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UPCOMING EVENTS @SPLDECATUR

April 24th-May 15th

F3: Family-Faith-Formation Spring Session (Dinner 5:30pm, Class 6:30pm)

April 28th

Confirmation Sunday (10:30am Worship)

May 4th

Healing Service with Pastor Paul Teske (6:00pm)

May 6th

LCMS Youth Gathering Fundraising Night @Buffalo Wild Wings (5-9pm)

May 9th ELC Scholastic Book Fair

ELC Preschool Graduation 6:30pm (Worship Center)

June 1st-8th

Mission: Texas - Serve in Rockport, Texas (Contact Pastor Mark)

SAVE THE DATE - VBS 2019: ROAR [June 10-14 | 9am-12pm]

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present.)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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7:00 PM WORSHIP
APRIL 19, 2019



SEVEN LAST WORDS
—GOOD FRIDAY—



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GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM

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AS WE GATHER

Tenebrae, which is a Latin word meaning “shadows,” has been observed in the church of Jesus Christ since the fourth century. On Good Friday we remember the suffering and death of Jesus and recall His seven last words from the cross. As we remember the last words, we extinguish the candles on the communion table, one by one. The gradual extinguishing of the candles is accompanied by prayer, hymns, anthems, and readings from the Scriptures.

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 53:3-7

Pastor: He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

People: Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered Him stricken by God, smitten by Him, and afflicted.

Pastor: But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities;

People: The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

Pastor: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

People: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.

OPENING HYMN

Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle
LSB #454 v. 1, 3, 4

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

Kyrie Eleison/Lord Have Mercy
Adult Choir

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER

If you have not communed with us before, please read “*Our Belief: Receiving The Lord’s Supper*” located on the back page. We encourage families to commune together.

COMMUNION

Medley - Stricken, Smitten & Come O Precious Ransom
Handbell Ensemble

Do You Know What the Blood Has Done

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB #425 v. 1-4

The Power of the Cross

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the Offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle. Our staff will pray over any items you include in the prayer portion located on the back of your card.

Abide with Me (Handbell Ensemble)

THE SERVICE OF DARKNESS: SEVEN LAST WORDS

THE FIRST WORD: FORGIVE LUKE 23:34a
“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

Mercy

THE SECOND WORD: PARADISE LUKE 23:39-43
“Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Jesus Remember Me
LSB #767

THE THIRD WORD: BEHOLD JOHN 19:26-27
“Woman, behold, your son!” “Behold, your mother!”

When Jesus Wept

THE FOURTH WORD: FORSAKEN MATTHEW 27:45-46
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
LSB #449 v. 2, 3

THE FIFTH WORD: THIRSTY JOHN 19:28
“I thirst.”

Agnus Dei

THE SIXTH WORD: TETELESTAI JOHN 19:30
“It is finished.”

O Dearest Jesus
LSB #439

THE SEVENTH WORD: COMMIT LUKE 23:44-46
“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”

As darkness descended upon all the earth, so the room is now also dark. The STREPITUS (the slamming of the book) is heard, symbolizing the settling of all accounts and the closing of the tomb. The Christ Candle is removed for a time, then returned, reminding us of the hope of the resurrection.

Were You There
LSB #456 v. 1-3 (Men’s Chorus)

WE LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE
AS THE BELL TOLLS 33 TIMES,
ONCE FOR EACH YEAR OF JESUS’ LIFE ON EARTH.

TO BE CONTINUED... SUNDAY, APRIL 21
Sunrise Easter Worship 6:30am (Traditional)
Easter Celebration Worship 8:00am & 10:30am (Blended)
Easter Breakfast Served 7:30-10:15am (Dining Room & Room 122)