

All Saints Lutheran Church

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Good Friday Tenebrae Worship

April 2, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

**Call to Worship**

L: From the busy-ness of our lives  
we have come here on a day that is different.

**C: In the midst of the world  
which holds the promise of spring and new life,  
we have come to share a story of betrayal and execution.**

L: Let us draw near to hear the tale,  
to share the tragedy,  
to embrace the darkness.

We gather together in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Opening Prayer**

**C: God of Light, God of Shadow, in our time together today,  
keep us aware of your presence in the darkness,  
help us to see meaning in this terrible story,  
and keep the fire of hope alive in our hearts.**

L: This we pray in the name of the man from Nazareth,  
the one who lived with a great Passion for your Way,  
the one whose death is nigh.

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn “Stay with Me”

ELW #348 (repeat 3 times)

Stay with me, remain here with me  
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Stay with me, remain here with me  
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

Stay with me, remain here with me  
Watch and pray. Watch and pray.

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**The First Word: Luke 23:32-34**

L: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing

Good Friday Children’s Time

*The first candle is extinguished*

The Second Word: Luke 23:39-43

L: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.

They shouted  
"Crucify him  
crucify him!"  
Pilate asked  
"Shall I crucify  
your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king but the emperor."  
Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus;  
and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to The Place of the Skull

There they  
crucified him  
and with him  
two others,  
one on either  
side with Jesus  
between them.  
Pilate also had  
an inscription  
written and put  
on the cross.  
It read "Jesus  
of Nazareth, the  
King of the Jews.

Created by Moira Laidlaw, on her website "Liturgies Online".

*The second candle is extinguished*

Hymn of the Day "Were You There"

ELW 353 (vs. 1&2)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord.

2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

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The Third Word: John 19:25b-27

L: Woman, here is your son. and Here is your mother.

Homily

*The third candle is extinguished*

The Fourth Word: Matthew 27:45-49

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

“God Did” written by J. Mark Jordan in *Thinking in Color*.

*The fourth candle is extinguished*

Hymn of the Day “Were You There”

ELW #353 (vs. 3&4)

3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

The Fifth Word: John 19:28-29

L: I am thirsty.

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Jane Fasching

*The fifth candle is extinguished*

The Sixth Word: John 19:30

L: It is finished.

Homily

*The sixth candle is extinguished*

The Seventh Word: Luke 23:44-46

L: Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.

“Listening at the Cross: The Seven Last Words of Jesus”  
Images by Jan Richardson  
Music by singer-songwriter Garrison Doles

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*The seventh candle is extinguished*

### **Prayers of Assurance**

L: God of Passion,

**C: on this day of betrayal and death,  
we remember those times we have been part of the crowd  
seeking our best interest over what is right and good.**

L: God of Fidelity,

**C: on this day of fear and denial,  
we remember those times when we choose the path of safety  
over loyalty to your Way.**

L: God of Constant Presence,

**C: on this day of despair and loss,  
we remember the ways we have wandered away  
from your presence,  
only to complain that we are abandoned.**

L: God of the Cross,

**C: for all the ways we have missed the mark,  
all the ways we have come up short,  
forgive us.**

L: Through your Grace bring us back into relationship.  
Help us find the path again.

...time of silent prayer...

Even in the face of betrayal and rebellion,  
even in the face of death and denial,  
even in the face of fear and despair,  
God's Grace knows no bounds.

We ARE forgiven,  
we ARE called back into relationship,  
we ARE set back on the path that leads to the Realm of God.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Hymn of the Day      "Were You There"

ELW #353 (vs. 5)

5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

**We Glory in Your Cross**

**C: We glory in your cross, O lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

L: May God be merciful and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

**C: We glory in your cross, O lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**C: We glory in your cross, O lord, and we praise your holy resurrection, for by your cross joy has come into the world.**

*Brief moment of silence to reflect on the cross.*

L: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

**C: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

*Our worship ends with the "strepitus" (pronounced STREP-eee-tuse). Strepitus is a Latin word which means "loud noise." The book will be shut loudly to symbolize the tomb slamming shut. The blessing and sending is omitted as our worship continues on Sunday.*

*Please depart in silence*

## WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

We are glad you chose to worship at All Saints today. We hope you find the worship service meaningful and that you feel at home with our congregation. If you want to learn more about All Saints or are looking to be connected, visit

[www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org) or contact one of our staff:

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### **Remember in Prayer**

Pete Panning and family at the death of his mother

Brian Foster for healing

Laurie Hilgers' father for peace and comfort

Linda Schrupp for healing

Betty Bingham for healing

Cassie Storms for healing

Kassie Harms for healing

Carter Serna at Basic Training for Marines

Andrew Haley stationed in Virginia

### **The Week Ahead:**

Sun	April 4	Easter Worship at 7:00, 8:00 & 9:30 am No Sunday School
Wed	April 7	5:30 pm 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Rehearsal and Pictures
Thurs	April 8	8:00 pm AA
Sun	April 11	8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Confirmation Service for boys 10:30 am Confirmation Service for girls No Sunday School

### **Confirmation Sunday**

On April 11 there will be one worship service for the congregation at 8:00 am. Other services that morning will be for Confirmation only.

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS is June 7-10, 2021

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Registration Deadline is May 23, 2021

Forms are available at the Welcome Center or at [www.allsaintsnya.org](http://www.allsaintsnya.org)

VBS is for students Age 3-Grade 6 (entering fall 2021).

Our theme is "Rocky Railway - Jesus Power Pulls us Through"

We'll have music, Bible stories, crafts, games, and snacks.

All are invited to VBS at All Saints so tell your friends & neighbors!

Cost is \$18 per child with a \$36 family max. Transportation is available.



## Digital Sign Campaign

### **HAVE YOU SEEN THE SIGN?**

You probably know that our church sign at the edge of the parking lot had been falling apart for a long time, and last spring "bit the dust." It was temporarily replaced with banners.

### **WHAT ARE WE DOING?**

The church council unanimously approved a "targeted giving opportunity" to purchase a sign that will enable us to share All Saints mission and ministry news, uplifting messages (God bless truckers, first responders, etc.), and community information. About 6.6 million vehicles pass our church each year - just imagine the potential impact!



### **HOW WILL WE DO IT?**

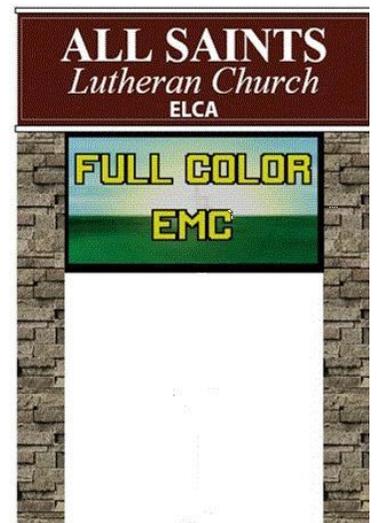
The cost of this sign is \$55,000 - however, giving has already begun and **we have received HALF of the goal amount!** In the church entry, there is a large picture puzzle with half of the pieces in place. The other pieces are on the wall in random order. Every time gifts add up to \$700, another puzzle piece goes in place, and when we reach the final goal, we will be able to **"SEE THE SIGN!"**

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

Any amount you are able to give will help us reach our goal. There will be a place on the All Saints website where you can donate to the sign project. [www.allsaintsnva.org](http://www.allsaintsnva.org)

If you write a check, please make it out to All Saints, and designate it for the **Sign Fund**. If you give cash, please write **Sign Fund** on your envelope.

This is a wonderful opportunity for All Saints to welcome, invite, share, and reach out beyond our walls - thank you for your generosity, because we are All Saints, All the Time!





GOOD FRIDAY

IT IS FINISHED

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