**Good Friday**

**April 7, 2023**

**7:00 pm**



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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansstand as you are able,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**TOnight’S worship THEME**

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday. In John’s passion account, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God, even as he is put on trial and sentenced to death. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we pray for the whole world in the ancient bidding prayer, as Christ’s death offers life to all. We gather in solemn devotion, but always with the promise that the tree around which we assemble is indeed a tree of life. We depart silently, and we anticipate the culmination of the Three Days in the Easter Vigil.



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*All gather in silence. The assembly stands when the ministers stand.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. **Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*FIRST READING**  Isaiah 52:13—53:12

 Word of God, **Word of Life.**

**\*PSALM** Psalm 22

**\*HYMN**  *There in God’s Garden*  # 342

*Please be seated*

**THE PASSION ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN**

**John 18:1-11**

*First candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now ELW 345 (v. 1-2)

**John 18:12-27**

*Second candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now ELW 345 (v. 3-4)

**John 18:28-40**

*Third candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ELW 351 (v. 1-2)

**John 19:1-7**

*Fourth candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded ELW 351 (v. 3-4)

**John 19:8-16a**

*Fifth candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349 (v. 1-2)

**John 19:16b-22**

*Sixth candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349 (v. 3-5)

**John 19:23-30**

*Seventh candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: Were You There ELW 353 (v. 1-2)

**John 19:31-42**

*Eighth candle is extinguished.*

Hymn: Were You There ELW 353 (v. 3-5)

**MEDITATION**

*Silence for refection*

**BIDDING PRAYER**

*The minister leads the invitations to prayer (the bids). Silence for prayer follows each bid.*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

*Silent prayer.*

…We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**   *Above All* Chancel Choir

**\*THE PROCESSION OF THE CROSS**

*A cross is carried in procession through the church and placed before the assembly. The assembly stands and faces the cross as it is brought forward. The following dialogue is spoken three times, the assembly echoing the leader, at the beginning, midpoint, and end of the procession.*

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**Oh, come, let us worship him.**

*The assembly may be seated. During this time, or at the end of the service, worshippers may come to the large cross to make a sign of reverence. Reverencing the cross may include actions such as pausing before the cross, bowing, kneeling before it for prayer, or touching it.*

**HYMN** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  # 338

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*All depart in silence.*

Please join us again on Sunday, April 9th at 9:30am for Easter Worship!

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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this evening!**

**CHILDCARE**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together. If you do need to take a "time out", please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT**

*Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God’s incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.*

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