



Good Friday
12:00 & 7:00 PM Worship

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

Becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

April 18, 2025

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.

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;
Turn not from his griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.

Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from him to bear the cross.

Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

PART TWO

Luke 22: 47-62

PRAYER

SECOND CANDLE EXTINGUISHED

SONG

Alas and Did My Savior 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 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.