

✠ GOOD FRIDAY ✠

March 29, 2024



Nain Evangelical Lutheran Church

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About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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Holy Week

This marks the most pivotal week in human history. Nearly a third of the words written in the four Gospels are devoted to the events that took place during this single week. The Holy Spirit considered them that important! Believers slow down during Holy Week to ponder all that Jesus Christ did for them – from his humble entrance into Jerusalem, to his sacrificial death on the cross, to his victory over sin, death, and hell on Easter morning won by his resurrection.

Good Friday

Today, we observe the anniversary of Jesus' crucifixion. The term *Good Friday* probably came from the term 'God's Friday,' just as '*good-bye*' comes from 'God be with ye.' This day is sometimes referred to as 'Black Friday.' It is the most solemn day of the Church Year.

It is the most somber of all days because on it our Lord was murdered; worse yet, it was our fault. Our sins pounded the nails into his hands and feet. Yet, for centuries we have called this day "good." Only those who have died with Christ to sin know that that this foolish cross is how our hidden God is revealed. In Jesus' death on the cross, we see our God both just (punishing the sin of mankind) and merciful (releasing mankind from that very punishment).

Through the eyes of faith, we recognize Good Friday not as a funeral service for Jesus, but a celebration of the Lamb and his sacrifice. Through his death comes victory and eternal life!

A Service of the Seven Words from the Cross

Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.

A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.

The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.

***Serving as presiding minister and preacher today is Rev. John Bortulin,
who serves as one of the pastors of St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church in Mukwonago, WI.***

The Preparation

There will be no pre-service music or announcements.

Please remain silent as you prepare for worship.

Tolling of the Bells

Please stand as the bells are tolled

Reading

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12

- ¹³ Look, my servant will succeed.
He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted.
- ¹⁴ Just as many were appalled at him—
his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,
and his form was disfigured more than any other person—
- ¹⁵ so he will sprinkle many nations,
and kings will shut their mouths because of him,
because they will see something they had never been told before,
and they will understand something they had never heard before.
- ^{53:1} Who has believed our report,
and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- ² He grew up before him like a tender shoot
and like a root from dry ground.

He had no attractiveness and no majesty.

When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him.

- 3 He was despised and rejected by men,
a man who knew grief,
who was well acquainted with suffering.
Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at,
he was despised,
and we thought nothing of him.
- 4 Surely he was taking up our weaknesses,
and he was carrying our sufferings.
We thought it was because of God
that he was stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
5 but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced.
He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved.
The punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all have gone astray like sheep.
Each of us has turned to his own way,
but the LORD has charged all our guilt to him.
- 7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth.
Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers,
he did not open his mouth.
- 8 He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice,
and of his generation, who even cared?
So, he was cut off from the land of the living.
He was struck because of the rebellion of my people.
- 9 They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked,
but he was given a grave with the rich in his death,
because he had done no violence,
and no deceit was in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him
and to allow him to suffer.

Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring.

He will prolong his days,

and the LORD's gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

¹¹ After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life.

He will provide satisfaction.

Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many,
for he himself carried their guilt.

¹² Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great,

and with the strong he will share plunder,

because he poured out his life to death,

and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners.

He himself carried the sin of many,

and he intercedes for the rebels.

Please be seated

Hymn

430 "Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af-flict-ed, see him dy-ing on the
2 Tell me, as you hear him groan-ing, was there ev-er grief like
3 If you 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 you see 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.

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The Seven Words

First Word

Luke 23:32-34

³² Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed.

³³ When they came to the place called The Skull, they crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

³⁴ Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**”

They cast lots to divide his garments among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;
They pierce my hands and my feet. (*Psalms 22:16 NIV*)

They divide my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing. (*Psalms 22:18 NIV*)

He bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors. (*Isaiah 53:12 NIV*)

Gracious Savior, you did not strike back with revenge against your enemies as they ridiculed and crucified you but prayed for their forgiveness. In your compassion, pardon us for our secret sins and sins we do not discern, and enlighten us to know and do your will.

Amen.



1 Their nails were fresh - ly driv - en, their ha - tred
clear - ly shown, when, "Let them be for - giv - en,"
was heard at heav - en's throne. Your en - e - mies, O
Je - sus, you loved be - yond de - gree, a love so
pure and pre - cious it e - ven par - doned me.

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Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵ The people stood watching. The rulers were ridiculing him, saying, "He saved others. Let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, the Chosen One!"

³⁶ The soldiers also made fun of him. Coming up to him, they offered him sour wine, ³⁷ saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

³⁸ There was also an inscription written above him: “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus said to him, **“Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All who see me mock me;

They hurl insults, shaking their heads. (*Psalm 22:7 NIV*)

“He trusts in the Lord,” they say, “let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.” (*Psalm 22:8 NIV*)

Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people.

Come to my aid when you save them. (*Psalm 106:4 NIV*)

Mighty Redeemer, remember us as we walk through the darkest valleys of life and realize that our time on earth is ending. Stay close to us when we feel the pain and loneliness of dying and take away our fears with your certain promise of paradise.

Amen.





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Third Word

John 19:25-27

²⁵ Jesus' mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, **"Woman, here is your son!"** ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, **"Here is your mother!"** And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be spoken against, (Luke 2:34 NIV)

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

And a sword will pierce your own soul too. (Luke 2:35 NIV)

Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?

Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven

is my brother and sister and mother. (Matthew 12:48,50 NIV)

Precious Jesus, you consider us friends and care about the needs of our bodies and souls. Keep us in your care as we walk the road of life and provide the blessings we need to gain safety, contentment, and joy in your service.

Amen.

3 A Sav - ior like no oth - er, all self - con -
cern de - nied, you served your griev - ing moth - er
while you were cru - ci - fied. My sin had made me
filth - y, but you, the per - fect child, were des - ig -
nat - ed guilt - y, and I am rec - on - ciled.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "3 A Sav - ior like no oth - er, all self - con -", "cern de - nied, you served your griev - ing moth - er", "while you were cru - ci - fied. My sin had made me", "filth - y, but you, the per - fect child, were des - ig -", and "nat - ed guilt - y, and I am rec - on - ciled." The number "3" at the beginning of the first staff likely indicates a third ending or a specific part of the hymn.

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Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45,46

⁴⁵ From the sixth hour until the ninth hour, there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?*" which means "**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? (*Psalms 22:1 NIV*)

My God, I cry out by day but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest. (*Psalms 22:2 NIV*)

“In that day,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “I will make the sun go down at noon

and darken the earth in broad daylight.” (*Amos 8:9 NIV*)

Lord Jesus, you endured the horrific penalty of our sins as your Father turned his face from you on the cross. Compel us to see in your sacrifice the dreadful nature of sin and call us to acknowledge the amazing depth of your love. Overcome our shame, dear Savior, and give us grateful faith.

Amen.

4 Con - demned, cut off, for - sak - en, out - side the

Fa - ther's care, by ter - ror o - ver - tak - en,

no ear would hear your prayer. On you God's wrath was

vent - ed, on you his fu - ry fell, when, on the

cross tor - ment - ed, you took my place in hell.

Fifth Word

John 19:28,29

²⁸ After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “**I thirst.**”

²⁹ A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. So they put a sponge soaked in sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;
you lay me in the dust of death. (*Psalms 22:15 NIV*)

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched. (*Psalms 69:3 NIV*)

They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst. (*Psalms 69:21 NIV*)

Dear Jesus, as our brother on earth you endured the agony of pain that besieged your body when your sacrifice was complete. Knowing our experiences, hover over us with your care and compassion when our bodies and hearts are hurting. Provide us with strength that we may confess you with confidence and power.

Amen.





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Sixth Word

John 19:30

³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, **"It is finished!"** Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

to cleanse them from sin and impurity. (*Zechariah 13:1 NIV*)

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. (*Zechariah 9:11 NIV*)

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day. (*Zechariah 3:9 NIV*)

I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more. (*Jeremiah 31:34b NIV*)

Gracious Redeemer, you paid the full price for our redemption and have released us forever from the hold of Satan, the power of sin, and the fear of death. Protect us from the devil's claim that we need to do more and from the accusation of our consciences that we have not done enough. Lead us to place our entire confidence in you and to live our lives secure in your grace.

Amen.

6 Though sin's most le - tal wa - ges to me, O

Christ, were due, the guilt of all the a - ges

came crash - ing down on you. Most sure - ly, "It is

fin - ished"—my debt is ful - ly paid; my joy is

un - di - min - ished; my heart is un - a - fraid.

⁴⁴ It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, ⁴⁵ while the sun was darkened. Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶ Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!**” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

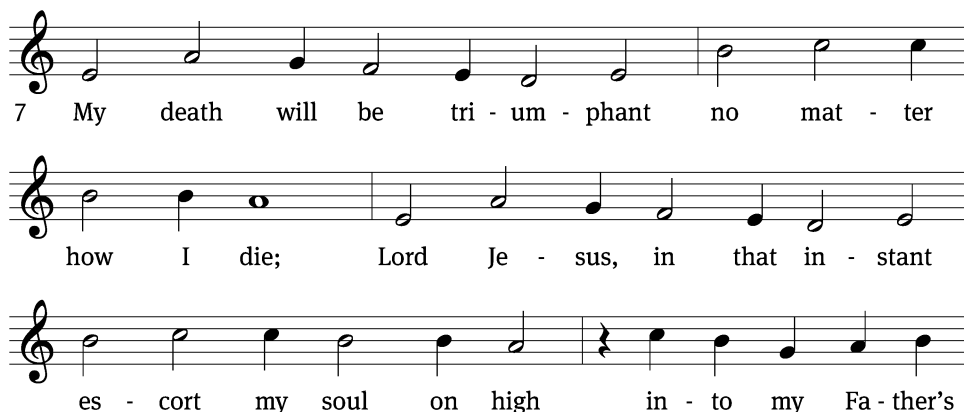
Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God. (*Psalm 31:5 NIV*)

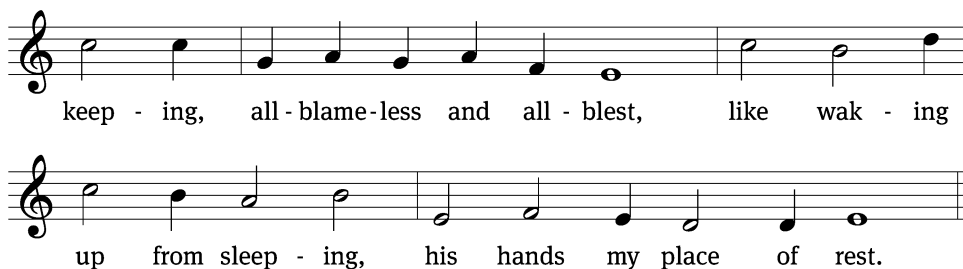
He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. (*Psalm 22:24 NIV*)

He poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.
He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. (*Isaiah 53:12 NIV*)

Loving Savior, at the moment of your death you gave yourself into the loving hands of your Father. As we close our eyes in death, lead us to commit our bodies and souls to him who has summoned us by name and made us his own because of you and your love. Then, we pray, let us depart in peace.

Amen.





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Please stand

Gospel

John 19:17-30

¹⁷ Carrying his own cross, he went out to what is called the Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him with two others, one on each side, and Jesus in the middle.

¹⁹ Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, "Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews."

²⁰ Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that 'this man said, "I am the King of the Jews.'""

²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

²³ When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. ²⁴ So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it. Instead, let's cast lots to see who gets it." This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them
and cast lots for my clothing.

So the soldiers did these things.

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³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished!" Then, bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn

437 "Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor"



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we
4 As, through part - ing Red Sea wa - ters, Is - rael



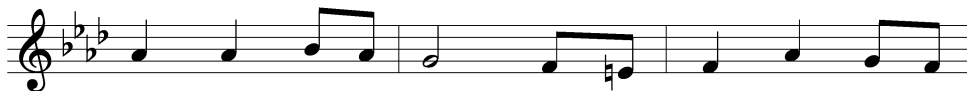
in your bor-rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er
wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is
marched to lib - er - ty, so we pass thro' bap-tism's



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.
pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.
wa - ter, washed by grace, from sin set free.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for
Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es
Je - sus, ris - en, liv - ing, reign - ing now and



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who
bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for
through e - ter - ni - ty: grant that, through your life un -



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
guards you will not let your death be vain.
morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.
dy - ing, we may live vic - to - rious - ly.

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Sermon

John 19:17-30

Please stand

Prayer of the Day

(Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6)

Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and 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.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

The minister exits in silence

The lights are turned off

Please remain silent

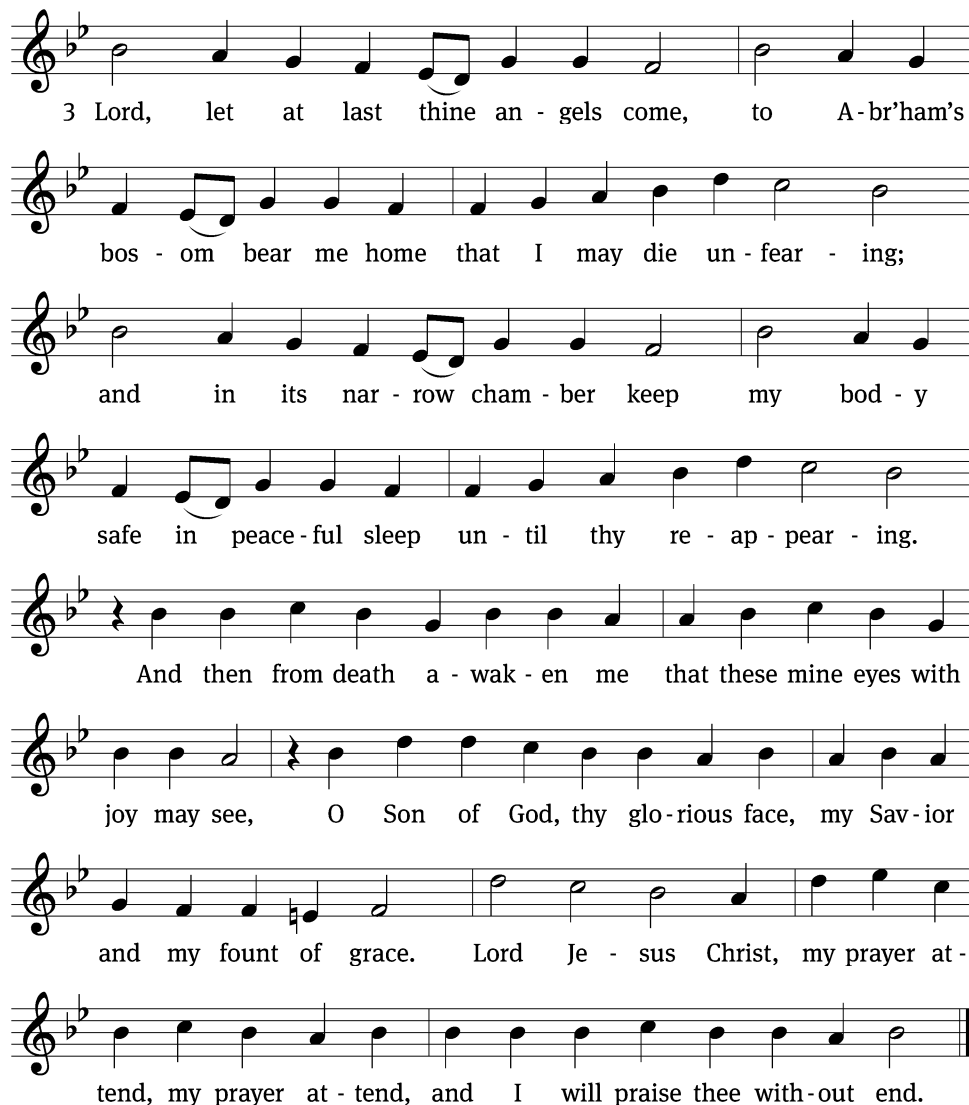
Streptitus

The silence is broken with a loud noise. Known as the Streptitus, this sound represents the closing of Jesus' tomb. Christ is dead. The punishment of God against sinners has been carried out.

Hymn

817 v 3 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

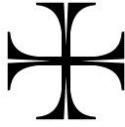
Sung by the cantora



3 Lord, let at last thine an - gels come, to A - br'ham's
bos - om bear me home that I may die un - fear - ing;
and in its nar - row cham - ber keep my bod - y
safe in peace - ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.
And then from death a - wak - en me that these mine eyes with
joy may see, O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -
tend, my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end.

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A personal prayer for after worship is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

There won't be any post-service music or announcements.

You will not be ushered out. You may depart any time after the conclusion of the service.

*Please refrain from conversation until after you have departed the church
to allow any who wishes to remain the opportunity to pray and meditate in silence.*

If you haven't done so already, please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.

If you have an offering, you can place it in the collection box located in the narthex.

Thank you for joining us as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

Please contact Pastor Berg at any time if you are need of any pastoral care during the week.

Special thanks to: Rev. John Bortulin for serving as guest liturgist and preacher... Darik Mischke for playing organ... Afton Miller for serving as cantora... Michael Kraft for serving as usher... and Peter Hermanson for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream.

"Understanding Lutheran Worship" provides excellent information about the Lutheran Liturgy, the Christian Church Year, and the Books of the Bible. A copy of the booklet is located in the hymnal rack of each pew.

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Holy Week Schedule

Holy Saturday March 30

We will be setting up the church between 9:00-11:00 am in preparation for Sunday's breakfast and Divine Service. Thank you in advance to those who are willing to help!

N.B. We will not hold our previously scheduled Vigil of Easter service this year.

Easter Sunday March 31

All are welcome to enjoy breakfast in the downstairs fellowship hall anytime between 8:00-9:30 am.

You are invited to join us at 10:00 am as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ in our Easter Sunday Divine Service.