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Good Friday  
12:00 & 7:00 PM Worship

# **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH | Inviting, Growing, Serving...**

## **Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.**

March 29, 2024

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Faith is a growing faith community in the Aurora area. We're people just like you, who are hungry to know God better. We're looking for the answers to life's tough questions. We're struggling to be better parents, spouses, friends, and neighbors. We don't have all the answers but we're growing as we go.

Faith is a great place to find healing for broken hearts and broken lives. In every Sunday message you'll learn new skills and attitudes to help you live life with the kind of joy that God intends for us. You'll also meet people who are also growing in their journey through the joys and challenges of life. You'll find lots of "walking partners" for your journey here. There are no closed doors at Faith, just lots of opportunities to grow in Christ, friendship, and love.

Faith is a church with a great vision; however, accomplishing a great vision requires the participation of many great people like you. There's a place in our vision for you to use your unique gifts and talents.

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# SERVICE OF GATHERING DARKNESS

## SILENT REFLECTION & PRELUDE

## GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION

### PART ONE

Luke 22: 39-46

#### PRAYER

#### FIRST CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

#### SONG

Go To Dark Gethsemane

Go to dark Gethsemane,  
All who feel the tempter's power;  
Your Redeemer's conflict see,  
Watch with him one bitter hour;

Follow to the judgment hall,  
View the Lord of life arraigned;  
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!  
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;  
There, adoring at his feet,  
Mark that miracle of time,  
God's own sacrifice complete.

**PART TWO**

Luke 22: 47-62

**PRAYER**

**SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

**SONG**

Alas And Did My Saviour Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed,  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!

**PART THREE**

Luke 23: 1-11

**PRAYER**

**THIRD CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

**SONG**

The Wonderful Cross

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

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

O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find That I may truly live  
O the wonderful cross O the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace Draw near and bless Your name

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing so divine  
Demands my soul my life my all

**PART FOUR**

Luke 23: 13-25

**PRAYER**

**FOURTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

**SONG**

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mark the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

**PART FIVE**

Luke 23:32-38

**PRAYER**

**FIFTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

**HYMN**

Were You There

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh oh oh  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh oh oh  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh oh oh  
Sometimes it causes me to tremble tremble tremble  
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

**PART SIX**

Luke 23:39-43

**PRAYER**

**SIXTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

**SONG**

Jesus Paid It All

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

*Chorus* 'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone *(Chorus)*

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat *(Chorus)*

**PART SEVEN**

Luke 23: 44 -53

**SEVENTH CANDLE EXTINGUISHED**

**POSTLUDE**

***When you are ready,  
please leave quietly in the silence of the darkness,  
as there will be no Benediction.***

**Good Friday** is the second portion of the liturgy of the Three Days, which extends from Maundy Thursday to Easter Evening. As the church gathers to remember the death of Jesus, we focus not only upon the agony of the cross but especially upon God's victory through the crucified One. Even more, we "lift high the cross" as the sign of God's triumph over sin, death, and evil.