

✠ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** ✠
Kenesaw, NE

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Bible Class/Sunday School 9:00am

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Divine Service 10:00am

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GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016

AS WE GATHER

This solemn Good Friday service, commemorating the death of Jesus Christ, draws from primitive customs and material from the older services of this day. We are connected with the Christian church throughout the ages in this solemn remembrance. God's people throughout time have regarded the death of our Lord as an event precious in the sight of His Father. May we have the same reverence today as the many before us who have worshiped in like manner.

The congregation meditates silently on the passion of our Lord prior to the beginning of the service.

Stand

SILENT PROCESSIONAL

The Collect

P: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

P: The Old Testament Reading for Good Friday is from the fifty-second and fifty-third chapters of Isaiah. (*Isaiah 52:13-53:12*)

Following the reading:

Hymn p. 440 (vv. 1-4) "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now"

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth and nineteenth chapters. (*John 18:1-19:42*)

The Sermon ✠ **Choir Selection "Sharon's Red Rose"**

Stand

The Bidding Prayer

(Various petitions are brought before the Lord; after each will be said, "...through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen.)

P: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

All: Our Father...

Pastor moves to the roughhewn cross...

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P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have raised you up out of the prison house of sin and death, and you have delivered up your Redeemer to be scourged. For I have redeemed you from the house of bondage, and you have nailed your Savior to the cross. O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, leave us not to bitter death. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn p. 434 (v. 1) "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. For I have conquered all your foes, and you have given Me over and delivered Me to those who persecute Me. For I have fed you My Word and refreshed you with living water, and you have given Me gall and vinegar to drink. O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, allow us not to lose hope in the face of death and hell. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn p. 434 (v. 2) "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

P: Thus says the Lord: What have I done to you, O My people, and wherein have I offended you? Answer Me. What more could have been done for My vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? My people, is this how you thank your God? O My people.

C: Holy Lord God, holy and mighty God, holy and most merciful Redeemer; God eternal, keep us steadfast in the true faith. O Lord, have mercy.

Hymn p. 454 (v. 4) "Sing, My Tongue"

Silence is kept for meditation on the crucified Savior and redemption.

Hymn p. 439 (vv. 1-4, 11) "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"

Stand

P: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

C: By Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.

All leave in silence.



Thanks be to God, the record of Christ's life is not over! Join us Easter Sunday morning at 7:00am and 10:00am to hear the rest of the story! Easter Breakfast will be served between services by St. Paul's LWML.

Holy Week at St. Paul's

Mar. 26th Holy Saturday Healing Service 7:30 PM

Mar. 27th **Easter Morning**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service with Communion (individual cup)

10:00 AM Festive Service with Communion (individual cup)

Easter Morning Activities

Come and celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Easter morning!

Easter Breakfast Our LWML has prepared a special breakfast for you following the Sunrise Service. The LWML ladies will be serving breakfast casseroles, fresh fruit, and pastries. Free-will offering. Plan to attend this special event.

Easter Egg Hunt following the Easter breakfast instead of Sunday School for the children. Parents please stay with your children and enjoy the fun! No adult Bible Study. *Visitors welcome. Invite someone to attend with you!*



I am the one who
helps you, declares
the LORD;
your Redeemer
is the Holy One
of Israel.

Isaiah 41:14

THE DEATH OF JESUS

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" And some of the bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, He is calling Elijah." And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When He was in Galilee, they followed Him and ministered to Him, and there were also many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. (Mark 15:33-41)

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