



OUR SAVIOUR'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Bringing Christ to the people and the people to Christ.

We are a community of faith, formed in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's sure and unfolding promise to mend His creation through the life, death and resurrection of His Son, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms of Christian worship, fellowship, and service to others.

Come share the joy!

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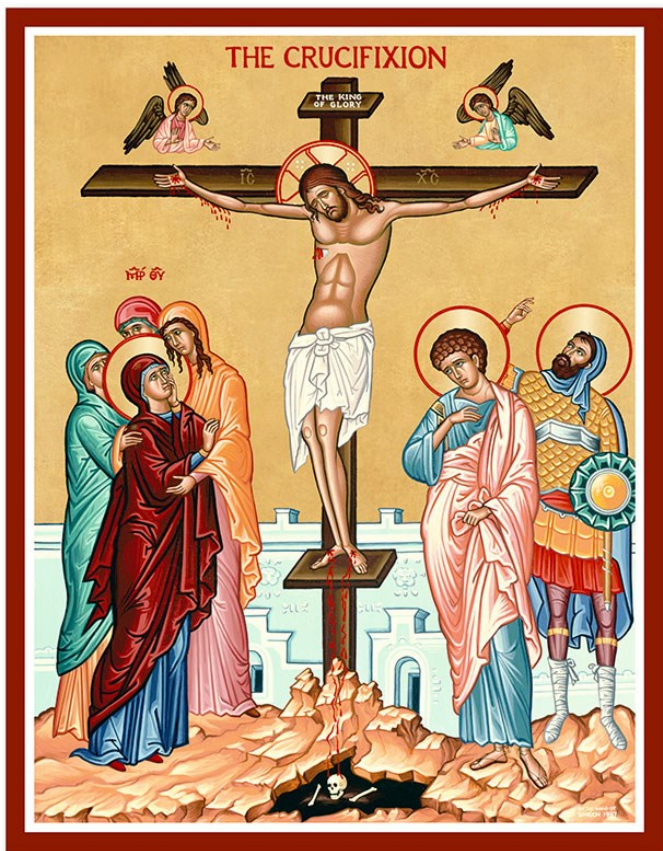
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Our Members, Guests and Visitors

We are all on a journey of faith;
God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Prelude - Dr. Jaeyong Lee

You may use this time for silent meditation to prepare your heart for worship

Please stand

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: And this is the judgment, that the light has come into this world, and we loved darkness rather than light.

C: God is light, in whom there is no darkness at all.

P: For God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

C: Every one that does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light. But all who do what is true come to the light.

P: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth. Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death on the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of His suffering; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

1. THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

First Reader: Matthew 26:20-25

Responsive Reading from Psalm 41

P: My enemies say of me in malice, "When will he die and his name perish?"

C: When one of them comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander; then he goes out and spreads it around.

P: All my enemies whisper together against me; they imagine the worst for me, saying,

C: "A vile disease has afflicted him; he will never get up from the place where he lies."

P: "Even my close friend, someone I trusted, one who shared my bread, has turned against me.

HYMN "AH, HOLY JESUS" Vs 1 (LBW #123)

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.

✠The first Candle is extinguished ✠

2.THE SHADOW OF INNER AGONY & LONELINESS

Second Reader: Matthew 26:36-46

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 102

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you!

C: Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress! Incline your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

P: For my days pass away like smoke, and my bones burn like a furnace.

C: My heart is struck down like grass and has withered; I forget to eat my bread.

P: Because of my loud groaning my bones cling to my flesh.

C: I am like a desert owl of the wilderness, like an owl of the waste places;

P: I lie awake; I am like a lonely sparrow on the housetop.

HYMN "AH, HOLY JESUS" Vs 2 (LBW #123)

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.

✠ The second Candle is extinguished ✠

3. THE SHADOW OF DESERTION

Third Reader: Matthew 26:47-56

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 55

P: Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

C: Attend to me, and answer me; I am restless in my complaint and I moan,

P: because of the noise of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked.

For they drop trouble upon me, and in anger they bear a grudge against me.

C: My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

P: Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.

C: And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest;

P: yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness;

C: I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."

HYMN "AH, HOLY JESUS" Vs 3 (LBW #123)

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

✠ The third Candle is extinguished ✠

4. THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Fourth Reader: Matthew 26:57-68

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 109

P: Be not silent, O God of my praise!

C: For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.

P: They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

C: In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer.

P: So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

C: Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love!

P: Let them know that this is your hand; you, O Lord, have done it!

C: Let them curse, but you will bless! They arise and are put to shame, but your servant will be glad!

P: May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak!

HYMN “O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED” Vs 1 (LBW #116)

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.

The fourth Candle is extinguished ✕

5. THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Fifth Reader: Matthew 26:69-75

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 88:

P: O Lord, God of my salvation, I cry out day and night before you.

C: Let my prayer come before you; incline your ear to my cry!

P: For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol.

C: I am counted among those who go down to the pit; I am a man who has no strength,

P: like one set loose among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

C: You have put me in the depths of the pit, in the regions dark and deep.

P: Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

C: You have caused my companions to shun me; you have made me a horror to them. I am shut in so that I cannot escape;

P: my eye grows dim through sorrow.

HYMN "O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED" Vs 2 (LBW #116)

How art thou pale with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn;
How does that visage languish Which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter Passion, Were all for sinner's gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But thine the deadly pain.

✠The fifth Candle is extinguished ✠

6. THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY & CRUCIFIXION

Sixth Reader: Matthew 27:27-44

RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 22:12-18

P: Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me;

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

P: 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;

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

P: For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—

C: I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me;

P: they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

HYMN "O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED" Vs 3 (LBW #116)

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.

✠ The six Candle is extinguished ✠

7. THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Seventh Reader: Matthew 27:45-61

RESPONSIVE READING FROM ISAIAH 53:1-12

P: Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

C: 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, and no beauty that we should desire him.

P: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

C: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

P: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

C: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

P: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

C: By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

P: And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

C: Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

P: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

C: Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,

P: because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors;

C: yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

HYMN “O SACRED HEAD NOW WOUNDED” Vs 4 (LBW # 116)

Lord, be my consolation; Shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy Passion When my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, From thee shall never move;
For he who dies believing Dies safely in thy love.

✠ The seventh Candle is Hidden during the reading of Isaiah ✠

The Strepitus

The service ends with what was called the *Strepitus* or a loud clanging, reminding us of the great earthquake that occurred at the moment of Jesus’ death. In our service tonight the *Strepitus* will be enacted by hammering the cross 33 times in memory of the 33 years of our Savior's life. After the *Strepitus*, the Christ candle will be placed again on the altar as a foreshadowing of Easter morning.

✠ The Christ Candle is placed back on the Altar ✠

Congregation departs in reverent silence

Our Worship Servants This Evening:

Usher:	Ken Pontious
Readers:	Penelope Davis, Max Bothner, Clara Watkins, Caed Cumming, Fayth Bothner, Annabell Davis, Jason Bothner

Ah, Holy Jesus LBW #123 Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662 United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded (LBW #117) Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr.

Composite, alt. Tune: Hans L. Hassler, 1564-1612

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