

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin
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*Celebrate
Teach
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God's Grace*

Good Friday, Tenebrae Service

April 18th, 2025

"By His Grace you are saved through faith"
Ephesians 2:8



Image: "He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people."
(Responsory)

Welcome to Grace! We're Glad You've Joined Us!

WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

Worship bulletins & worship activity bags (age 2-8) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our church narthex and entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again! If your child is using the bathroom during the worship service, we ask that you monitor them so that they are using it in a timely manner. We are glad that you're here!!!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the **Prayer Request Sheet** found on the podium in the narthex.

We're glad you're with us. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

As We Gather “He Died!”

On Good Friday, we celebrate the day that Jesus died. This is a death He died willingly. As we remember His suffering and death, we know that is not the end of the story. And because of Jesus' death and resurrection, it also isn't the end of the story for those who die in the Christian faith.

*Come to Calvary's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died. (LSB 435:1)*

We invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer.** Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

Order of Service...as outlined in the bulletin

✠ PREPARATION ✠

ABOUT THE SERVICE

*(Worshippers enter in silence in order to reflect on the sacrifice Christ made on the cross for our sins. **Tenebrae**, which means darkness, lends its name to this service, because we begin with lights on, and candles lit and gradually extinguish both to point to the darkness that came to earth on that Friday afternoon when Christ died.)*

OPENING HYMN "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" (LSB 456 vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*

Pastor: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

People: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Pastor: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection and personal confession.

Pastor: Jesus, our High Priest,

People: We humbly confess to You that we are weak. In our weakness, we sin against You and one another with our words and actions, and in our thoughts and the lack thereof. Our sins cut us off from You. We know that the wages of sin is death, and we keep on sinning. We deserve death. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. Change our hearts and lives and conform them to Yours, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him. Jesus freely gives us what we do not deserve: forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 38:1-4, 18, 22; antiphon: Isaiah 53:5*

Pastor: He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.

People: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger, nor discipline me in Your wrath!

Pastor: For Your arrows have sunk into me, and Your hand has come down on me.

People: There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Pastor: For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

People: I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Pastor: Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!

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KYRIE *Hebrews 12:1-2*

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is about to be extinguished.

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People: O Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

People: let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Pastor: looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

People: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be crucified, die, and be buried so that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death—that is, the devil—that we may have life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (*LSB* 440 vs. 1-5)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 5:1-32*
(*Sin brings death.*)

Lector: This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. Male and female He created them, and He blessed them and named them Man when they were created. When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years,

People: and he died.

Lector: When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years,

People: and he died.

Lector: When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years,

People: and he died.

Lector: When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years,

People: and he died.

Lector: When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years,

People:and he died.

Lector: When Jared had lived 162 years he fathered Enoch. Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years,
People:and he died.

Lector: When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years.

People:Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Lector: When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years,

People:and he died.

Lector: When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.” Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years,

People:and he died.

Lector: After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People:Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a*

Pastor: Christ entered once for all into the holy places, by means of His own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

People:Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people;

People:He has commanded His covenant forever.

EPISTLE LESSON *Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9*
(Jesus, our High Priest, gives us mercy and grace.)

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need...

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE *Isaiah 53:4*

Lector: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

People: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 19:17-30*

(Jesus dies.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the nineteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, 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.

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. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" (LSB 611 vs. 1-4)

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

SERMON "He Died!" (Genesis 5)

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site at graceoakcreek.org. You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.



Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, You revealed Your glory to the world through Jesus Christ, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us. Root us firmly in Your Word. Nourish us with Your Supper. Lead us to bear witness to the world of Your love through our good deeds. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, on this night we remember the sacrifice of Your Son for the sins of the world. We grieve His suffering and death. We feel shame for our sins. We are thankful we are forgiven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Father, we grieve the deaths of all the children who have died in the wombs of their mothers. We grieve with all the parents who have had to bury a child. Provide comfort and healing to all who mourn losses in this life. Give consolation and strength to all who experience suffering and sorrow in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, on this night, we remember how Your Son's death was orchestrated by the religious and governing authorities. Lead and guide those who serve Your church on earth, [*especially* . . .], that they may faithfully serve You and Your church. Lead and guide those who lead our nation, [*especially* . . .], that they may serve our nation, state, and community for Your good. Lord, in Your mercy,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, and to pray for those who persecute us. We pray that by Your gracious

visitation all our enemies may be led to true repentance, that they may have the same love and be of one heart and mind with us and Your church. Lord, in Your mercy,
People:hear our prayer.

RESPONSORY

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

People:He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven and whose sin is put away.

People:He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Pastor: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

People:He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

Sit

✕ TENEBRAE OBSERVANCE ✕

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

The First Word

("Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing.")

John 19:14-24 (NIV)

It was the day of Preparation of Passover Week, about the sixth hour. "Here is your King," Pilate said to the Jews. But they shouted, "Take Him away! Take Him away! Crucify Him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered. Finally Pilate handed Him over to them to be crucified. So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. 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 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 written 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."

"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.

Luke 23:32-34a (NIV)

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified Him, along with the criminals---one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Hymn— "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The First Word- LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Prince of Peace. When You were mocked, You did not respond with harsh words. When You were tormented, You did not react in anger. When You were nailed to the cross, You prayed for forgiveness for those who caused You to suffer. Give to us the virtues of gentleness, patience, and a forgiving spirit, that we may repay evil with good. Teach us also to love our enemies, and as children of the heavenly Father, to live in peace with all people.

All: Amen.

[The first candle is extinguished]

The Second Word

("I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in Paradise.")

Luke 23:35-43 (NIV)

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One." The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, "If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself. "There was a written notice above Him, which read: This is The King of the Jews. One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked Him. "Don't You fear God, since You are under the same sentence?

We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this Man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

Hymn— "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes "

The Second Word-LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in Your infinite mercy You heard the plea of the thief dying on the cross next to You. We pray that You would open our hearts in mercy to welcome those who turn to You, and rejoice in their salvation. When our last hour comes, hold us firm in our faith, and bring us also to live with You in Paradise.

All: Amen.

[The second candle is extinguished]

The Third Word

(Jesus said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother.")

John 19:25-27 (NIV)

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.

Hymn— "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes "

The Third Word-LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, while You suffered the agony of the cross, Your thoughts turned to the welfare of others. Your concern was for Your mother in her sorrow. We pray that You would regard with pity all parents who mourn the death of their children, and all parents who sorrow because their children have suffered tribulations or forsaken their faith. By the power of Your healing, we pray that parents and children may know peace, and that relationships may be restored.

All: **Amen.**

[The third candle is extinguished]

The Fourth Word

("My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?")

Matthew 27:45-47 (NIV)

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which means, *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"* When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah."

Hymn— "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Fourth Word-LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, Father of all people and Creator of all that exists, You hold all people in Your power. We pray that You would not forsake the world which Your Son died to redeem. Even though we still see the influence of sin and evil all around us, assure us of Your continued presence in our midst. Help us to know Your love in our lives, so we can show Your presence to others.

All: **Amen.**

[The fourth candle is extinguished]

The Fifth Word

("I am thirsty.")

Matthew 10:37-42 (NIV)

"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives the one who sent Me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

John 19:28-29 (NIV)

Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the 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.

Hymn— " Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Fifth Word-LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, You endured not only spiritual anguish but also physical pain on the cross in our place. We thirst for the healing that only You can provide. When we find ourselves suffering, give us peace and patience to endure the pain that comes our way. Comfort us with the memory of the cross, and use this to give us the strength we need to bear our burdens.

All: Amen.

[The fifth candle is extinguished]

The Sixth Word

("It is finished.")

Hebrews 9:11-12, 15, 27-28 (NIV)

When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. For this reason Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised

eternal inheritance---now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.

John 19:30a (NIV)

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished."

Hymn— "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Sixth Word-LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Author and Finisher of our faith. You did not stop short of finishing the task given to You by Your Father. We pray that You would complete in us also everything that You intend for us, so that as children of the heavenly Father, we may live for His glory.

All: Amen.

[The sixth candle is extinguished]

The Seventh Word

("Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.")

Luke 23:44-46 (NIV)

Pastor: It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

Matthew 27:54

Pastor: When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed,

People:"Surely He was the Son of God!"

Hymn— " Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Seventh Word-LSB 447

Prayer—

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Your life on the cross in our place, You commended Your spirit into the loving hands of Your heavenly Father. Give us the grace to trust in You for all things. When our last hour comes, grant us peace that we may close our eyes with confidence, knowing that we also will dwell forever in the hands of our heavenly Father.

All: Amen.

[The seventh candle is extinguished]

Pastor: Let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.

The Light of Christ is Removed—[The pastor takes the white/paschal candle out of the sanctuary and extinguishes it or leaves it lit.]

The Strepitus—(*The stone is rolled in front of the tomb.*) [A book is slammed down on a hard surface as a reminder of the sealing of the tomb.]

The Candle is Returned—[The pastor returns the white/paschal candle extinguished to indicate Jesus died, or the candle could remain lit to point us to the hope of Easter.]

[A single bell will ring 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life.]

Parting—

(You are asked to leave in silence anticipating the joys of Easter while contemplating the solemnity of Good Friday. You may remain in the sanctuary for meditation or prayer as long as you like. The omission of the benediction today indicates that our worship is not complete until joined with the celebration of Easter).

We depart in silent confidence, trusting that the light of Easter will soon scatter the darkness of Good Friday.



Holy Week Services for Grace Lutheran Church

“Good News from the Beginning: The Gospel in Genesis”

1. **April 18th, 2025, 12pm (no communion)**
Good Friday Noon Day Service: “A Time to Speak,” John 19:17–30
2. **April 18th, 2025, 6:30pm (no communion)**
Good Friday Tenebrae Service: “He Died!” Genesis 5
3. **April 20th, 2025, 6am (no communion)**
Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: “Three Days!” John 20:1–18
4. **April 20th, 2025, 8:30am & 10am (with communion)**
Easter Sunday Festival Service: “Easter Guarantees...” Psalm 16

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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