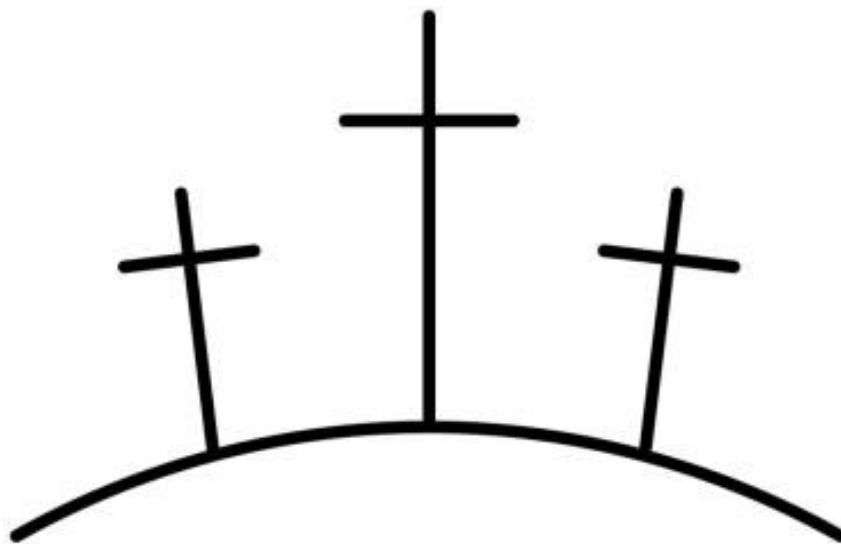


The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement

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Good Friday

**WORSHIP GUIDE
EVENING
TENEBRAE**

GATHERING

Tonight, we gather in silence.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy upon all your children, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and to be given over into the hands of sinners; and to suffer death on the cross; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen

Pastor Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

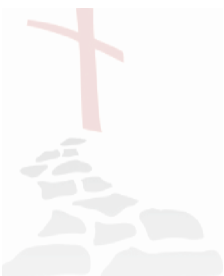
The crowds have turned upon him and mocked the one whom they had just hailed. Yet even death itself did not know that Christ already stood at the threshold of victory.

All Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father Almighty. Amen.



THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12



THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

FIRST WORD

Father forgive them for they know
not what they do.

Luke 23:32-38

Were You There
ELW 353 (verses 1-2)

First Candle is Extinguished.
Silent Prayer.

SECOND WORD

Today you shall be with me in
paradise.

Luke 23:39-43

O Sacred Head Now Wounded
ELW 351

Second Candle is Extinguished.
Silent Prayer

THIRD WORD

Woman, behold your son; behold
your mother.

John 19:23-27

Beneath the Cross of Jesus
ELW 338

Third Candle is Extinguished.
Silent Prayer

FOURTH WORD

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

Matthew 27:45-49

Go to Dark Gethsemane
ELW 347 (verses 1-2)

Fourth Candle is Extinguished.
Silent Prayer

FIFTH WORD

I Thirst.

John 19:28-29

Were You There
ELW 353 (verses 3-4)

Fifth Candle is Extinguished.
Silent Prayer

SIXTH WORD

It is finished.

John 19:30, Luke 23:44, 45

Were You There
ELW 353 (verse 5)

Sixth Candle is Extinguished.
Silent Prayer

SEVENTH WORD

Father into your hands I commend my spirit.

Luke 23:46

Ah, Holy Jesus

ELW 349

Seventh Candle is Extinguished.

Silent Prayer

The worship space is darkened, symbolizing Christ in the tomb.

*The solitary Candle of Faith is removed,
followed by the jarring sound of the closing of the tomb.*

*We are left sitting in darkness and silence,
grappling with the despair that Jesus' followers felt
when they thought they had lost him forever.*

SILENT RECESSIONAL

We leave the church in silence.

(There will be some light in the Narthex).

*If you wish, you may remain in the worship space
for silent meditation.*

