

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Individuals are encouraged to take time for prayer and reflection on what it means to be loved so dearly by Jesus.

Everyone is invited to return for **EASTER**
as congregations gather to celebrate new life!

Holy Saturday— *On this day that commemorates when Jesus lay in the tomb after his death, we invite you to take time for quiet reflection and preparation for the celebration of the resurrection.*

Easter Sunday— *Rejoice as we hear the good news that Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!*



MiChiLu is a name originally chosen and shared by 5 Lutheran congregations in the Mid Chisago Area. It comes from an African word that means "procession" or celebration. With this Ecumenical Good Friday Service we are now expanding MiChiLu to include two new partners - First United Methodist in Lindstrom and St Paul Lutheran in Wyoming. We are excited to explore what this journey looks like as we share in mission and ministry together!

Good Friday
April 2, 2021
6:30 p.m.



Community Good Friday Service
Trinity Lutheran, Lindstrom, Zion Lutheran, Chisago City
First Lutheran, Taylors Falls, First United Methodist, Lindstrom
Immanuel Lutheran, Almelund, Chisago Lake Lutheran, Center City,
St Paul Lutheran, Wyoming

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 2, 2021 - GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

6:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

At the heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the passion of Christ, which proclaims Jesus as a triumphant king who reigns from the cross. The ancient title for this day—the triumph of the cross—reminds us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ's life giving passion and to find strength and hope in the tree of life. In the Tenebrae Service (Service of Shadows) we pause to draw near to the cross and experience just a bit of what it was like to see Christ's sacrifice for us. As with each reading we put out a light, it symbolizes our struggle to understand the darkness knowing that the light of Christ burns with passion.

ITALICS - PASTOR

BOLD - CONGREGATION

+ - STAND AS ABLE

PRELUDE

"In Thy Final Hour"

Words and Music by Patrick M. Liebergen

GATHER IN SILENCE

In keeping with the solemn mood of this service, we begin in silence with no opening hymn.

The congregation stands as the pastor enters carrying the cross.

Pastor: Behold, the life-giving cross on which was hung the salvation of the world.

All: Oh come, let us worship him

THE CROSS IS DRAPED IN BLACK

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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, on God, now and forever.

All: Amen

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

All: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



VII. A WORD OF TRANSFORMATION BEGUN (ST PAUL, WYOMING)

READING: LUKE 23:50-56

The bible is slammed shut, echoing the crash made by the boulder that closed our Lord's tomb. We sit in silence as we reflect of Jesus and the great love that God shows us.

SONG

"Were You There"

ELW #353 vs. 1, 2 & 5

Verse 1

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 2

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it caused me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Verse 5

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

VIII. A WORD OF HOPE (TRINITY, LINDSTROM)

READING: JOHN 1:1-5

The light re-enters and we are reminded that darkness cannot overcome the light.



Verse 3

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
For this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Verse 4

Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;
Remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;
For all who die believing die safely in thy love.

VI. A WORD OF SUFFERING (CHISAGO LAKE, CENTER CITY)

READING: LUKE 23:44-49

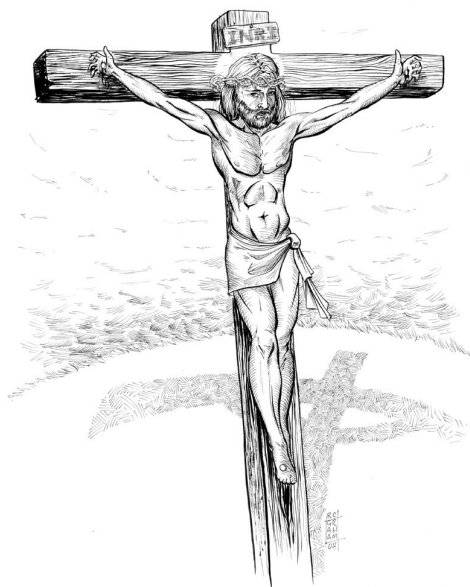
L: They pierced my hands and my feet.
C: They numbered all my bones.

PRAYER

SONG

"Behold the Wood of the Cross"

The Eternal Flame is removed, symbolizing Jesus' placement into the tomb.



I. A WORD OF ANGUISH (TRINITY, LINDSTROM)

READING: LUKE 22:39-53

L: God spared not His own Son:
C: But delivered Him up for us all.

PRAYER

II. A WORD OF DENIAL (ZION, CHISAGO CITY)

READING: LUKE 22:54-62

L: The Lord laid on Him the sins of all:
C: For the wickedness of His people He suffered.

PRAYER

SONG

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

ELW #803

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, red hymnal)

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 3

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.



III. A WORD OF ACCUSATION AND LAMENT (FIRST LUTHERAN, TAYLORS FALLS)

READING: LUKE 22: 63-71

L: Surely He has borne our grief:
C: Surely He has carried our sorrows.

PRAYER

SONG "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ELW #338

Verse 1
Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
The shadow of the mighty rock
Within a weary land,
A home within a wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat
And burdens of the day.



Verse 2
Upon the cross of Jesus,
My eye at times can see
The very dying form of one
Who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart,
with tears, Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of his glorious love
And my unworthiness.

Verse 3
I take, O cross, your shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of his face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all, the cross



IV. A WORD OF JUDGEMENT (FIRST METHODIST, LINDSTROM)

READING: LUKE 23: 1-17

L: Those who take up their cross and follow me:
C: They are my disciples indeed.

PRAYER

SONG "What Wondrous Love Is This"

V. A WORD OF COMPASSION (IMMANUEL, ALMELUND)

READING: LUKE 23:18-26, 32-43

L: They divided my garments among them:
C: And for my clothes they cast lots.

PRAYER

SONG "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" ELW #351

Verse 1
O sacred head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

Verse 2
How pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn;
how does thy face now languish,
which once was bright as morn!
Thy grief and bitter passion
were all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.

song continues...

