

**Good Friday Tenebrae - March 29, 2024**  
**Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
**Moline, Illinois**

*The congregation assembles in reverent silence. After the ringing of the bells and prelude, the hymn is sung.*

**Hymn: O Sacred Head, Now Wounded**

**LSB 450**

*Stanzas 1-3 are sung by all*



1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, With grief and shame weighed down,  
2 How pale Thou art with an - guish, With sore a - buse and scorn!  
3 What Thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered Was all for sin - ners' gain;



Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed With thorns, Thine on - ly crown.  
How doth Thy face now lan - guish That once was bright as morn!  
Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, But Thine the dead - ly pain.



O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, What bliss, till now was Thine!  
Grim death, with cru - el rig - or, Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve Thy place;



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call Thee mine.  
Thus Thou hast lost Thy vig - or, Thy strength, in this sad strife.  
Look on me with Thy fa - vor, And grant to me Thy grace.

4 **(Men)** My Shepherd, now receive me;  
My Guardian, own me Thine.  
Great blessings Thou didst give me,  
O Source of gifts divine.  
Thy lips have often fed me  
With words of truth and love;  
Thy Spirit oft hath led me  
To heav'nly joys above.

5 **(Women)** What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever!  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never,  
Outlive my love for Thee.

*Please turn the page for stanzas 6 & 7.*

6 (*All*) My Savior, be Thou near me  
 When death is at my door;  
 Then let Thy presence cheer me,  
 Forsake me nevermore!  
 When soul and body languish,  
 O leave me not alone,  
 But take away mine anguish  
 By virtue of Thine own!

7 (*All*) Be Thou my consolation,  
 My shield, when I must die;  
 Remind me of Thy passion  
 When my last hour draws nigh.  
 Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,  
 Upon Thy cross shall dwell,  
 My heart by faith enfold Thee.  
 Who dieth thus dies well.

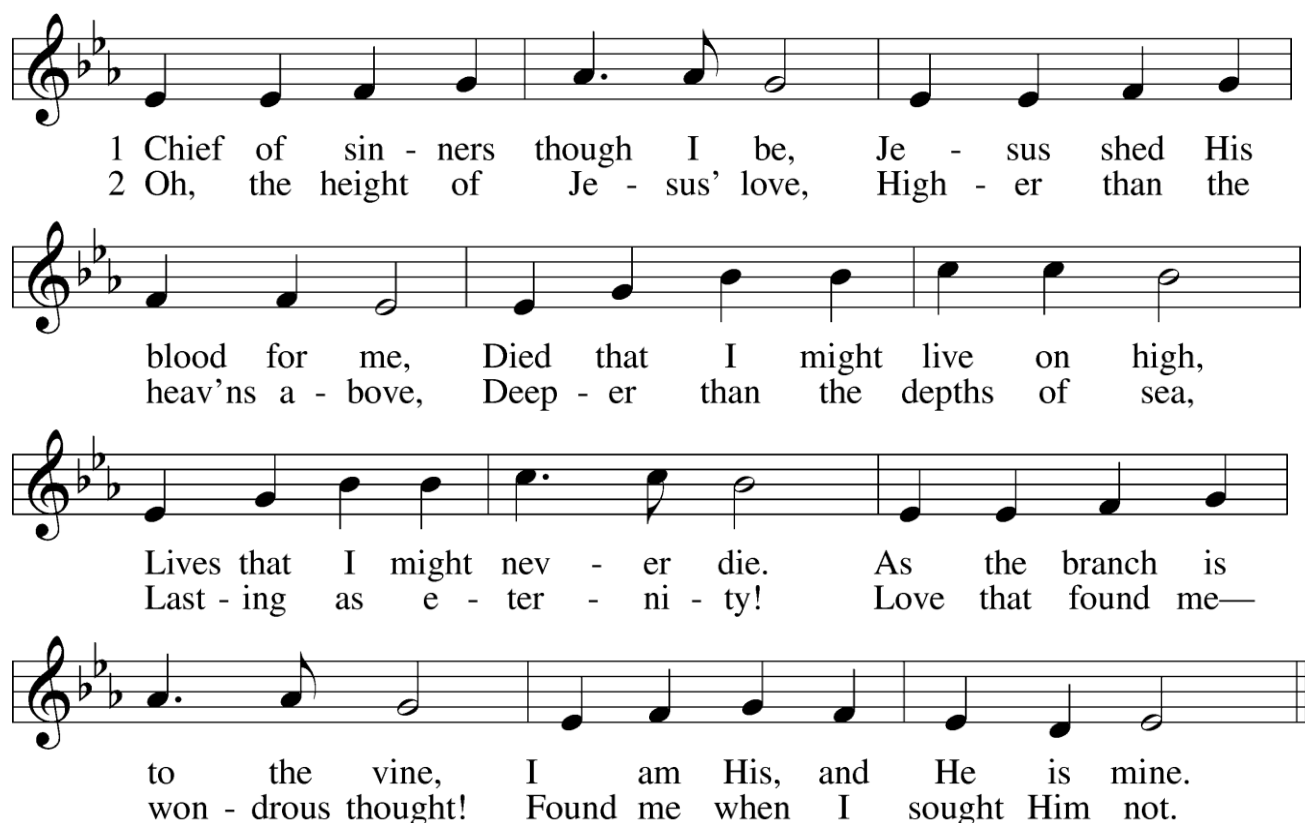
## The Darkness of Sin

Romans 3:10-18

*There is no distinction  
 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
 (The first candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB 611 sts. 1-2



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—

to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

## The Darkness of Betrayal

Luke 22:47-53

*Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy loving kindness  
 According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions.  
 (The second candle is extinguished)*

## Choir: O Come and Mourn

Shaw

*O come and mourn with me awhile; and tarry here the cross beside:*

*O come, together let us mourn: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.*

*Have we no tears to shed for Him, while soldiers scoff and foes deride?*

*Ah! Look how patiently He hangs: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.*

*Seven times He spoke, seven words of love: and all three hours His silence cried*

*For mercy on the souls of men: Jesus, our Lord, is crucified.*

*O love of God! O sin of man! In this dread act Your strength is tried,*

*And victory remains with love; for Christ, our Lord, is crucified.*

## The Darkness of Denial

Luke 22:54-62

*Jesus said, "Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men,*

*I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.*

***But whoever shall deny Me before men***

***I will also deny him before My father who is in heaven.***

*(The third candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn: Upon the Cross Extended

LSB 453



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your  
2 Come, see these things and pon - der, Your soul will  
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so  
4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.  
fill with won - der As blood streams from each pore.  
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?  
mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.



The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly  
Through grief be - yond all know - ing From His great heart came  
We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -  
I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is



giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.  
flow - ing Sighs well - ing from its deep - est core.  
gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.  
cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

## The Darkness of Suffering

John 19:1-16

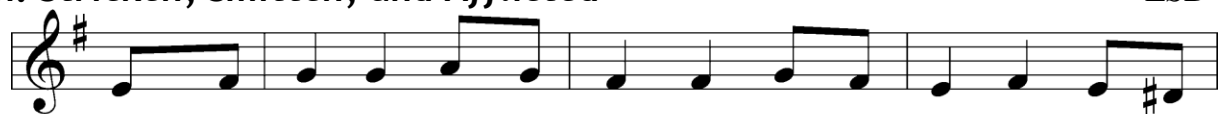
*Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities.*

***The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.***

*(The fourth candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn: Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

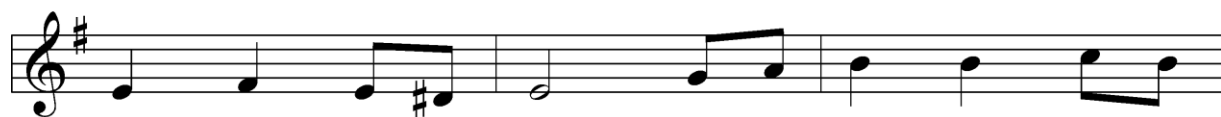
LSB 451



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da - vid's Lord; Proofs I  
wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

## The Darkness of the Cross

Matthew 27:33-46

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us, for it is written:*

***Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.***

*(The fifth candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn: *In Silent Pain The Eternal Son*

LSB 432



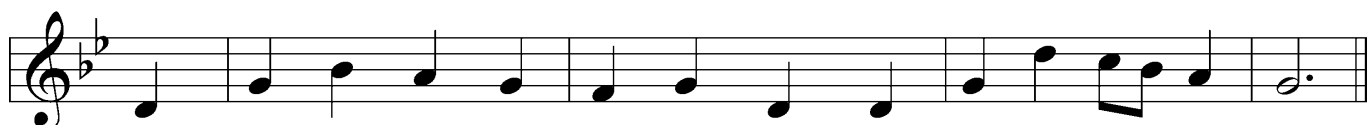
1 In si - lent pain the e - ter - nal Son Hangs der - e - lict and still;  
2 He died that we might die to sin And live for righ - teous - ness;  
3 For strife He came to bring a sword, The truth to end all lies;



In dark - ened day His work is done, Ful - filled, His Fa - ther's will.  
The earth is stained to make us clean And bring us in - to peace.  
To rule in us, our pa - tient Lord, Un - til all e - vil dies:



Up - lift - ed for the world to see He hangs in strang - est vic - to - ry,  
For peace He came and met its cost; He gave Him - self to save the lost;  
For in His hand He holds the stars, His voice shall speak to end our wars,



For in His bod - y on the tree He car - ries all our ill.  
He loved us to the ut - ter - most And paid for our re - lease.  
And those who love Him see His scars And look in - to His eyes.

## The Darkness of Death

Luke 23:44-49

*Jesus humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death.*

***Even death upon a cross.***

*(The sixth candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn: *Were You There*

LSB 456 sts. 1-3



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you  
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you  
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...  
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...  
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh ...



Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.  
 Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

## The Darkness of the Tomb

John 19:38-42

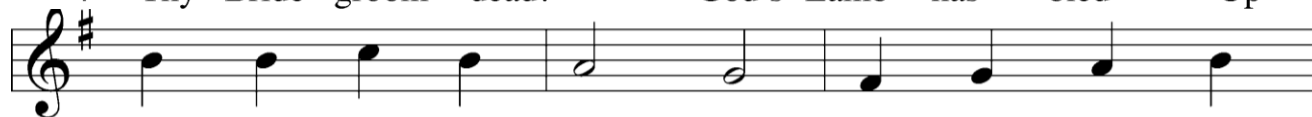
The Closing of the Book & the Door - *the work of the cross is completed*  
*(The seventh candle is extinguished)*

## Hymn: O Darkest Woe

LSB 448 sts. 1-4



1 O dark - est woe! Ye tears, forth flow! Has  
 2 O sor - row dread! Our God is dead, Up -  
 3 O child of woe: Who struck the blow That  
 4 Thy Bride - groom dead! God's Lamb has bled Up -



earth so sad a won - der? God the Fa - ther's  
 on the cross ex - tend - ed. There His love en -  
 killed our gra - cious Mas - ter? "It was I," thy  
 on thy sin for - ev - er, Pour - ing out His



on - ly Son Now is bur - ied yon - der.  
 liv - ened us As His life was end - ed.  
 con - science cries, "I have wrought dis - as - ter!"  
 sin - less self In this vast en - deav - or.

*At the hymn's conclusion the Church is completely darkened, signifying Christ's death and burial.  
 At the sermon's conclusion, the appearance of the Christ Candle signifies the hope of the resurrection.*

## Sermon: Naked Shame

John 19:23-24

## Prayers and Lord's Prayer

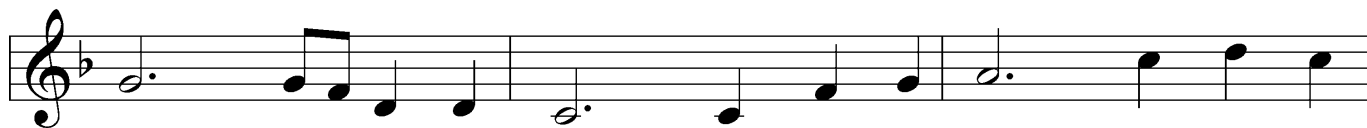
## The Light of Life: John 8:12

# Hymn: *The Tree of Life*

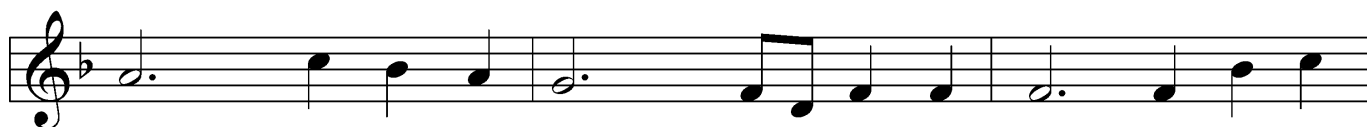
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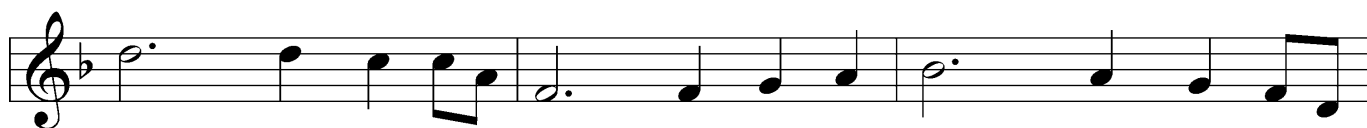
1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's  
2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,  
3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of  
4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -



ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -



sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this  
guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of  
seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a  
lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this



gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would  
fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to



knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
eat, To find with - in this cross of



dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.



*As you are ushered from the church, please leave the sanctuary in reverent silence, refraining from conversation until you are in the entryway or outside.*

Service Participants

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Jerry Tutskey, Elder  
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The Holy Cross Adult Choir  
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**The Easter Vigil** is tomorrow at 8:00 p.m.  
Worshippers should assemble in the courtyard and the atrium, where the service will begin.  
After the Paschal Candle has been lit, we will process into the darkened church.

Everyone is invited to **Journey to the Cross**,  
an Easter event for families and children, occurring tomorrow at 10:00.

**Easter Sunday Schedule at Holy Cross**

7:00 – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
8:15-9:15 – Easter Breakfast  
9:30 – Sunday School/Bible Class Easter Video  
10:45 – Easter Service with Holy Communion

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