

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
Good Friday Tenebrae 2010

**"TENEBRAE" SERVICE:** To impress on minds and hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of Jesus' love as He sacrificed Himself to pay for our sin guilt, the ancient church held a special service called, "Tenebrae." Tenebrae means "Darkness." The extinguishing of the candles after the readings reminds us of the events that led to the darkness that covered the earth when Jesus hung on the cross. One candle remains burning throughout the service to symbolize that the forces of hell did not overcome Christ. He rose from the dead. He lives eternally. We too, by faith in Him, shall live!

**Silence:** We shall observe silence before and after the service today. We leave in silence, contemplating the truth, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!" (Romans 5:8) Worshipers desiring to remain in the sanctuary for meditation and prayer after the service may remain seated.

**Lord's Supper** is celebrated in the 7:00 service tonight. We invite members and guests of our Wisconsin Synod fellowship to come to the altar to receive the sacrament. Christ established communion for those who profess a complete unity in faith so we ask our visitors to remain seated during the distribution. Guests, please speak with one of the pastors about our Bible Information Classes which would prepare you for communing membership at St. Matthew's.

## **OUR WORSHIP**

### **Call to Worship**

**7:00 Worship** – Choir "God So Loved the World"

### **Opening Service**

Pastor: We worship in the Name and to the glory of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **(Speaks) Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I m truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him and afflicted. He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: (Speaks) Amen.**

### **Prayer for the Day**

P: God most holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over into the hands of the wicked, and to suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: (Speaks) Amen.**

### **The Message from God's Word: John 19:30**

**"It Is Finished!"**

- 1) **Jesus finished all He came to do.**
- 2) **Jesus paid all we owed.**

### **The Offering**

### **The Lord's Supper (7:00 p.m. service)**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Distribution**

**The Distribution Music: Choir "O Lord, Hear Me"**

**Congregational Hymn 117 "O Dearest Jesus"**

**“The Sufferings of Christ - for You!”**

<b><u>Hymn 119 v. 1</u></b>	<b>“Were You There?”</b>
<b><u>The First Word</u></b>	<b>1:30 Worship: Grades 4-8 – “O Dearest Jesus” (Students sing verses 1,3,5, 7 of Hymn 117) 7:00 Worship: Choir “Who Is the Lamb?”</b>
<b><u>The Second Word</u></b>	<b>Hymn 118</b>
<b><u>The Third Word</u></b>	<b>Hymn 105 v. 1 &amp; 7</b>
<b><u>The Fourth Word</u></b>	<b>Hymn 125 v. 1</b>
<b><u>The Fifth Word</u></b>	<b>Hymn 127 v. 3 &amp; 4</b>
<b><u>The Sixth Word</u></b>	<b>Hymn 125 v. 4</b>
<b><u>The Seventh Word</u></b>	<b>Hymn 120 v. 1</b>
<b><u>The Burial</u></b>	<b>Hymn 137 v. 1 &amp; 5</b>

**The Apostles’ Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

(Congregation Stands)

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

**Prayer & Lord’s Prayer:**

**The Blessing** (Spoken by the Pastor)

C: (Speaks) Amen.

**Closing Hymn** 588 v. 1 & 7 “Abide with Me”

**Closing Song** (1:30 Worship) Grades K-3 “Lamb of God”

***We welcome you to our worship today, and we invite you to join us for the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection from the dead and the gift of life He earned for us!!***

Easter “Son-rise” Worship (Scripture lessons, hymns and choir) - 6:00 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship (with Lord’s Supper) - 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Easter Fellowship Breakfast - 7:15 - 10:15 a.m.