

Good Friday Worship

First Hour, Noon

April 15, 2022

Tenebrae

with meditations of Christ

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Immanuel Lutheran Church
Negaunee, Michigan

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WELCOME

We have come again to the most solemn day in the church's, yes, even the world's history. We remember the day on which our Savior, the Son of God, hung and suffered and finally died on the cross. On that long-ago day, the shadows of hate, greed, and self-service were lengthening, spreading out to cover all the world with darkness, a darkness that finally extinguished even the Light of the World. As we trace once more the events of that day, we, too, shall feel – and see – the shadows deepening around us. We shall be forced to look into our own hearts and lives, seeing the darkness that sin has left us as our heritage. We shall leave in darkness, but we shall not leave in despair. We shall, rather, leave secure in the knowledge that the shadows of our lives are wisps of mist, unable to stand against the light of the Risen Easter Lord.

Throughout this service, as each of the seven last words of Christ are said and interpreted, the shadows will deepen in the church. We ask that at the conclusion of the service, you leave in proper humility, deeply conscious of the weight of fear and hatred that nailed our Lord to the cross. Meditate on these, knowing it was not the nails that held Jesus to the cross but God's love for you and all people. Prepare for the joy of Easter dawn, returning to be filled again with the wonder and joy of knowing the Love of God who was made human and who suffered and died on this bitter day, but who became our Risen, Resurrected Lord.

ABOUT TODAY'S OFFERING

Unless otherwise marked, financial offerings will go towards feeding our neighbors through the food pantry of St. Vincent de Paul of Negaunee. Offering plates are at the entrances. Thank you for your generosity.



INTRODUCTION

Wondrous Love
(Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir)

Readings

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, **your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Old Rugged Cross

(Gary Wormer, Keith Polkinhorne, Kelly Bucholtz,
and Gary Parkkonen, Bethany Lutheran Church)

THE TENEBRAE PROPER

The First Word

“Father forgive them! They do not know what they are doing.”

The Second Word

“Today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Third Word

“Woman, mother, behold your son. John, behold your mother.”

The Fourth Word

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

Hymn #357

Lamb of God (st. 1)

The Fifth Word

“I thirst.”

The Sixth Word

“It is finished.”

The Seventh Word

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.”

Closing Prayer

Our next service begins 1pm at Mitchell. Please leave in silence.