



Good Friday

April 7, 2023, 12:00 Noon

Faith Lutheran Church

Combined service with Christ the King Lutheran Church

335 Main Street South
Hutchinson, MN 55350

“The Seven Last Words of Christ”

Prelude

Procession

Call to Worship “O, Precious Christ, Creation’s Lord”

Austin Willhite

Greetings and Announcements

Opening Hymn ... “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”LBW #117

‡ **The First Word** – Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, ***“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”*** And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

Let us pray:

Merciful, everlasting God, who did not spare your own Son, but delivered him up for us all so that he might bear our sin upon the cross: Grant that our hearts may never be terrified or dismayed in this faith, but filled with assurance of the full forgiveness of our sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation on the First Word Pastor Paul Knudson

Hymn ... “Chief of Sinners though I Be” (sts. 1, 2, 5) LBW #306

‡ **The Second Word** – Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? 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 have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, ***“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”***

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who by the death of your Son has destroyed the power of sin and death, deliver us from the devil’s power, so that we may live in your kingdom, now and always. Grant that we may believe the Gospel with all our heart and, steadfast in faith, praise and thank you always, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Meditation on the Second Word Pastor Brian Nehring

Hymn .. “To You, Omniscient Lord of All” (sts. 1 & 3) .. LBW #310
(Tune: LBW 34)

‡**The Third Word** – John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near 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 beside her, he said to his mother, **“Woman, here is your son.”** Then he said to the disciple, **“Here is your mother.”** And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Let us pray:

Almighty God and Father, as your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, took care for his mother even in the throes of mortal agony, so look with mercy on your whole family on earth. Hold us securely in your love, grant us all we need for life and health, and, at our last hour, bring us from the sorrow of this world to yourself in heaven, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Meditation on the Third Word Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn (*Please stand*) “Jesus, in Thy Dying Woes”
LBW #112 (Part III)

‡**The Fourth Word** – Mark 15:33-34

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, **“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”**

Let us pray:

Eternal God, who allowed your Son to suffer the agony of the cross so that you might drive from us the enemy’s power: Grant that by his suffering and death, we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation on the Fourth Word.....Pastor Steve Olcott

Hymn“Ah, Holy Jesus” (sts. 1,3,4) LBW #123

‡**The Fifth Word** – John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), **“I am thirsty.”** A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Let us pray:

Father of mercies, grant us the refreshment of your Word of life to quench our thirst and to be the spring of water that wells up to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation on the Fifth Word.....Pastor Scott Grorud

Offering Hymn “Sorry to Grieve You God” Austin Willhite
and Kristen Durst

‡**The Sixth Word** – John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, **“It is finished.”** Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Let us pray:

Lord God, in the death of Jesus, your anointed Son, all was accomplished for our salvation. Finish now your work in our lives and in this broken world, to free us from our bondage to sin and death, and restore us to right relationship with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Meditation on the Sixth Word.....Pastor Steve Olcott

Hymn (*Please stand*) “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”
(sts. 1-3) LBW #98

‡ **The Seventh Word** – *Luke 23:44-49*

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, **“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”** Having said this, he breathed his last.

Let us pray:

Merciful Lord God, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ was faithful unto death, even death on a cross. Grant us such faith, that we may find comfort in our sorrow and, in our dying breath, might commend our spirits into your hands, trusting in the Lamb who was slain, whose blood sets us free to be your people. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Meditation on the Seventh Word..... Pastor Paulus Pilgrim

Hymn “Beneath the Cross” LBW #107

Closing Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Final Reading - *Mark 15:37-39*

Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Special Music “Were You There?” Mona Hjerpe

Silent Dismissal

At the conclusion of the service, you are invited to come forward and pound a nail into the cross. This is a symbolic act that connects our sins to Christ’s crucifixion and death. Jesus bore our sins upon that cross. The hymnist asked the question, “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” We respond, “Yes!” And with a nail and a hammer we acknowledge that our sins were crucified along with Christ “For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” II Corinthians 5:21

Upcoming Easter Services on Sunday, April 9, 2023 at Faith and Christ the King

Faith Lutheran Church

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. – Easter Festival Worship with Holy Communion
(8 a.m. service will be broadcast live on HCVN)

11:00 a.m. Foundation style service with Holy Communion

Christ the King Lutheran Church

6:30, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. – service with Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. – Contemporary worship with Holy Communion
Easter Breakfast served from 7:15-10:30 a.m.

Thank you to Austin Willhite for playing the organ,
and to Mona Hjerpe and Kristen Durst,
for providing special music for this service.

Thank you acolytes: Avari Piehl, and Leighton Wagner,
and to the audio, video, and computer volunteers.

*This service will be recorded
and available on the FLC YouTube channel.*

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