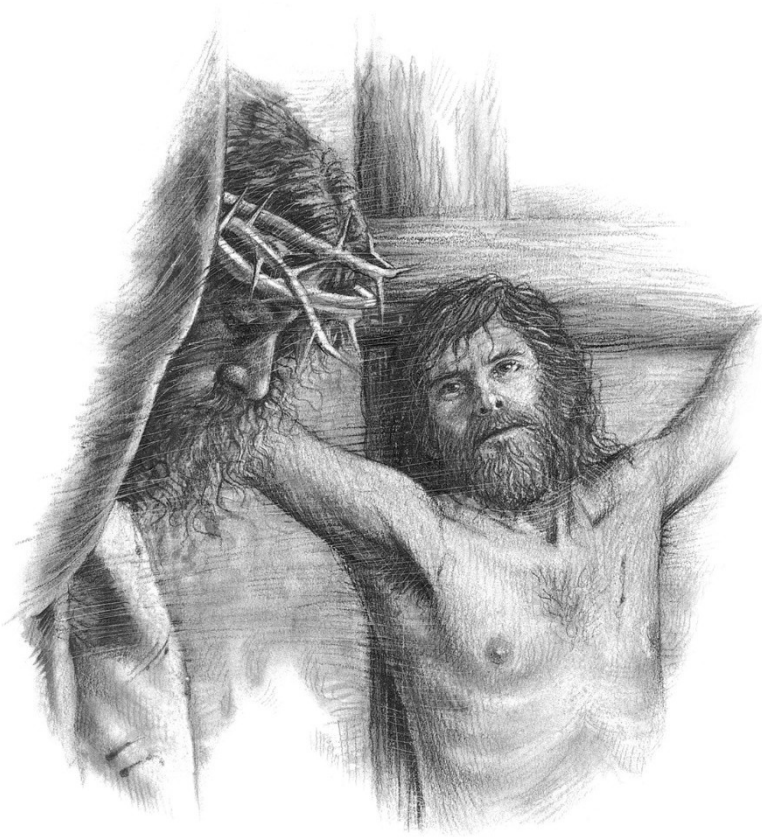


Good Friday Worship

April 2, 2021



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Pre-service Meditation: "The Son of Man has

come to save that which was lost" (**Matthew 18:11** NKJV).

Opening Hymn.....722

Opening Prayer

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

P: Father in heaven, nothing can be hidden from you. You know the temptations that we struggle with. You know all we have done, all we have said, and even the secret thoughts of our hearts.

C: **We have not loved You above all things. We have not always honored your Name. We have not always set aside time for You.**

P: You've seen our dirty looks. Heard our raised voices. Read our selfish thoughts. We have not loved others as much as we love ourselves.

C: **According to Your standards, we are not righteous. We do not deserve to be rewarded. Yet because of what Your Son has done, we come before You today. Forgive us because of His Cross. In that cross we see Your promise to redeem sinners—kept.**

P: In light of the confession of sins which you have just made, and solely because of the sacrifice of Christ, it is my joy to announce God's grace to you: Your sins stand forgiven! Every single one. In Christ, you are not guilty.



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing To the

dark - est depths of woe,— Thro' Thy suf-f'rings, death, and mer - it

I e - ter - nal life in - her - it: Thou-sand, thou-sand

thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.



RESPONSIVE READING

Jesus spoke seven times while suffering on the cross. In this responsive reading we hear our Savior's words again, interspersed with related verses from the Old Testament.

P: As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

C: **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.** (John 3:14-15 NKJV)

P: When they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

C: Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23:34 NKJV)

P: And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness.

C: The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it.

P: No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there.

C: But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD will return.

P: They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.

C: Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. (Isaiah 35:8-10 NIV84)

P: Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

C: Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.” (Luke 23:42-43 NIV84)

P: Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. (Exodus 20:12 NKJV)

C: When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold your son!”

P: Then He said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!”

- C: And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. (John 19:26-27 NKJV)**
- P: Be not far from Me, For trouble *is* near; For *there is* none to help.
- C: Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.**
- P: They gape at Me *with* their mouths, *Like* a raging and roaring lion. (Psalm 22:11-13 NKJV)
- C: And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying,**
- P: “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”
- C: which is translated, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Mark 15:34 NKJV)**
- P: I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;
- C: My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. My strength is dried up like a potsherd,**
- P: And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. (Psalm 22:14-15 NKJV)
- C: Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” (John 19:28 NKJV)**
- P: He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
- C: and by his wounds we are healed.**
- P: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way;
- C: and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:5-6 NIV84)**

P: Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth.

C: So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” (John 19:29-30a NIV84)

P: The LORD said to Moses: “Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover...

C: He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull’s blood:

P: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place

C: because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. (Leviticus 16:2, 15-16a NIV84)

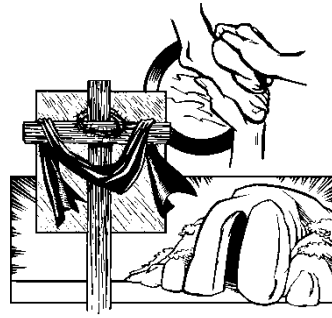
P: Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two.

C: And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ ” Having said this, He breathed His last. (Luke 23:44-46 NKJV)

Creed.....*Luther’s Explanation of the 2nd Article*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

**He has redeemed me, a
and condemned
creature, purchased
won me from all sins,
from death, and from
power of the devil, not
with gold or silver but
with His holy, precious
blood and His innocent suffering and death.**



**lost
and
the**

**All this He did that I should be His very own, and
live under Him in his kingdom, and serve Him in
everlasting righteousness, innocence, and
blessedness, just as He has risen from death
and lives and rules eternally. This is most
certainly true.**

Hymn of the Day.....172:1-4, 8-10

Sermon Reading.....*Luke 23:39-43 (NIV84)*

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?”

⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Sermon:

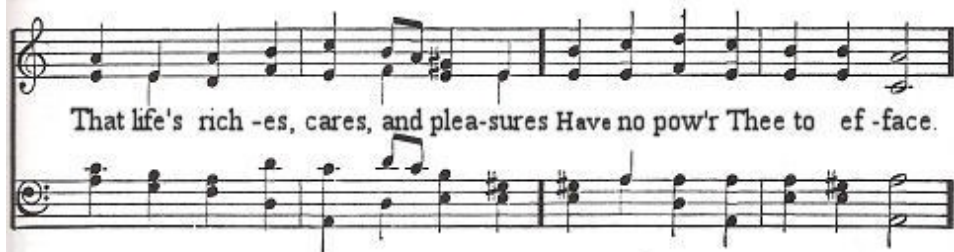
“The Testimony of the Thief on the Cross”

Preaching: Pastor Caleb Schaller

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds, in Christ Jesus.



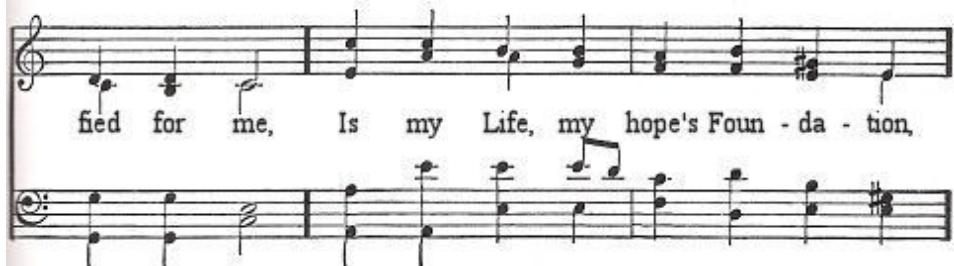
C On my heart im-print Thine im-age, Bless-ed Je - sus, King of Grace,



That life's rich - es, cares, and plea-sures Have no pow'r Thee to ef - face.



This the su - per - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci -



fied for me, Is my Life, my hope's Foun - da - tion,



And my Glo - ry and Sal - va - tion.

Sermon Hymn

Offering and Prayer



LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

Final Passion History Reading *John 19:38-42 (NIV84)*

³⁸ Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹ He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. ⁴⁰ Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹ At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid. ⁴² Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

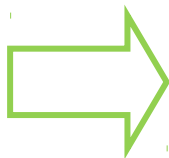
P: After their hurried burial work, Joseph and Nicodemus must have left the tomb in sadness and silence. They had thought this man was the Christ, and now he was dead and buried.

Today, we ask worshippers to leave our sanctuary in silence also, but not in sadness. For we know what Christ's death has accomplished—and we also know what comes next.

Closing Hymn.....170

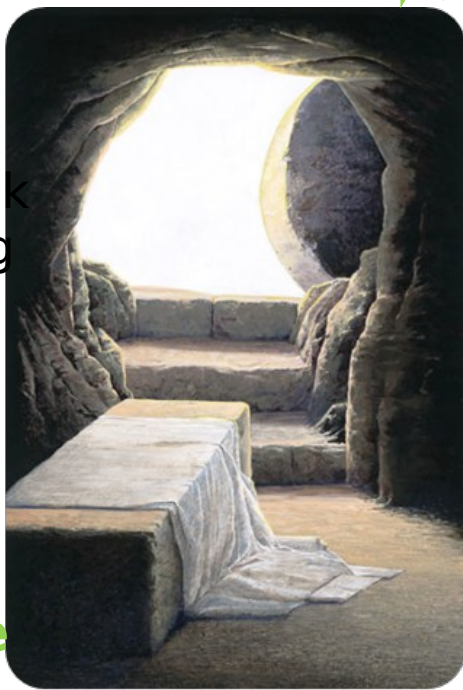


Join us on Resurrection Sunday...



"Why do you seek
the living among
the dead? He is
not here, but is
risen!"

-Luke 24:5-6



**...To celebrate
our Risen
Savior!**

The Weekend of Resurrection Sunday:

Saturday: Easter Worship 6:30 pm

Sunday: Easter Worship 9:00 am

Easter Worship 11:00 am

*The Lord's Supper will be available for communicant members after each worship service. Those desiring the Lord's Supper please meet in the room to the right of the altar after worship is concluded.

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