# Faith Lutheran Church in Valders

# *Sharing God’s Word; Showing God’s Love; Serving God’s World.*

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

**THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST**

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE**

This musical service is an adaptation of the ancient Tenebrae service dating to the eighth century. It is a remembrance of the suffering and death of Christ. The literal translation of the Latin word "Tenebrae" is "Shadows". The gradual extinguishing of the candles symbolizes the fading loyalty of Jesus' disciples and the gathering darkness of the crucifixion. The veiling of the Cross represents the sadness and darkness of death.

But may this reflecting on the power of death help us grasp more fully the joy of Easter when God raised Jesus from death to life and the resurrection hope that we have in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 22** (selected verses)

P: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of

 anguish?

**C: My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.**

P: Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

**C: In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.**

P: But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

**C: All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads. “He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let**

 **the Lord rescue him.”**

P: Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother’s breast.

**C: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

P: I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted

 within me.

**C: Dogs surround me, a pack of evil men encircle me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**

P: All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

**C: They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.**

P: But Lord, do not be far from me. You are my strength.

**C: For God has not despised the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but**

 **has listened to his cry for help.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be

 betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns

 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn** ***“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*** #338

**The Upper Room** – Luke 22:14-22, 31-34

Extinguishing of the first candle

**Hymn** ***“The Old Rugged Cross”*** vs. 1, 3

**The Garden of Gethsemane** – Mark 14: 32-42

Extinguishing of the second candle

**Hymn** ***“Go To Dark Gethsemane”*** vs. 1-2 #347

**Judas and the Arrest** – Matthew 26: 47-56

Extinguishing of the third candle

**Hymn *“Ah, Holy Jesus”*** vs. 1-2 #349

**The Trial before the Sanhedrin** – Luke 22:54-62 Mark 14: 55-64

Extinguishing of the fourth candle

**Hymn** **“*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*”** vs. 1-2 #351

**Jesus Before Pilate** – Matthew 27:15-23

Extinguishing of the fifth candle

**Hymn** ***“Ah, Holy Jesus”*** vs. 3-4 #349

**The Crucifixion** – Mark 15:16-27; Luke 23:39-43

Extinguishing of the sixth candle

**Hymn** ***“Jesus, Remember Me”*** (sung 3 times)#616

**Jesus’ Death** – Mark 15:33-46

Extinguishing of the seventh candle

**Veiling of the Cross**

### Solo  *“Were You There?”* Pastor Dan Lyman

**Strepitus (the sound of the tomb slamming closed)**

**You may pray silently: “**O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of Jesus, your Son, you offer your infinite love and life to all of humanity. We have gathered at the cross of Christ to remember and believe in his great love for us, his atoning sacrifice that sets us free from sin and death. By your Holy Spirit move our spirits to greater faith, hope, and love. Grant us Christ’s wisdom and understanding, empower us in our serving, give us patience in suffering, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.”

**Please leave in silence.**

*Now we wait for the day of Our Lord’s Resurrection.*

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**Serving Us Today**

Organist: Sue Riesterer Head Usher: Scott Reinertson

Greeter: Wayne Huske Acolyte: Ariana Herrick

Lectors: Don Domrath, Kathy Mattern, Larry Burzynski Video/Live Stream & Sound: Bill Riesterer

Projection: Whitney Ulness