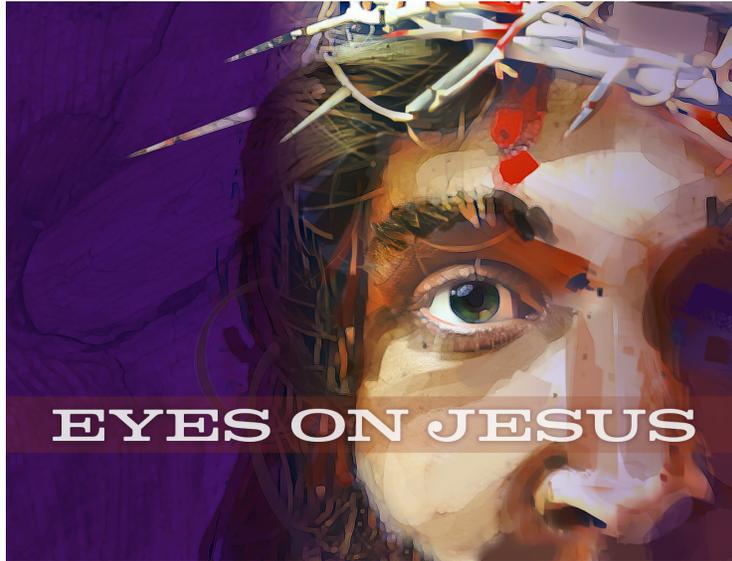


**APRIL 10TH | GOOD FRIDAY**

## **Eyes Fixed on Jesus**

***Theme: "God's Eyes"***

The Order of Tenebrae is an early Christian worship service utilized in the observance of Good Friday. "Tenebrae" is Latin for "darkness" or "in the shadows," and the service is characterized by the gradual removal of light from the sanctuary as the scriptural accounts are read, describing the death of our Lord. Tenebrae is not a funeral service for Jesus, but rather a time of repentance as we consider his love for us. As the last candle is removed, noting the death of our Savior, a loud sound is heard. This represents that point in history when the tomb was closed. Following the silent prayer at the close of the service, worshippers will depart. We ask there be no speaking until you have left the church. We return to our homes in contemplation of the meaning of Christ's death for us and in the certain hope of the Easter victory soon to be celebrated. As Christ's crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, altar paraments, the pastor's and acolytes' cassocks as well as the shrouds are black, symbolizing humiliation, mourning and death.



### **WELCOME!**

We are standing at the foot of the cross, but there are others standing with us. Simon of Cyrene, the people who mock Jesus, and the centurion all have their eyes on the cross as well. But the only viewpoint that truly matters is that of the triune God. The Father sees our sins taken upon Jesus on the cross, the Son looks on us in forgiving mercy, and the Holy Spirit sees the message we are to proclaim. "Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2).

### **GOOD FRIDAY ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Please enter and remain quiet for a time of reflection  
The bell is run thirty-times for each year of Jesus' life.*

+INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP+

HYMN: LSB #450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound-ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;  
4 My Shep - herd, now re - ceive me; My Guard-ian, own me Thine.



Now scorn - ful - ly sur-round-ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan-guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans-gres-sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.  
Great bless - ings Thou didst give me, O Source of gifts di - vine.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;  
Thy lips have of - ten fed me With words of truth and love;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.  
Thy Spir - it oft hath led me To heav'n - ly joys a - bove.

5 What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.

6 My Savior, be Thou near me  
When death is at my door;  
Then let Thy presence cheer me,  
Forsake me nevermore!  
When soul and body languish,  
O leave me not alone,  
But take away mine anguish  
By virtue of Thine own!

7 Be Thou my consolation,  
My shield, when I must die;  
Remind me of Thy passion  
When my last hour draws nigh.  
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
Who dieth thus dies well.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Procession*

**P** This is the Holy Day of our Savior's death that the Lord has Made.

**C** We will rejoice and be glad in it!

**P** Behold the life-giving cross, on which was hung the salvation of the whole world.

**C** O come, let us worship Him.

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**Hymn: Our Eyes Behold the Savior (Tune LSB 437)**

1 Our eyes behold the Savior's face And yet cannot perceive  
That His perspective held our grace Before we could believe.

2 Our focus flits and fails to see The One whose steadfast gaze  
Propelled Him to the darkened tree Enveloped in death's haze.

3 Our sights train on the dreadful cross. Beneath His knowing eyes,  
Our sins are bare and set for loss; He sees us as His prize.

4 Our vision blurs with anxious tears As Jesus' eyelids fall  
To conquer sin and all our fears And tear in two our pall.

5 Our view scans for the coming Day That evermore grows near,  
When Jesus wipes our tears away And all is crystal clear.

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**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

**P** We have to look up to see Jesus on the cross, where we see the full measure of God's love. But our heavenly Father looks down to where His Son gives Himself as the ultimate sacrifice, the Son looks down on us with full forgiveness, and the Spirit opens our eyes to the salvation won for us. With such awful payment made on our behalf, let us freely go to our loving God, confessing our sins

Gracious heavenly Father,

**C** we would rather cover our sins from You, our neighbors, and ourselves, but nothing is hidden from Your eyes. Exposed in our sinful condition and unable to save ourselves, we plead for Your mercy and forgiveness. Our thoughts, words, and deeds are stained with sin but because we are confident that Your Son's blood washes them clean, we dare to ask that Your Holy Spirit lift our eyes to the cross, our hearts to Your will, and our minds to a new determination to serve You with all the strength You provide.

**P** Although creation itself mourned to see the Lord of life on the cross, the sun darkened, and tombs rent open, on the third day, the rising sun would reveal that almighty God had accepted payment for all our sins—that eternal life is open to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

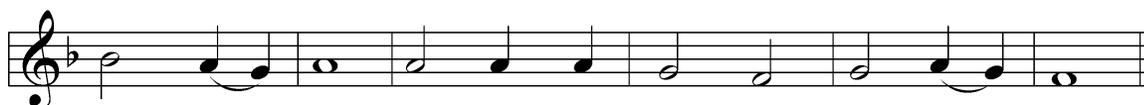
**HYMN: LSB #425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the  
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Amen.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 52:13—53:12

**EPISTLE:** 2 Corinthians 5:14–21

**GOSPEL:** Mark 15:21–39

**RESPONSORY**

**P** We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**P** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

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**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

**HYMN: LSB #435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -  
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,  
tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

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**SERMON: "God's Eyes"**

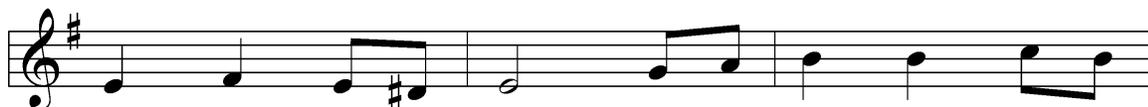
**HYMN: LSB #451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted**



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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**BIDDING PRAYER:**

Following each petition the congregation is invited to respond with, “Amen”

**THE WORD OF FORGIVENESS: Luke 23:33-38**

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."

**HYMN: LSB #440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now, (stanza 1)**

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now On Your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 With Your Spir - it me en - dow For such med - i - ta - tion.  
 Grant that I in love and faith May the im - age cher - ish  
 Of Your suf - f'ring, pain, and death That I may not per - ish.

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+The First Candle is Extinguished+

**THE WORD OF PROMISE: 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."

**HYMN: LSB #436 Go to Dark Gethsemane, (stanza 2)**

2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of  
 life ar - raigned; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!  
 Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,  
 shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.

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+The Second Candle is Extinguished+

## THE WORD OF LOVE: John 19:25-27

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.

### HYMN: LSB #437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed (stanza 2)

2 Was it for crimes that I had done He  
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,  
grace un - known, And love be - yond de - gree!

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## THE WORD OF FORSAKENNESS: Mark 15:25-35

And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also reviled him. And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah."

### HYMN: LSB #420 Christ, the Life of All the Living (Stanza 4)

4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with  
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.  
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou  
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

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+ The Fourth Candle is Extinguished+

## THE WORD OF SUFFERING: John 19:28-29

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A 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.

### HYMN: LSB #423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary (Stanza 2-3)



2 Do we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -  
3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



pen - tant vow, Though we see You wound - ed, bleed - ing, See Your  
love for You; May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing To be -



thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Yet Your sin - less death has brought us  
hold Your cross a - new Till in glo - ry, part - ed nev - er



Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; On - ly what Your  
From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en in our



grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.  
hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied.

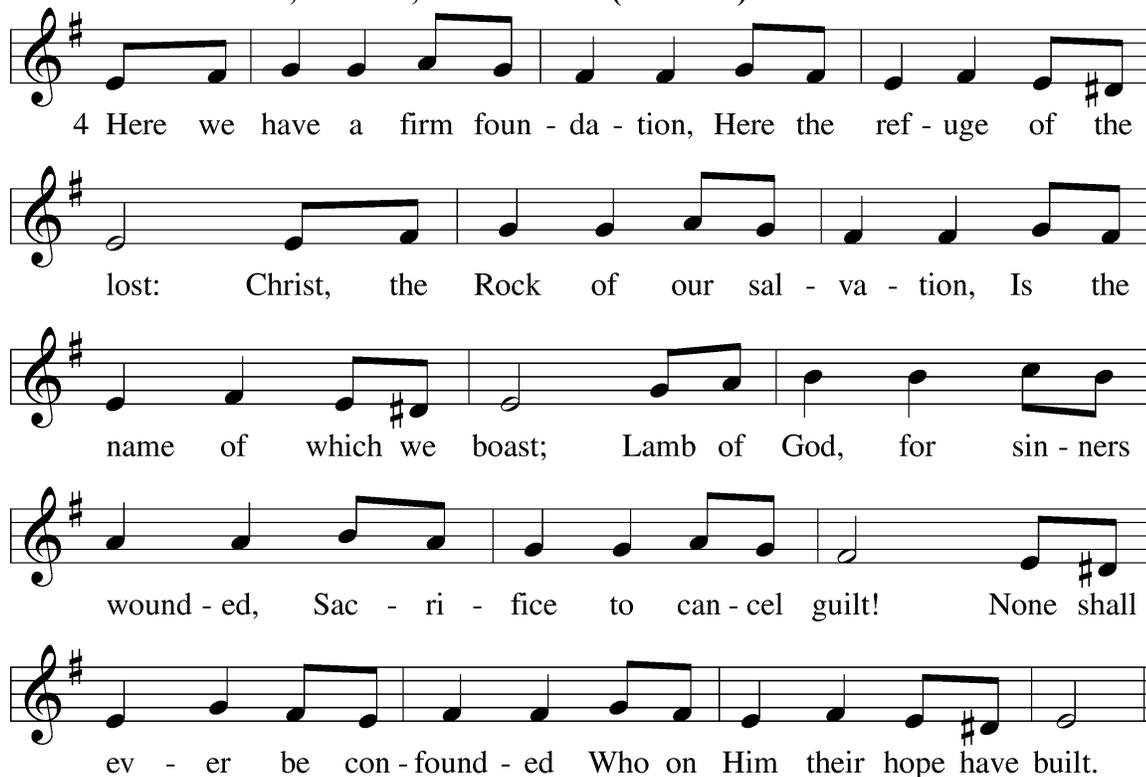
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+The Fifth Candle is Extinguished.+

## THE WORD OF VICTORY: 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.

### HYMN: LSB #451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (Stanza 4)



4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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+The Sixth Candle is Extinguished+

## THE WORD OF TRUST: Luke 23:44-47

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!"

### HYMN: LSB #543 What Wondrous Love Is This (Stanza 4)



4 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 e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing  
on, I'll sing on, And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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+The Seventh Candle is Extinguished+

**LORD'S PRAYER** (whisper)

- *The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.*
- *We hear the strepitus—the sound of the closing grave.*
- *The Christ candle returns, indicating the hope of the resurrection.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You willed that Your Son should bear for us the pains of the cross and so remove from us the power of the adversary. Help us so to remember and give thanks for our Lord's passion that we may receive forgiveness of sin and redemption from everlasting death; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**SILENT RECESSIONAL**

The congregation leaves the sanctuary and the building silently contemplating the death of Christ and looking forward to resurrection victory.

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