



**GOOD FRIDAY 2016
SERVICE OF THE SEVEN WORDS**

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Waukesha, WI**



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March 25, 2016 + 7:00 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICE

BELL TOLL

Seven times representing the Seven Words from the Cross

HYMN

Lord Jesus, You Are Going Forth | CW 126

The congregation sings the hymn stanzas marked, "The Soul"



(The Soul:) 1 Lord Je - sus, you are go - ing forth
(Jesus:) 2 O soul, come hith - er and be - hold
(The Soul:) 3 'Tis I, Lord Je - sus, I con - fess,
(Jesus:) 4 O soul, I take up - on me now
(The Soul:) 5 What can I for such love di - vine



For me your life to of - fer, For me, a
The fruit of your trans - gres - sion! My bur - den
Who should have borne sin's wag - es And lost the
The pain you should have suf - fered. My death will
To you, Lord Je - sus, ren - der? No mer - it



sin - ner from my birth, Who caused all you must
is the curse of old And for your sin my
peace of heav - 'nly bliss Through ev - er - last - ing
your re - lease al - low; My gift is free - ly
has this heart of mine; Yet while I live I'll



suf - fer. So be it, then, My dear - est Friend;
pas - sion. Now comes the night Of sin's dread might;
a - ges. In - stead you go To bear the blow,
of - fered. The curse I choose That you might lose,
ten - der My - self a - lone And all I own



I fol - low af - ter, weep - ing, Tears flow - ing free
Your guilt I here am bear - ing. Oh, weigh it, soul;
My pun - ish - ment to car - ry. Your death and blood
Sin's curse and guilt for - ev - er. My gift of love
In love to serve be - fore you. Then when time's past,



Your pain to see, Watch o'er your sor - rows keep - ing.
I make you whole, No need now of de - spair - ing.
Lead me to God; By grace I there may tar - ry.
From heav'n a - bove Will give you bless - ing ev - er.
Take me at last; In heav'n I shall a - dore you.

Stand

INVOCATION AND PRAYER

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

REPROACHES

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M: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O my people!

C: *(sings)* Whence come these sorrows, whence this mortal anguish?
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must languish;
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you inherit,
This I do merit.

M: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given me over and delivered me to those who persecute me. For I have fed you with my Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given me gall and vinegar to drink. O my people.

**C: They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;
With cruel mockings to the cross they urge you;
They give you gall to drink, they still decry you;
They crucify you.**

M: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O my people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer me. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O my people!

**C: The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
We forfeited our lives, yet are acquitted –
God is committed.**

A moment of silent reflection

M: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment both now and forever. But I am truly sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

M: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Be seated

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

Choir: When they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals with him, one on the right and one on the left. And Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”**

PRAYER

- M: O Lord Jesus Christ, fold your hands in prayer for us; those wounded hands once stretched and nailed to the cross. Pray for us as you once prayed for your executioners;
- C: **“Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.”**
- M: O Lord Jesus Christ, we know our sinful rebellion. We dare plead ignorance of your holy will. But in your death for us, we find forgiveness for all of our known and unknown crimes.
- C: **Stretch out your forgiving hands, O Lord, for your endless mercies’ sake. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Lamb of God, Most Holy | **Carl Schalk**
Sung by the choir

Lamb of God, most holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient, meek, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

+ The first candle is extinguished +

THE SECOND WORD

JOHN 19:25-27

Professor Joel D. Otto
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Choir: Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, **“Woman, behold your son!”** Then he said to the disciple, **“Behold, your mother!”**

PRAYER

- M: O Lord Jesus Christ, how could you care so much for the hurt of your mother while you were suffering hell for the sins of the world?
- C: **Oh, what boundless love and divine mercy you pour out to your mother from your cross.**
- M: Forgive us when we think of you as cold-hearted toward our suffering and indifferent toward our pain. Open our eyes to see how your love for us held you to the cross so that we might become your sons and daughters.
- C: **We come to you for protection and peace from sin within us and evil around us. Amen.**

RESPONSE

The Song of Mary | **CW pages 57-58**



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-



joic - es in God my Sav - ior, for he has looked with fa - vor



on his low - ly ser - vant. From this day all gen - er - a - tions




will call me bless - ed. The Al - might - y has done great



things for me, and ho - ly is his name. He has mer - cy on



those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the



proud in their con - ceit. He has cast down the might - y



from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.



He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich
 he has sent a - way emp - ty. He has come to the
 help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el, for he has re - mem - bered his
 prom - ise of mer - cy, the prom - ise made to our fa - thers,
 to A - bra - ham, and to his chil - dren for - ev - er. A - men.

+ *The second candle is extinguished* +

Choir: One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, Today you will be with me in paradise."**

PRAYER

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, we too like the thief on the cross deserve to die for the sins of our soul. With the thief of old, we can only plead:

C: **"Remember me when you come into your kingdom."**

- M: How tender your gaze, how sweet your words, how powerful your promise that gives life forever with you. With sure confidence and true humility, we wait eagerly for the day when you will whisper your words in our ears:
- C: "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." Amen.

RESPONSE

There Is a Fountain, Filled with Blood | CW 112

To be sung as follows: v. 1 - All; v. 2 - Men; v. 3 - All; v. 4 - Women; v. 5 - All



1 There is a foun - tain filled with blood— Im -
 2 The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see That
 3 Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood Shall
 4 E'er since by faith I saw the stream Your
 5 When this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue Lies



man - u - el was slain— And sin - ners
 foun - tain in his day; And there have
 nev - er lose its pow'r Till all the
 flow - ing wounds sup - ply, Re - deem - ing
 si - lent in the grave, Then in a



who are washed there - in Lose ev - 'ry
 I, as vile as he, Washed all my
 ran - somed Church of God Be saved and
 love has been my theme And shall be
 no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your



guilt - y stain, Lose ev - 'ry guilt - y stain.
 sins a - way, Washed all my sins a - way.
 sin no more, Be saved and sin no more.
 till I die, And shall be till I die.
 pow'r to save, I'll sing your pow'r to save.

+ The third candle is extinguished +

President Ken J. Fisher
Wisconsin Lutheran High School

Choir: Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, **“Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?”** that is, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

PRAYER

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, your bone-chilling cry revealed to the entire world what God was doing on that dark noon. You continued to trust and call on your Father even while he was punishing you for our sins.

C: **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

M: To know the answer to your riveting question is to know your heart, your grace, your forgiveness! May your cry for your Father ever burn in our hearts!

C: **Let no shadow of doubt ever darken our trust in you, nor separate us from your Father and ours. Amen.**

RESPONSE

Lamb of God, Most Holy | **Carl Schalk**
Sung by the choir

O Lamb of God, most holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient, meek, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!

+ The fourth candle is extinguished +

Pastor Larry R. Gates

Choir: After this Jesus, knowing all that was now finished, said to fulfill the scripture, **“I thirst.”**

PRAYER

- M: O Lord Jesus Christ, lead us to see the depths of your thirst as you suffered as true man. Emaciated and dehydrated, you thirsted to proclaim our salvation.
- C: Being true man you suffered every ounce of torture in your death. Being God your holy death paid completely for every sin. True God and true man, none other could have saved us.**
- M: Because you drank every drop from the cup of suffering, you have become for us the well of salvation unto eternal life.
- C: May we drink deeply from you and never thirst again. Amen.**

RESPONSE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded | CW 105

1. O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.
2. Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!
3. Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;
Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.
4. My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!
5. What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.

+ The fifth candle is extinguished +

Pastor John Mattek
Director of Development

Choir: A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, **“It is finished.”**

PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus Christ, give us your strength as you resolved to do your Father’s work and finish it. What profound peace it gives to know that all has been accomplished for our salvation. Your one word seals the enormous payment you made for our sin.

C: **“It is finished!” Amen.**

RESPONSE

Not All the Blood of Beasts | CW 128



1 Not all the blood of beasts On Is - rael's
 2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, Takes all our
 3 In faith I place my hand On that dear
 4 My soul looks back to see The bur - den
 5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice To see the



al - tars slain Could give the guilt - y con - science
 sins a - way, A sac - ri - fice of no - bler
 head di - vine, As pen - i - tent - ly here I
 you did bear When hang - ing on the curs - ed
 curse re - move; We bless the Lamb with cheer - ful



peace Or wash a - way the stain.
 name And rich - er blood than they.
 stand And lay on him my sin.
 tree— I know my guilt was there!
 voice And sing his bleed - ing love.

+ *The sixth candle is extinguished* +

Pastor Michael D. Schultz
 Director, WELS Hymnal Project

Choir: And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”** And having said this he breathed his last.

RESPONSE

Oh, Darkest Woe | CW 137

Stand



1 Oh, dark - est woe! O tears, forth flow! Has
 2 Oh, sor - row dread! God's Son is dead! But
 3 Lo, stained with blood, The Lamb of God, The
 4 How blest shall be E - ter - nal - ly Who
 5 O Je - sus blest, My Help and Rest, With



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's
 by his ex - pi - a - tion Of our guilt up -
 Bride-groom, lies be - fore you, Pour - ing out his
 oft in faith will pon - der Why the glo - rious
 tears I now en - treat you: Make me love you



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.
 on the cross Gained for us sal - va - tion.
 life that he May to life re - store you.
 Prince of life Should be bur - ied yon - der.
 to the last Till in heav'n I greet you.

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

M: God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to 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, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

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

+ *The seventh candle is extinguished* +

BLESSING

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: **Amen.**

✠ *The Christ candle is carried from the sanctuary.*

✠ *Silence for meditation*

✠ *A loud noise (strepitus) representing the closing of Christ's tomb is heard.*

✠ *The Christ Candle is returned to the altar to await the joy of Easter Morning.*

CLOSING HYMN

Lamb of God, Most Holy | **CARL SCHALK**
Sung by the choir

Lamb of God, most holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient, meek, and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, Else despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus!

- ✠ *The bell will toll 33 times - one toll for each year of our Lord's earthly life.*
 - ✠ *The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before departing in silence.*
 - ✠ *You may exit quietly once the bell begins to toll.*
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SERVING AT WORSHIP

Devotions

Pastor Aaron L. Christie
Professor Joel Otto
Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

Pastor Scott Oelhafen

Pastor Ken Fisher
Wisconsin Lutheran High School

Pastor Larry Gates

Pastor John Mattek

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WELS Hymnal Project Director

Organist

Mark D. Davidson

Cantor

Jon Laabs

Choir

Trinity Mixed Choir

Holy Week 2016

EASTER VIGIL (Easter Eve)

March 26 at 7:12 p.m.

The ancient Easter Candlelight Service (The Easter "Vigil") is celebrated with members of Grace, Waukesha and St. John, Mukwonago.

Service begins exactly at sundown - the biblical beginning of Easter Day.

Holy Communion is the culmination of this service.

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27 at 6:30, 9:00, and 10:45 a.m.

- **Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.**

Communion with the Risen Christ. Cantor with instruments.

- **Easter Breakfast 7:30 a.m.**

- **Easter Festival Service 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

Completely different from 6:30 a.m. Special music by the Mixed Choir with trumpet and organ.



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Worship Service Times

Saturday - 5:30pm + Sunday - 8:15 & 10:45am + Monday – 6:30pm

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