Words

CW 436 st. 7

7 My death will be tri - um - phant no mat - ter
how I die; Lord Je - sus, in that in - stant
es - cort my soul on high in - to my Fa - ther's
keep - ing, all - blame - less and all - blest, like wak - ing
up from sleep - ing, his hands my place of rest.

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Stand

Reading

John 19:31–42

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Be seated

Silence for meditation

Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor

CW 437

- 1 Rest, O Christ, from all your labor;
sleep within your borrowed tomb.
Foes have crucified and bound you
fast within death's narrow room.
Pilate's guards stand watching, waiting
where they rolled the sealing stone.
All unseen another watches:
God will not forsake his own.

- 2 Peace at last from all your anguish,
wounds in hands and feet and side.
Enemies no longer mock you,
scourged, abandoned, crucified.
Faithful women gather spices,
weep for you whom sin has slain.
Though they mourn, the God who guards you
will not let your death be vain.

Continued

- 3 Help us keep this solemn Sabbath
as we wait for Easter dawn.
Earth's dark night of sin is passing;
death's long reign will soon be gone.
Christ, in whom the new creation
rises brighter than the sun:
may we, as we watch for morning,
trust the vict'ry you have won.
- 4 As, through parting Red Sea waters,
Israel marched to liberty,
so we pass through baptism's water,
washed by grace, from sin set free.
Jesus, risen, living, reigning
now and through eternity:
grant that, through your life undying,
we may live victoriously.

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Stand

Prayer of the Day

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Anthem

Sung by Jared Justman

Jesus Paid It All

Dismissal Statement

Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Amen.

The minister exits in silence.

Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

You are invited to place your offering in the offering plates in the entryway as you leave.

*Please join us for our Tenebrae Service at 6:30pm this evening.
Easter Sunday 7:00am (Dawn), 8:30 and 10:00am (Festival)
Easter Breakfast served from 7:30-9:45am*



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