

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



SERVICE OF THE SEVEN WORDS
Good Friday | March 29th, 2024

Good Friday

Worshippers gather in silence.

The bells toll, and Psalm 22 is read.

Reading

Psalm 22

¹My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

²My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

³Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.

⁴In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

⁵To you they cried out and were saved;

in you they trusted and were not put to shame.

⁶But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.

⁷All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.

⁸"He trusts in the Lord," they say, "let the Lord rescue him.

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

⁹Yet you brought me out of the womb;

you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast.

¹⁰From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God.

¹¹Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.

¹²Many bulls surround me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle me.

¹³Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against me.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint.

My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

¹⁵My 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.

¹⁶Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;

they pierce my hands and my feet.

¹⁷All my bones are on display; people stare and gloat over me.

¹⁸They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

¹⁹But you, Lord, do not be far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

²⁰Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.

²¹Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²²I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.

²³You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

²⁴For 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.

²⁵From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

²⁶The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,

²⁸for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

³⁰Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

³¹They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

Hymn – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 429:1-4

Christ's Seven Words from the Cross

First Word

Luke 23:32-34

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me;

They pierce my hands and my feet.

Psalm 22:16

They divide my garments among them

and cast lots for my clothing.

Psalm 22:18

He bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 53:12

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.

1pm – “Like a Lamb”

K-8

6:30pm – “Upon a Sinner’s Cross”

Adult Choir

Second Word

Luke 23:35-43

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the Jews.

³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? 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, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

All who see me mock me;

They hurl insults, shaking their heads.

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

Let him deliver him, since he delights in him.”

Psalms 22:7-8

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

Come to my aid when you save them.

Psalms 106:4

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.

Hymn – Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

CW 430:1-3

Third Word

John 19:25-27

²⁵Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” ²⁷and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel,

and to be a sign that will be spoken against,

so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed.

And a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Luke 2:34-35

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

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.

Hymn – Upon the Cross Extended

CW 434:1,4

Fourth Word

Matthew 27:45-46

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land.

⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

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

Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

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

by night, but I find no rest.

Psalm 22:1-2

“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

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.

Hymn – Jesus, In Your Dying Woes

CW 435:1,4-6

Fifth Word

John 19:28-29

²⁸Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

²⁹A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus’ lips.

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.

Psalm 22:15

I am worn out calling for help;
my throat is parched.

Psalm 69:3

They put gall in my food
and gave me vinegar for my thirst.

Psalm 69:21

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.

Hymn – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

CW 407

Stand

Sixth Word

John 19:30

³⁰When he had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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

Because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Zechariah 9:11

I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.

Zechariah 3:9

I will forgive their wickedness

and will remember their sins no more.

Jeremiah 31:34

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.

Hymn – O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 429:5-7

What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest Friend,
for this, your dying sorrow,
your pity without end?
O make me yours forever,
and keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love for you.

My Savior, then be near me
when death is at my door,
and let your presence cheer me;
forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
O leave me not alone,
but take away my anguish
by virtue of your own!

Lord, be my consolation,
my shield when I must die;
remind me of your passion
when my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes will then behold you,
upon your cross will dwell;
my heart will then enfold you—
who dies in faith dies well!

Be seated

Sermon

Psalm 22

My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?

1. A cry from God's innocent substitute
2. A cry from the depths of death and suffering
3. A cry that God answered

Seventh Word

Luke 23:44-46

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, Lord, my faithful God.

Psalm 31:5

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

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*

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.

Offering

6:30pm - Adult Choir sings "No Bird Sang"



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Stand

Reading

John 19:31-42

³¹Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. ³²The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other. ³³But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. ³⁴Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water. ³⁵The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. ³⁶These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken," ³⁷and, as another scripture says, "They will look on the one they have pierced."

³⁸Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. ³⁹He 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. ⁴⁰Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. ⁴¹At 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. ⁴²Because it was the Jewish day of Preparation and since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

Be seated

Hymn – Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor

CW 437

Prayer

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, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Dismissal Statement

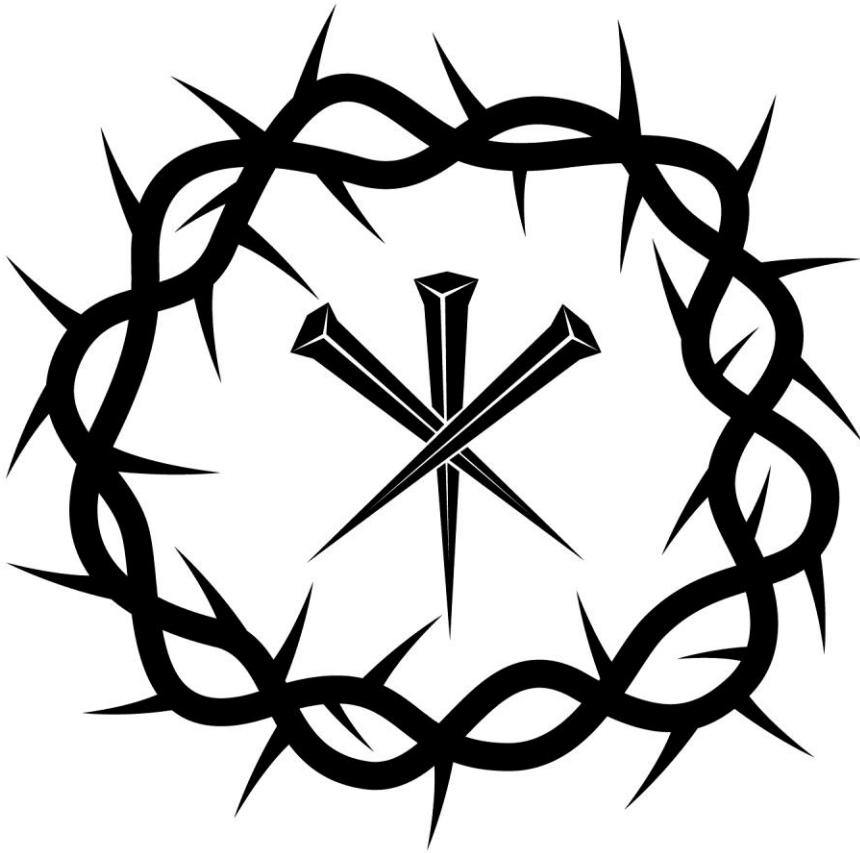
Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Amen.

The minister exits in silence.

Worshippers may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.

Join us Sunday morning for our joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection. Service times are 6:30am, 8am, and 10:30am.



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Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Bowe