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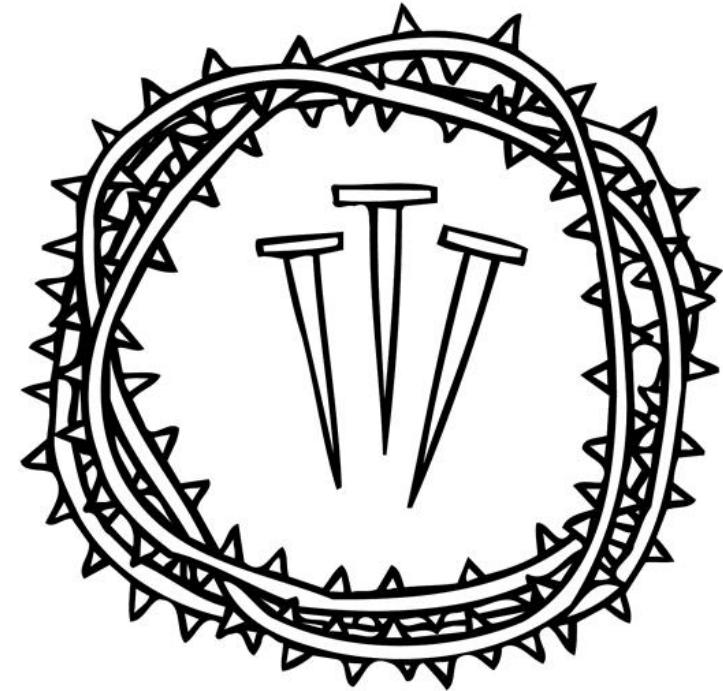
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## Good Friday Tenebrae Service



April 7th, 2023

7:00pm

**Lutheran Church of the Cross  
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**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**Good Friday Service of Tenebrae**  
**April 7th, 2023 — 7:00pm**

*The service of Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”) commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.*

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CONFESSION OF SIN, ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GATHERING HYMN:**      *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

**THE SERVICE OF READINGS AND EXTINGUISHING OF LIGHTS**

*A candle is extinguished after each reading from the story of the passion of our Lord, recalling the darkening shadows of Calvary and the extinguishing of Jesus’ life on the cross.*

**FIRST READING**                      **John 18:1-11**

*Shadow of Betrayal*

**SECOND READING** **John 18:12-27**

*Shadow of Desertion*

**HYMN:**                                      *“Ah, Holy Jesus”*

**THIRD READING:**                      **John 18:28-40**

*King of the Jews*

**FOURTH READING:** **John 19:1-7**

*Mocked and Derided*

**HYMN:**                                      *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

**FIFTH READING**                      **John 19:8-16a**

*No King but Caesar*

**SIXTH READING**                      **John 19:16b-22**

*Place of the Skull*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      *“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”*

Performed by Amanda Sagsveen and Fynn Sagsveen

**SEVENTH READING**                      **John 19:23-30**

*Shadow of the Cross*

**EIGHTH READING**                      **John 19:31-42**

*Shadow of the Cross*

**HYMN:**                                      *“Were You There”*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                      *“Rise Again”*

Performed by Paul Gurholt

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** (whispered in unison)

**STREPITUS** (A loud noise symbolizes Jesus’ death)

**\*\* After a short period of silence, the lights will gradually come up.  
Please leave the church quietly. \*\***

**As you leave the sanctuary, you may place your offering in the  
offering baskets by the exit doors. Thank you.**

*Merciful Jesus, who takes away the  
sins of the world, grant them rest.  
O Lamb of God, who takes away the  
sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.  
Amen*

