

# *Mt. Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church*

WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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**Our mission statement: Mt Olive exists to proclaim God's Word in its truth and purity, so that each believer may GROW in faith and then GO with the good news of Jesus Christ to our community and world so that together we may GLORIFY God into eternity.**

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Good Friday Worship

## *Tenebrae*

*Service of Darkness*

*Good Friday*

The word Tenebrae is a Latin word which means "darkness" or "shadows." The service is a Holy Week devotion which dates back to the seventh or eighth century A.D. It is characterized by the extinguishing of the candles and the gradual darkening of the church as the service progresses. The service begins in silence and ends in silence and darkness to impress on us the awful consequences of sin and the greatness of Christ's sacrifice.

Upon completion of the service, the congregation is asked to leave in silence, maintaining the spirit of worship befitting this solemn evening. But as we contemplate the dreadful consequences of our sins, at the same time let us anticipate our return to church again on Easter Sunday to hear the joyful message in word and song that . . . HE IS RISEN!

Three Words of Truth: "It Is Finished"

## Our Worship

Opening Hymn - 100 "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

"Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified...Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.'"

John 12:23,31,32

Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in humble awe, in reverent silence, and in solemn trembling, your people have gathered around your cross to remember your death.

O Christ, friend of sinners, have mercy upon us; O Christ, Savior and Redeemer, have mercy upon us;

O Christ, only hope of a lost world, have mercy upon us.

At your cross let us see all the ugliness, horror, and misery that sin, death, and Satan brought into the world and that you willingly took on yourself. Open our eyes to see that we deserved the death and torments of hell that you suffered for us.

But open our eyes also to see that by your death you destroyed death, by your sacrifice you reconciled us with your Father, and by the blood you shed you purchased us to belong to you forever.

Help us to believe that we are worth that much to you! Fill us with joy and peace in believing that we are truly free from condemnation and forgiven by your Father. Help us to dedicate our lives in thankful love to you, who gave yourself for us. Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

Hear us, O Lamb of God, who bore all sin for us.

**C: Amen**

The Confession & Forgiveness of Sins

P: "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives." (I John 1:8,10)

**C: Lord, it was my sin which caused your suffering and death!**

P: "When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer." (Psalm 32:3,4)

**C: Lord, it was my sin which caused your suffering and death!**

P: "Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; O Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy." (Psalm 130:1,2)

**C: Lord, it was my sin which caused your suffering and death!**

What Wondrous Love Is This CW 120 vs. 2

**When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown  
For my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy on us. He has given his holy, one and only Son to die in our place. For the sake of that Son, God forgives us all our sins. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

(John 3:16,17)

What Wondrous Love Is This CW 120 vs. 1

**What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted. 14 Just as there were many who were appalled at him—his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness— 15 so will he sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand. 1 Who 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. 3 He 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. 5 But 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.

7 He 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. 9 He 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. 11 After 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.

## PSALM 22 (CW 71)

EPISTLE LESSON: HEBREWS 4:14-16,5:7-9

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. 7 During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 19:17-30

Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). Here they crucified him, and with him the two others-one on each side and Jesus in the middle. Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. Many of the Jews read this sign, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and the sign was in Aramaic, Latin and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate, "Do not write 'The King of the Jews,' but that this man claimed to be king of the Jews." Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home. Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so 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. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

## **Not All the Blood of Beasts (CW 128)**

SERMON: John 19:28-30 Three Word of Truth: "It Is Finished"

There Is a Green Hill Far Away (LAPPY 296)  
**There is a green hill far a-way, Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified, Who died to save us all.**

**We may not know, we cannot tell, What pains He had to bear,  
But we believe it was for us He hung and suffered there.**

**He died that we might be forgiv'n, He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to heav'n, Saved by His precious blood.**

**There was no other good enough To pay the price of sin.  
He only could unlock the gate Of heav'n and let us in.**

We Gather our Thank Offerings

Visitors and guest: You are under no obligation to place anything into the offering this evening. It is our privilege and delight to support our ministry at Mt. Olive. We are simply thankful that you were able to join us. Please come again!

Good Friday Prayer

P: O God the Father almighty, who in the mystery of your eternal counsel did ordain your Son to be the sacrifice for sin, and upon whom you laid the iniquity of us all, grant us your peace. Keep us ever mindful of our Savior's passion for us, as displayed by his bloody cross, and the great debt of love he paid for us there.

**C: In this holy hour of meditation, when in humility we contemplate how great a salvation you have prepared for us in mercy, we thank you for giving this sinful world your Son and for revealing your will and grace through him. We thank you for the eternal words of spirit and life he gave us: for his fulfillment of the law and the prophets; for our deliverance from condemnation; for his perfect obedience and sacrificial love; for his mercies of healing and his patience in suffering; for his willingness to endure the cross and submit to death. For all that he has done, for all that he has suffered, for all that he has given us, for all that he has promised, we thank you, heavenly Father.**

P: In his suffering show us that we must enter your kingdom through much tribulation. In his wounds give us enlightenment and encouragement in all adversity.

By his crucifixion teach us to crucify the desires of our sinful nature. By his death and burial remind us of our baptism and the fact that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too have new life in him.

**C: Now as we have received your mercy and seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, grant to us, O God, the comfort of your grace through him who died, but rose again and evermore reigns as King in heaven and earth. In Jesus' name we pray; in whose name we join now in praying...**

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Benediction

P: Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

**Glory Be to Jesus (CW 103)**

"Glorious"-By Chris Driesbach

*Sunday, April 20, 2019 6:00 AM Easter Sunrise service*

*7:15 AM Easter rolls, doughnuts, juice, coffee*

*9:00 AM Easter Celebration Service*

*10:15AM Easter egg hunt and balloon lift-off*

