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April 19, 2019

Good Friday

Welcome to St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. If you are a guest or visitor with us today, we welcome you and invite you to come and worship with us again. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Pastor Gruoner, and we hope to see you again soon.

Remember that the Worship Service begins when you enter. As the Music for Meditation begins, you are invited to join in quiet, preparation time for worship. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Liturgy – The Order of Vespers (Page 229)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please e-mail prayer requests to Pastor Holtorf at gholtorf@bluevalley.net.

Prayer requests will remain for 2 weeks unless you specify a length of time.

Robbie Oelschlager – chronic pain

Kelly & Quinn Rhoades

OPENING HYMN LSB #451 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"

INVOCATION

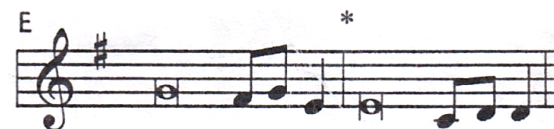
CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways. We confess that our faults and sins have caused the death of Your Son. For His sake grant us forgiveness and through Your Spirit increase our faith and knowledge for true obedience to Your Word. Continue Your grace and mercy to us through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

THE ABSOLUTION

Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God unto you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalmody



He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;*

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes | we are healed.

O LORD, rebuke me not in your | anger,*
nor discipline me | in your wrath!

For your arrows have sunk | into me,*

and your hand has come | down on me.

There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indig- | nation;*
there is no health in my bones because | of my sin.

For my iniquities have gone o- | ver my head;*

like a heavy burden, they are too heav- | y for me.

I confess my in- | iquity;*

I am sorry | for my sin.

Make haste to | help me,*

O Lord, my sal- | vation!

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PSALM 53 - The Passion of the Lord

Pastor will read the odd numbered verses; the congregation will read the even numbered verses (in bold).

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²**He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.**

³He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴**Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.**

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. ⁶**We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸**By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken.**

⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰**Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.**

¹¹After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

¹²**Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

There will be NO offering plate passed, the offering plates will be located on stands in the back of the church, you may leave your offering as you exit the church.

WORDS OF PASSION

The Words of the Trial

Hymn LSB #449 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

The Words of the Trial

(continued)

THE TENEBRAE PROPER

The Words on the Cross

THE FIRST WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" v. 1-3

THE SECOND WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" v. 4-6

THE THIRD WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" vs. 7-9

THE FOURTH WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" vs. 10-12

THE FIFTH WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" vs. 13-15

THE SIXTH WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" vs. 16-18

THE SEVENTH WORD

Hymn LSB #447 "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes" vs. 19-21

THE STREPITUS

*... the Place of a Skull,
which is called Golgotha.*

Explanation of the Service

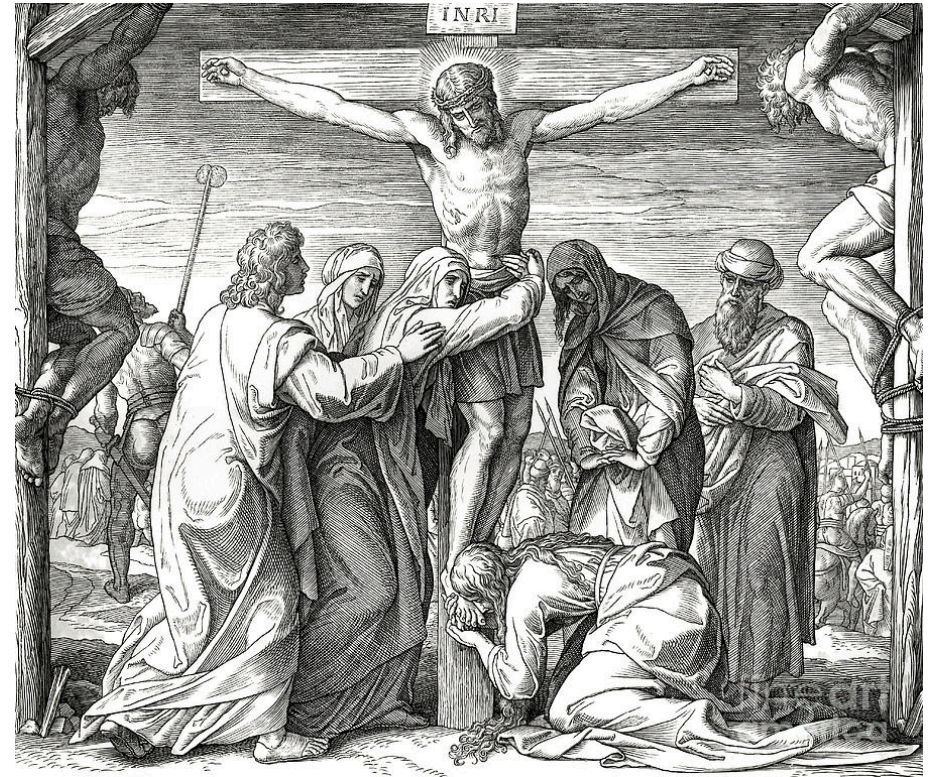
The TENEBRAE portion of our service is patterned after the ancient office of Tenebrae. The word "Tenebrae" means darkness. The purpose of the service is to impress upon us the terrible reality of sin, which caused our Savior to die for us.

A total of 8 candles are to be used in this portion of the service. Seven of these candles represent the seven last sentences which our Savior spoke from the cross, and the eighth candle is the Christ candle.

As the 7 candles are extinguished one by one, causing the chancel to become increasingly darkened, we are reminded of the darkness that covered the earth at the time our Lord spoke these words at His crucifixion. It also serves as a reminder of the spiritual darkness that would exist had the Light of the world not come.

The exit of the Christ Candle, near the close of the service, signifies Christ's death and burial. When the book is lifted a few inches from the altar and slammed back down to create a definite closing sound, this acknowledges that with the sealed tomb the meaning of the cross is fulfilled, the sacrifice completed. The Christ Candle is not extinguished at any time during the service and is symbolic of the eternal light of God's love.

Though evil had its hour, the light of God's love continues to burn to all eternity. Join us here on Easter morning at 9:30 a.m. and rejoice in the glorious message of the Risen Christ.



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Rev. Gene Holtorf, Guest Pastor

(Please exit the church silently and reverently.)