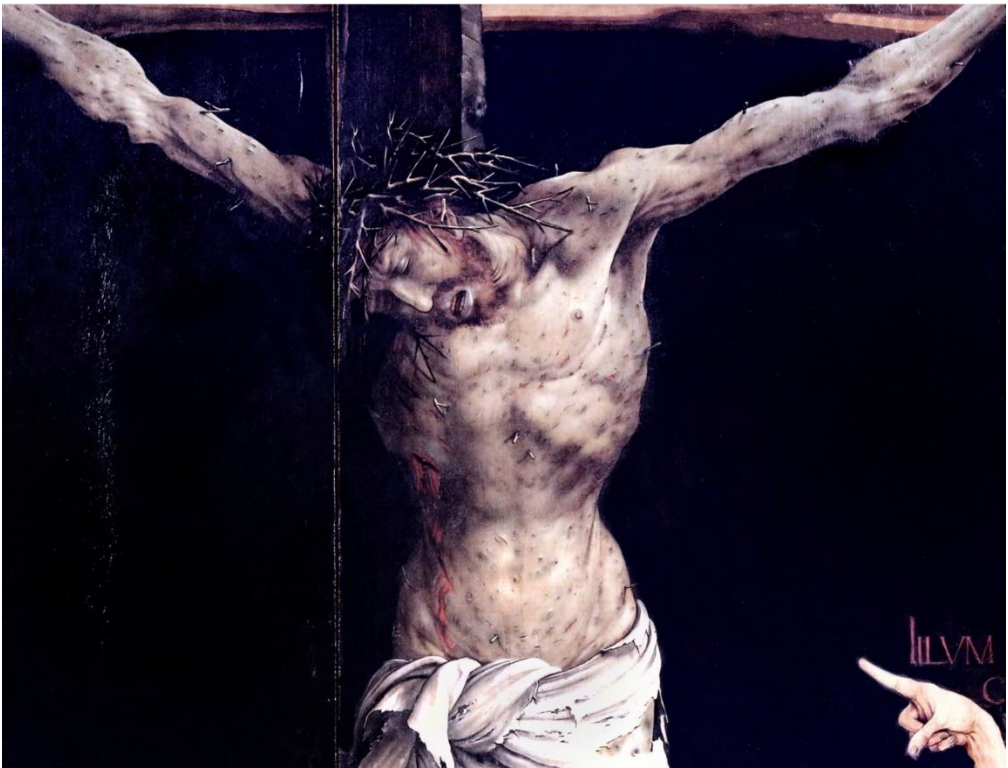


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GOOD FRIDAY
The Last Seven Words
Friday, April 18, 2025 - 12:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.



Crucifixion detail from Matthias Gruenewald's altar triptych in Isenheim, France. The gruesomeness of the painting reminds us that not only did an innocent man die on the cross, but bearing the sins of the whole world is an ugly thing. "But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5)

Tolling of the Bell

P O Christ, Lamb of God, slain for the sin of the whole world, with penitent hearts we come to Your cross, pleading for mercy and forgiveness. Our sins -- and they are many -- have added to the burden of Your suffering and have nailed You to the accursed tree. For us You tasted the agony of the utter darkness that we might not perish, but have everlasting life. Have mercy upon us.

**C (LSB 767) Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

P O Christ, Lamb of God, embrace us with Your love, and forgive us all our sins. Your death brings healing to our souls, peace to our minds, cleansing to our hearts. If You would mark iniquity, we could not come, for our hands are unclean, our lips are sullied, and our hearts are blackened by sin. But beholding You bleeding, despised, forsaken, dying, pierced, we come to be cleansed and forgiven. Have mercy upon us.

**C (LSB 767) Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**

P O Christ, Lamb of God, grant that we may hate sin and wickedness more and more as we behold You in Your great agony. Our grateful hearts today find hope in Your words, comfort in Your promises, and salvation in Your finished work on the cross, by which You have overcome sin, Satan, and death. O Lord, have mercy. O Christ, have mercy. O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

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Old Testament Reading

***The Suffering Servant* Isaiah 52:13-53:12**

¹³Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—¹⁵so shall he sprinkle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. ¹Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? ²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵But 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.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Collect of the Day

P Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Psalmody

Psalm 22:1–18



P My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?*
Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my | groaning?

**C O my God, I cry by day, but you do not | answer,*
and by night, but I | find no rest.**

P Yet you are | holy,*
enthroned on the praises of | Israel.

**C In you our fathers | trusted;*
they trusted, and you de- | livered them.**

P To you they cried and were | rescued;*
in you they trusted and were not | put to shame.

**C But I am a worm and | not a man,*
scorned by mankind and despised by the | people.**

P All who see me | mock me;*
they make mouths at me; they | wag their heads;

**C "He trusts in the LORD; let him de- | liver him;*
let him rescue him, for he de- | lights in him!"**

P Yet you are he who took me | from the womb;*
you made me trust you at my | mother's breasts.

**C On you was I cast | from my birth,*
and from my mother's womb you have | been my God.**

P Be not far from me, for trouble | is near,*
and there is | none to help.

**C Many bulls en- | compass me;*
strong bulls of Bashan sur- | round me;**

P they open wide their | mouths at me,*
like a ravening and roaring | lion.

**C I am poured out like water,
and all my bones are | out of joint;*
my heart is like wax;
it is melted with- | in my breast;**

P my strength is dried up like a potsherd,
and my tongue sticks | to my jaws;*
you lay me in the | dust of death.

**C For dogs en- | compass me;*
a company of evildoers encircles me;
they have pierced my | hands and feet—**

P I can count | all my bones—*
they stare and gloat | over me;

**C they divide my garments a- | mong them,*
and for my clothing they | cast lots.**

Hymn

451, Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

The Seven Words From the Cross

First Word and Devotion

Luke 23:34

³⁴*And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.*

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.1, 2, 3)

Second Word and Devotion

Luke 23:39-43

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.4, 5, 6)

Third Word and Devotion

John 19:23-27

²³When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.7, 8, 9)

Fourth Word and Devotion

Matthew 27:45-49

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.10, 11, 12)

Fifth Word and Devotion

John 19:28-29

²⁸After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.13, 14, 15)

Sixth Word and Devotion

John 19:30

³⁰When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.16, 17, 18)

Seventh Word and Devotion

Luke 23:44-49

⁴⁴It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. ⁴⁷Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God, saying, "Certainly this man was innocent!" ⁴⁸And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

LSB 447, Jesus, In Your Dying Woes (v.19, 20, 21)

STAND

THE BIDDING PRAYER

A moment of silence follows each invitation to prayer.

- A Let us pray for the whole Christian Church, that our Lord God would defend her against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary and keep her perpetually on the true foundation, Jesus Christ:

Silent prayer.

- P Almighty and everlasting God, since You have revealed Your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ and in the Word of His truth, keep, we ask You, in safety the works of Your mercy so that Your Church, spread throughout all the nations, may be defended against the adversary and may serve You in true faith and persevere in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- A Let us pray for all the ministers of the Word, for all vocations in the Church, and for all the people of God:

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive the supplications and prayers which we offer before You for all Your servants in Your holy Church that every member of the same may truly serve You according to Your calling; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for all in authority that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty:

Silent prayer.

P O merciful Father in heaven, because You hold in Your hand all the might of man and because You have ordained, for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do well, all the powers that exist in all the nations of the world, we humbly pray You graciously to regard Your servants, especially our President; the Congress of the United States; our Governor, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws; that all who receive the sword as Your ministers may bear it according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray to our Lord God Almighty that He would deliver the world from all error, take away all disease, ward off famine, set free those in bondage, and grant health to the sick and a safe journey to all who travel:

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, the consolation of the sorrowful and the strength of the weak, may the prayers of those who in any tribulation or distress cry to You graciously come before You, so that in all their necessities they may rejoice in Your manifold help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that our Lord God would be pleased to deliver them from their error, call them to faith in the true and living God and His only Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and gather them into His family, the Church:

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of our holy Church; through Jesus Christ, your Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for peace, that we may come to the knowledge of God's holy Word and walk before Him as is fitting for Christians:

Silent prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, King of Glory, and Lord of heaven and earth, by whose Spirit all things are governed, by whose providence all things are ordered, the God of peace and the author of all concord, grant us, we implore You, Your heavenly peace and concord that we may serve You in true fear, to the praise and glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for our enemies, that God would remember them in mercy and graciously grant them such things as are both needful for them and profitable for their salvation:

Silent prayer.

P O almighty, everlasting God, through Your only Son, our blessed Lord, You have commanded us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We therefore earnestly implore You that by Your gracious visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance and may have the same love and be of one accord and one mind and heart with us and with Your whole Christian Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

A Let us pray for the fruits of the earth, that God would send down His blessing upon them and graciously dispose our hearts to enjoy them according to His own good will:

Silent prayer.

P O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You so to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

**C 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.**

Hymn

449, O Sacred Head Now Wounded

***The pastors exit the chancel.
The congregation may remain for prayer
and meditation before leaving the sanctuary quietly.***

Offerings may be left in the wooden box at the back of the nave as you leave.

Offerings from Maundy Thursday are being designated by the Board of Evangelism to continue our support for Bienfait Romero and Jonah Khalid. We have an opportunity to help these Lutheran Pastors in Africa as they serve God and the church.

Participants

Preacher	Rev. Dennis Hipenbecker
Liturgist	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	(12:00) Doug Grelk (6:30) Matias Goldenstein
Chancel Assistant	(12:00) Jim Olson (6:30) Kirk Midtbo
Usher Team on duty	(12:00) Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch (6:30) Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson