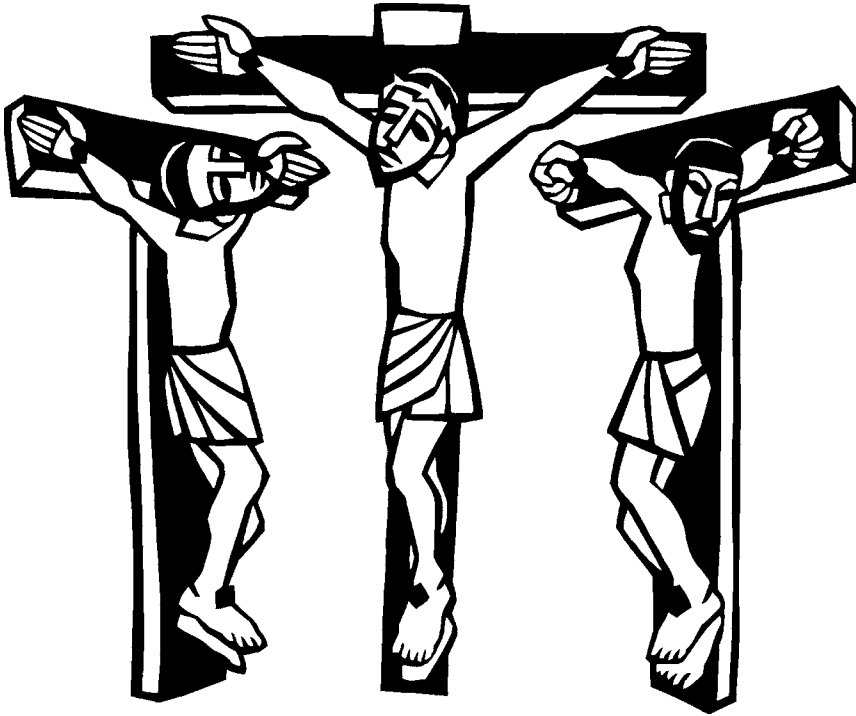


Good FRIDAY



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

April 3, 2026
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

From Latin, the word Tenebrae means “darkness” and commemorates the final hours of our Lord’s life on earth, as he suffered death upon the cross.

As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it. Think and pray on the meaning of this service for you and for the church.

Bidding Prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,

Look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, denied, rejected, and suffer death on a cross. Forgive us and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Anthem

He Never Said a Word

Handbell Choir

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The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Readings and Hymns

Reading

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus ~ John 17:25-18:11

First candle is extinguished

Congregational Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hymn #803

verses 1, 3, 4

Closing Prayer

Merciful God, your son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

Closing Anthem

Were You There?

*After a moment of meditation, please leave the church in peace and in silence.
You are invited to place your offering in the plate at the door.*



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