

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS
A Worship Service of Meditation



Ascension Lutheran Church
5347 Donovan

Epiphany Lutheran Church
4045 Holly Hills

Concordia Lutheran Church
7291 Sarah Ave.

Messiah Lutheran Church
2846 South Grand

Christ in the City Lutheran Church
3504 Caroline Street

St. Johns Lutheran Church
3738 Morgan Ford Rd.

Timothy Lutheran Church
6704 Fyler

Historic Trinity Lutheran Church
812 Souldard

GOOD FRIDAY TRE ORE WORSHIP SERVICE

St. Johns Lutheran Church
April 3, 2015 ~ 12:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Also on 850AM KFUE Radio

+ PRELUDE+

Bells

12:00 P.M.

Welcome and Invocation *Liturgist: Rev. Michael Tanney, St. Johns Lutheran Church*

Invocation

Opening Hymn: #440 (vs. 1, 2, 4) *"Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"* (Organist: Betsy Vogel, Messiah Lutheran)

**Jesus, I will ponder now On your holy Passion;
With your Spirit me endow For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith May the image cherish
Of your suff'ring, pain, and death That I may not perish.**

**Make me see your great distress, Anguish, and affliction,
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,
How you died for those, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.**

**Grant that I your Passion view With repentant grieving,
Let me not bring shame to you By unholy living.
How could I refuse to shun Ev'ry sinful pleasure
Since for me God's only Son Suffered without measure?**

Psalm 121

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

People: Where does my help come from?

Pastor: My help comes from the Lord.

People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot slip.

People: He who watches over you will not slumber;

Pastor: Indeed, He who watches over Israel

People: Will neither slumber nor sleep.

Pastor: The Lord watches over you

People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand;

Pastor: The sun will not harm you by day,

People: Nor the moon by night.

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all harm

People: He will watch over your life;

Pastor: The Lord will watch over your coming and going

People: Both now and forevermore.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

MUSIC *"Just As I Am" Trumpeter Roger Plackmeier and Organist Betsy Vogel, Messiah Lutheran*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:32-44

As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

The Message: "Come Down from the Cross."

Preacher: Rev. Michael Okine, Messiah Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +

12:20 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Michael Okine, Messiah Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #453 (vs. 1, 2, 5) "Upon the Cross Extended" (Organist: Betsy Vogel Messiah Lutheran Church)

Upon the cross extended	Come, see these things and ponder,
See, world, your Lord suspended.	Your soul will fill with wonder
Your Savior yields His breath.	As blood streams from each pore.
The Prince of Life from heaven	Through grief beyond all knowing
Himself has freely given	From His great heart came flowing
To shame and blows and bitter death.	Sighs welling from its deepest core.

Your soul in griefs unbounded,
Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me.
The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing,
You healed my wounds and set me free.

Psalm 32 (vs. 1-7)

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven.

People: **Whose sins are covered.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him

People: **And in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Pastor: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

People: **Through my groaning all day long.**

Pastor: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

People: **My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Pastor: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" -- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Pastor: Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;

People: **Surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

Pastor: You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble

People: **And surround me with songs of deliverance.**

MUSIC "Savior When in Dust to Thee" AlterGill, Messiah Lutheran

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-38

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

The Message: "The First Word: 'Father, Forgive Them...'"

Preacher: Rev. Matt Clark, Ascension Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +
"Lamb of God" Ascension Lutheran Church

12:40 P.M.

Opening Prayer Liturgist: Rev. Matt Clark, Ascension Lutheran Church

Hymn: #436 (vs. 1-3) "Go to Dark Gethsemane" (Organist: James R Thielker, Ascension Lutheran)

**Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.**

**Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.**

**Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.**

Psalm 16

Pastor: Keep me safe, O God,

People: For in You I take refuge.

Pastor: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

People: Apart from You I have no good thing."

Pastor: As for the saints who are in the land,

People: They are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

People: I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Pastor: Lord, You have assigned me my portion and my cup;

People: You have made my lot secure.

Pastor: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

People: Surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Pastor: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;

People: Even at night my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me.

People: Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

People: My body also will rest secure,

Pastor: Because You will not abandon me to the grave,

People: Nor will You let Your Holy One see decay.

Pastor: You have made known to me the path of life;

People: You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

MUSIC *"His Blood On Us" Soloist Lisa Clark, Ascension Lutheran Church*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:39-43

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

The Message: "The Second Word: 'Today, You Will Be with Me . . .'"

Preacher: Rev. Matt Wood, Concordia Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +
"Voluntary "G" Minor" by Samuel Long

1:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Matt Wood, Concordia Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #428 *"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"* (Organist: Russ Henkhaus, Concordia Lutheran Church)

**Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!**

**Here the King of all the ages,
Throned in light ere worlds could be,
Robed in mortal flesh is dying,
Crucified by sin for me.**

**O mysterious condescending!
O abandonment sublime!
Very God Himself is bearing
All the sufferings of time!**

**Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow,
Where the blood of Christ was shed,
Perfect Man on thee did suffer,
Perfect God on thee has bled!**

Psalm 77 (vs. 1-12)

Pastor: I cried out to God for help;

People: **I cried out to God to hear me.**

Pastor: When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;

People: **At night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.**

Pastor: I remembered You, O God, and I groaned;

People: **I mused, and my spirit grew faint.**

Pastor: You kept my eyes from closing;

People: **I was too troubled to speak.**

Pastor: I thought about the former days,

People: **The years of long ago;**

Pastor: I remembered my songs in the night.

People: **My heart mused and my spirit inquired:**

Pastor: "Will the Lord reject us forever?

People: **Will He never show His favor again?**

Pastor: Has His unfailing love vanished forever?

People: **Has His promise failed for all time?**

Pastor: Has God forgotten to be merciful?

People: **Has He in anger withheld His compassion?"**

Pastor: Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:

People: **The years of the right hand of the Most High."**

Pastor: I will remember the deeds of the Lord;

People: **Yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago.**

Pastor: I will meditate on all Your works;

People: **And consider all Your mighty deeds.**

MUSIC *"On the Cross Have Mercy" by Patrick Liebergen*

Concordia Lutheran Ensemble: Terrisila Smith, Laura Marrs, Kay Marrs, Rick Marrs

Scripture Reading: John 19:23-27

When 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, so 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, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

The Message: "The Third Word: 'Woman, Behold Your Son...'"

Preacher: Rev. Michael Ziegler, Epiphany Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +

*"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded," arranged by Michael Burkhardt
Organist Anna Horton Epiphany Lutheran*

1:20 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Michael Ziegler, Epiphany Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #421 (vs. 1, 3, 4) *"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"* (Organist: Anna Horton, Epiphany Lutheran)

**Jesus, grant that balm and healing
In Your holy wounds I find,
Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
Pains of body and of mind.
Should some evil thought within
Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
Show the peril, and from sinning
Keep me from its first beginning.**

**If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.**

**Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.**

Psalm 22 (vs. 1-11)

Pastor: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

People: **Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?**

Pastor: O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer.

People: **By night, and am not silent.**

Pastor: Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One;

People: **You are the praise of Israel.**

Pastor: In You our fathers put their trust;

People: **They trusted and You delivered them.**

Pastor: They cried to You and were saved;

People: **In You they trusted and were not disappointed.**

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man,

People: **Scorned by men and despised by the people.**

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

People: **They hurl insults, shaking their heads:**

Pastor: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.

People: **Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him."**

Pastor: Yet You brought me out of the womb;

People: **You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast.**

Pastor: From birth I was cast upon You;

People: **From my mother's womb You have been my God.**

Pastor: Do not be far from me,

People: **For trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

MUSIC *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain", by Jeffry Blersch, Organist Anna Horton, Epiphany Lutheran*

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-49

Now from the sixth hour here was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And 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?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And 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. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

The Message: "The Fourth Word: 'My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?'"

Preacher: Rev. Bill Wilson, Timothy Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +

"Erbarm dich mein" (Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord) by J.S. Bach

(Organist: Abby Wuerffel and Clarinetist: Tim Dost)

Words of Meditation:

*Have mercy, Lord, my sin forgive
For Thy long-suffering is great!
O cleanse and make me fit to live,
My sore offence do Thou abate*

*With shame do I my fault confess,
Gainst Thee along, Lord, have I sinned.
Thou are the source of righteousness,
And I the sinner just condemned.*

1:40 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Bill Wilson, Timothy Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #451 (vs. 1, 3, 4) *"Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted"* (Organist: Abby Wuerffel, Timothy Lutheran)

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
This is Christ, by man rejected; Here, my soul, Your Savior see.
He's the long expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord.
Proofs I see sufficient of it: He's the true and faithful Word.**

**You who think of sin but lightly, Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load;
It's the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation; Here the refuge of the lost;
Christ, the rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast.
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on him their hope have built.**

Psalm 42 (vs. 1-5, 8-11)

Pastor: As the deer pants for streams of water,

People: **So my soul pants for You, O God.**

Pastor: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

People: **When can I go and meet with God?**

Pastor: My tears have been my food day and night,

People: **While men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"**

Pastor: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

People: **How I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.**

Pastor: Why are you downcast, O my soul?

People: **Why so disturbed within me?**

Pastor: Put your hope in God,

People: **For I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.**

Pastor: By day the Lord directs His love,

People: **At night His song is with me -- a prayer to the God of my life.**

Pastor: I say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me?"

People: **Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"**

Pastor: My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,

People: **Saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"**

Pastor: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

People: **Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God**

MUSIC: *"Out of the Depths" (from Psalm 130) by Daniel Nelson, Timothy Lutheran Choir*

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that all are now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

The Message: "The Fifth Word: 'I Thirst'"

Preacher: Rev. Michael Tanney, St. Johns Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +

Finale from the "St. Matthew Passion" by J.S. Bach

(Organist: Abby Wuerffel Clarinetist: Tim Dost)

Words of Meditation:

*Here yet awhile, Lord, Thou art sleeping,
Hearts turn to Thee, O Savior blest;
Rest thou calmly, calmly rest
Death that holds Thee in its keeping.
When its bonds are loosed by Thee,*

*Shall become a welcome portal,
Leading man to life immortal,
Where he shall Thy glory see.
Savior blest, slumber now and take Thy rest.*

2:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Michael Tanney, St. Johns Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #430 (vs. 1, 2, 6, 7) *"My Song is Love Unknown" (Organist: Abby Wuerffel, Timothy Lutheran)*

**My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be,
Oh, who am I, That for my sake, My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
He came from His blest throne, Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none, The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need, His life did spend!
In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay
Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, In whose sweet praise, I all my days Could gladly spend!**

Psalm 130

Pastor: Out of the depths

People: I cry to You, O Lord;

Pastor: O Lord, hear my voice.

People: Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness;

People: Therefore You are feared.

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

People: And in His Word I put my hope.

Pastor: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

People: More than watchmen wait for the morning.

Pastor: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

People: For with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

Pastor: He Himself will redeem Israel

People: From all their sins.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

MUSIC *"Above All Powers" by Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche*

Timothy Lutheran Quartet: Carla & John Hagan, Abby & Ted Wuerffel

Scripture Reading: John 19:30

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

Message: "The Sixth Word: 'It is Finished!'"

Preacher: Rev. Rick Foss, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +
"Prelude" by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
Organist Wes Kassulke Historic Trinity Lutheran

2:20 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Rick Foss, Historic Trinity Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #450 (vs. 1, 3, 6) *"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"* (Organist: Wes Kassulke Historic Trinity Lutheran)

**O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded With thorns, your only crown.
O sacred head, what glory And bliss did once combine;
Though now despised and gory, I joy to call you mine!**

**All this for my transgression, My wayward soul to win;
This torment of your Passion, To set me free from sin.
I cast myself before you, Your wrath my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore you, O Lord, condemn me not!**

**Lord, by my consolation, My constant source of cheer;
Remind me of your Passion, My shield when death is near.
I look in faith, believing That you have died for me;
Your cross and crown receiving, I live eternally.**

Psalms 143 (vs. 1-8)

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

People: **In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.**

Pastor: Do not bring Your servant into judgment,

People: **For no one living is righteous before You.**

Pastor: The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground;

People: **He makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead.**

Pastor: So my spirit grows faint within me;

People: **My heart within me is dismayed.**

Pastor: I remember the days of long ago;

People: **I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your hands have done.**

Pastor: I spread out my hands to You;

People: **My soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

Pastor: Answer me quickly, O Lord;

People: **My spirit faints with longing.**

Pastor: Do not hide Your face from me

People: **Or I will be like those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor: Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,

People: **For I have put my trust in You.**

Pastor: Show me the way I should go,

People: **For to You I lift up my soul.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

People: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

MUSIC *"Before the Crucifix" by Frank La Forge Soloist: Nicole Heerlein, Historic Trinity Lutheran*

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-49

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

The Message: "The Seventh Word: 'Father, into Your hands . . .'"

Preacher: Rev. Ron Rall, Timothy Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ ORGAN INTERLUDE +

2:40 P.M.

Opening Prayer *Liturgist: Rev. Ron Rall, Timothy Lutheran Church*

Hymn: #454 (vs. 1, 4, 5) "Sing, My Tongue, The Glorious Battle" (Organist: Suzanne Manelli, St. Johns)

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay;
Tell how Christ, the world's redeemer,
As a victim won the day.

Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit thine equal be;
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For the weight that hung on thee!

Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To the eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done;
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

Psalm 22 (vs. 19-31)

Pastor: But You, O Lord, be not far off;

People: **O my Strength, come quickly to help me.**

Pastor: Deliver my life from the sword,

People: **My precious life from the power of the dogs.**

Pastor: Rescue me from the mouth of the lions;

People: **Save me from the horns of the wild oxen.**

Pastor: I will declare Your name to my brothers;

People: **In the congregation I will praise You.**

Pastor: You who fear the Lord, praise Him!

People: **All you descendants of Jacob, honor Him! Revere Him, all you descendants of Israel!**

Pastor: For He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one;

People: **He had not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

Pastor: From You comes my praise in the great assembly;

People: **Before those who fear You will I fulfill my vows.**

Pastor: The poor will eat and be satisfied;

People: **They who seek the Lord will praise Him -- may your hearts live forever!**

Pastor: All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,

People: **And all the families of the nations will bow down before Him.**

Pastor: For dominion belongs to the Lord,

People: **And He rules over the nations.**

Pastor: All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;

People: **All who go down to the dust will kneel before Him -- those who cannot keep themselves alive.**

Pastor: Posterity will serve him;

People: **Future generations will be told about the Lord.**

Pastor: They will proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn --

People: **For He has done it.**

MUSIC "Sweet the Moments, Rich the Blessing" St. Johns Lutheran Choir

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:50-56

Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments. On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Message: "It's Friday"

Preacher: Rev. Matthew Schultz, Christ in the City Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Closing Hymn: *"The Old Rugged Cross"* (Organist: Suzanne Manelli, St. Johns Lutheran)

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

**Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain***

As the cross leads the officiants from the sanctuary, the worshippers are requested to follow quietly and reverently during the tolling of the bells.

An offering will be received as worshippers come and go from the sanctuary. Gifts not designated to a particular church via an envelope will be given to CFNA, (Christian Friends of New Americans). Please give generously to this mission.

You are invited to join the members and friends of the host congregations for worship on this holy weekend:

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Tenebrae Worship	7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Easter Breakfast	7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	8:00 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	11:00 a.m.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Good Friday Service	5:45 p.m.
Saturday:	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Easter Worship	9:30 a.m.

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Good Friday Service	6:45 p.m.
Sunday:	Easter Worship	9:30 a.m.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Good Friday Worship	7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Easter Worship with Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Tenebrae Worship	7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	7:45 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.

TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Tenebrae Worship with Holy Communion	7:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Easter Vigil with Holy Communion	7:30 p.m.
Sunday:	Sunrise Service with Holy Communion	7:00 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	8:15 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	10:45 a.m.

HISTORIC TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Tenebrae Worship	7:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Easter Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	8:00 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	9:00 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	10:15 a.m.
	Easter Sunday at Vintage Ten (1004 Locust)	10:30 a.m.
	Easter Egg Hunt for Kids	11:45 a.m.

CHRIST IN THE CITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday:	Easter Evening Worship	5:30 p.m.
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