

Good Friday 7:00 PM Worship

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

April 2, 2021

### **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
Ye that feel the tempter's power
Your Redeemer's conflict see
Watch with him one bitter hour

Turn not from His griefs away Learn of Jesus Christ to pray Turn not from his griefs away Learn of Jesus Christ to pray

See Him at the judgment hall Beaten bound reviled arraigned O the wormwood and the gall O the pangs His souls sustained

Shun not suffering shame or loss Learn of Christ to bear the cross Shun not suffering shame or loss Learn of Christ to bear the cross 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 such a one as I His body slain before its time His head was bathed in blood He bore the mark of wrath divine While in my place He stood

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut His glories in When Christ the mighty Maker died For man the creature's sin Was it for crimes that I had 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

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

Luke 23:32-38 PART FIVE

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 Lowe

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)

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.