

**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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Saturdays: As needed

Sundays: 7:30 - 11:30

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Worship Service – 9:30 AM Sundays (In-person & Online)

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**March 29, 2024**

Good Friday/Tenebrae Service

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you'd like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Young worshippers may visit our COR-KIDS Playspace in the rear of the sanctuary. Activity bulletins are also available for children (see ushers or Pastor).

***How do I find worship music?***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (the green book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

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Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our

***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**  
**(Candlelighting service from light to darkness)**

P-Pastor    C-Congregation

Welcome

**GATHERING**

*All gather in silence*

Prayer of the Day

Reading

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Alabaster Box

Ms. Krystle Wallace, soloist

**LISTENING AT GOLGOTHA**

**The First Word**

“Two others also, who were criminals were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” Luke 23:32-34

**Dramatic Reading**

**Prayer**

Let us pray as the first candle is extinguished: Holy Jesus, your forgiving love saves and disturbs us. Without it, we are lost. Yet, as we receive it, we must practice it. By your mercy, make us merciful; by your forgiveness, help us to forgive as we have been forgiven. **Amen.**

**The Second Word**

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus,

remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:39-43

### **Dramatic Reading**

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray as the second candle is extinguished. Holy Jesus, love held you to the cross for my sake, but not mine alone. Your love is frightening in its breadth and depth; when I embrace it, it stretches my poor spirit. Enlarge my heart to make space for your friends; let me love as one forgiven. Today. **Amen**

#### **The Third Word**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus where his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. John 19:25-27

### **Dramatic Reading**

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray as the third candle is extinguished: Holy Jesus, I give thanks for your mother and all like her who have borne the pain of loving too deeply. Thank you for your gift, the church. Help us to receive as your gift all whom we encounter, whoever they are, and to become family to them in your name. **Amen.**

#### **The Fourth Word**

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Matthew 27:45-46

### **Dramatic Reading**

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray as the fourth candle is extinguished. Holy Jesus, there was no suffering like yours. We are silent in God’s silence. There can be no words, only worship. **Amen.**

### **The Fifth Word**

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said, (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. John 19:28-29

### **Dramatic Reading**

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray as the fifth candle is extinguished. (Pause for silence) Holy Jesus, all the longing of God, through all the ages, for all humanity, cries out to us from your cross. Give us a heart to hear that cry and a longing to be found by your love.

**Amen.**

### **The Sixth and Seventh Words**

When Jesus had received the wine he said, "It is finished." John 19:30

Darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 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 commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:44-46

### **Dramatic Reading**

#### **Prayer**

Let us pray as the sixth candle is extinguished. (Pause for silence) Holy Jesus, your work is done. The world has done its sinning and you have done your loving, each beyond limit. And, at the end, limitless love prevails. Your dying becomes my hope and the hope of the world. **Amen.**

### **Good Friday Bidding Prayer**

P: Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. By your Holy Spirit guide the church and gather it throughout the world.

Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your name, and bring the good news of salvation in Christ to all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Let us pray for Elizabeth and Tracie our bishops, for Pastor Kimberly our pastor, for all servants of the church, and for all the people of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold our bishops, pastors, other ministers, and lay leaders. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the church, and help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you continue to bless the church. Increase the faith and understanding of those preparing for baptism. Give them new birth as your children, and keep them in the faith and communion of your holy church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for our sisters and brothers who share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give your church unity. Look with favor on all who follow Jesus your Son. Make all the baptized one in the fullness of faith, and keep us united in the fellowship of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for the Jewish people, the first to hear the word of God.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, long ago you gave your promise to Abraham and

your teaching to Moses. Hear our prayers that the people you called and elected as your own may receive the fulfillment of the covenant's promises. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife, and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who do not believe in God.

*Silent prayer.*

P Almighty and eternal God, you created humanity so that all may long to know you and find peace in you. Grant that all may recognize the signs of your love and grace in the world and in the lives of Christians, and gladly acknowledge you as the one true God. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for God's creation.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the creator of a magnificent universe. Hold all the worlds in the arms of your care and bring all things to fulfillment in you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you are the champion of the poor and oppressed. In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority, so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. We ask

this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us pray for those in need.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. Heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease. Hear the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**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.**

### **Procession of the Cross**

*(The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward.)*

P: Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.  
Let the people say, O, come, let us worship him.

**C: O, come, let us worship him.**

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Were You There?

Ms. Krystle Wallace, soloist

*The congregation leaves in silence.*

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