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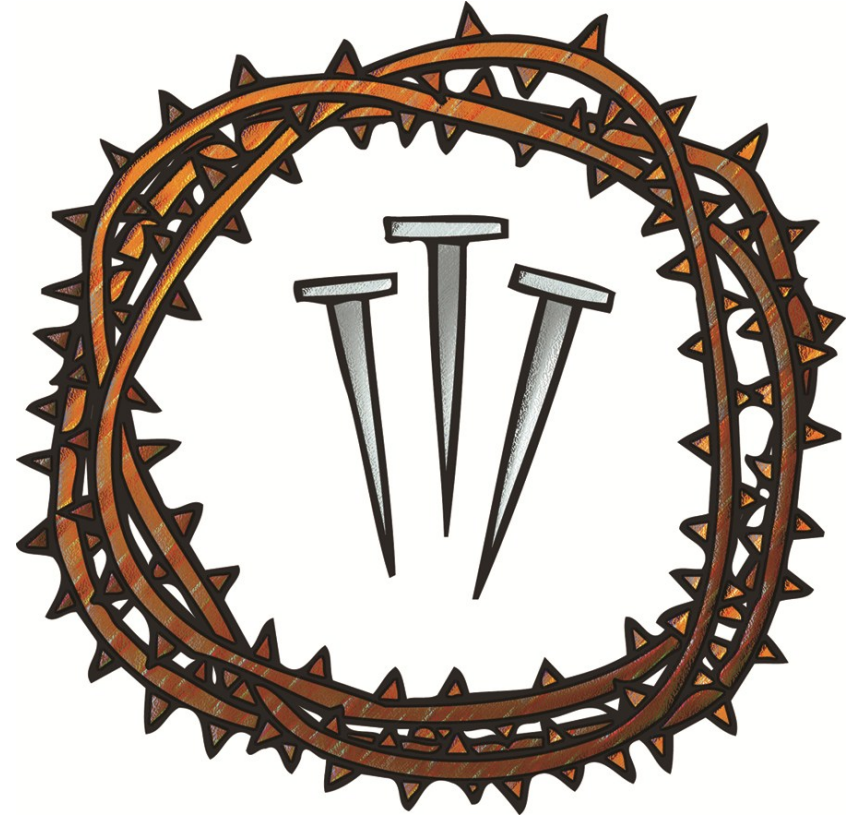
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# Good Friday Tenebrae Service



April 3, 2026  
7:00pm

**Lutheran Church of the Cross**  
**Bismarck ND**

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
**Good Friday Service of Tenebrae**  
**April 3, 2026 — 7:00pm**

*The service of Tenebrae (Latin for “darkness” or “shadows”)  
commemorates the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.*

**GREETINGS OF PEACE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CONFESSION OF SIN, ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GATHERING HYMN:**     *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335*

**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” #349 vs. 1, 2*

**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” #351 vs. 1, 2*

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

*No King but Caesar*

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

*Place of the Skull*

**HYMN:**                         *“Lamb of God” ELW 336*

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

*Shadow of the Cross*

**HYMN:**                         *“Were You There” #353 vs. 1, 3, 5*

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

*Shadow of the Cross*

**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*

