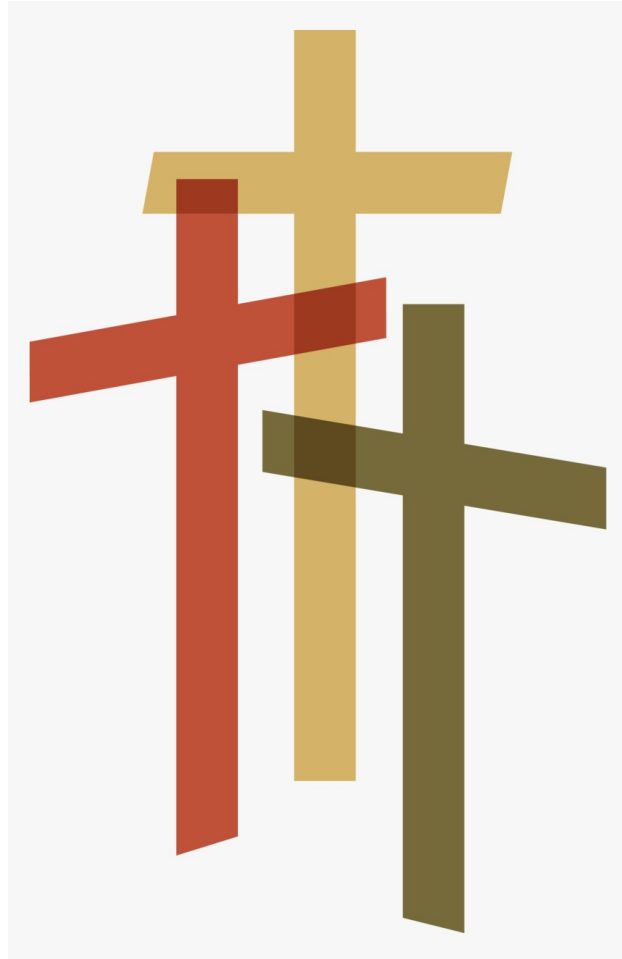


# **Zion Lutheran Church**

Oldwick, New Jersey



## **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

April 3, 2026

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Behold, the life-giving cross on which hung the salvation of the whole world.  
**O come, let us worship him.**

Our God has made with us a new covenant, saying, "I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them in their minds."

**Therefore, God will remember our sins and lawless deeds no more.**

Since then, we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith.

**Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.**

### INTERLUDE

*"Pie Jesu"* Andrew Lloyd Weber

Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi, (*Merciful Jesus, Father, who takes away the sins of the world,*)

Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem. (*Grant them rest, grant them rest.*)

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Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi, (*Lamb of God, Father, who takes away the sins of the world,*)

Dona eis requiem, dona eis requiem: (*Grant them rest, grant them rest:*)

Sempiternam, sempiternam requiem. (*everlasting, everlasting rest.*)

### OPENING DIALOGUE

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

**But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

## **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

# **THE PASSION ACCORDING TO JOHN**

## **I. THE WATCH**

John 18:1-12

*Extinguishing the Candle*

### **HYMN**

*"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"*

ELW 599, v. 1-3

- 1 Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.
- 2 Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.
- 3 Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.

## **II. THE DENIAL**

John 18:13-27

*Extinguishing the Candle*

### **HYMN**

*"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

ELW 517

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

### III. JESUS IN FRONT OF PILATE

John 18:28—19:7

*Extinguishing the Candle*

**HYMN**                                    *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*                                    ELW 502, v. 1-3

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

### IV. THE SENTENCE

John 19:8-16

*Extinguishing the Candle*

**HYMN**                                    *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*                                    ELW 351

- 1 O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,  
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.
- 2 How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn;  
how does thy face now languish, which once was bright as morn!  
Thy grief and bitter passion were all for sinners' gain;  
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
- 3 What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,  
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?  
Oh, make me thine forever, and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.
- 4 Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die;  
remind me of thy passion when my last hour draws nigh.  
These eyes, new faith receiving, from thee shall never move;  
for all who die believing die safely in thy love.

### V. THE CRUCIFIXION

John 19:17-22

*Extinguishing the Candle*

**ANTHEM***"Who is this King?"*

Lloyd Larson

Who is this King that lays aside His crown?  
 Who is this King that gently kneels down?  
 Who is this King that comes to the meek,  
 strengthens the weak? Who is this King?  
 Who is this King, this servant of man?  
 Who is this King with carpenter's hands?  
 Who is this King that holds the unclean,  
 dies to redeem? Who is this King?  
 From heaven's bright throne and courts filled with praise,  
 King Jesus came humbly, a servant of grace.  
 Trading His glory for shadows and fears,  
 He washes the feet of the world with His tears.  
 And who is this King that lays aside His crown?  
 Who is this King that gently kneels down?  
 Who is this King that comes to the meek,  
 strengthens the weak? Who is this King?  
 Surely he died on Calvary.

**VI. JESUS' DEATH**

John 19:23-30

*Extinguishing the Candle**Silent Prayer and Meditation***VII. FULFILLMENT OF SCRIPTURE**

John 19:31-42

*Extinguishing the Candle***FROM DEATH TO HOPE**

*The Christ Candle is taken from view. A thunderous noise symbolizes the earthquake after Jesus dies.*

**HYMN***"Were You There"*

ELW 353

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?

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- 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?
- 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?
- 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?

*The Christ Candle is brought back into view.*

## **THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

John 3:16-21

### **ANTHEM**

*"God So Loved the World"*

John Goss

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
 That who so ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
 For God sent not His Son into the world not to condemn the world:  
 But that the world through Him, through Him might be saved. Amen.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Behold, the life-giving cross, on which hung the salvation of the world.

**O come, let us worship him.**

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

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

*All are welcome to remain for a time of prayer and meditation.*

### **Thank you to this evening's worship assistants.**

Readers: Alexa Batkowski, Janet Hornich, Sandy Matsen

Greeters: Barb & Steve Surhoff

Ushers: Joanne Rupp & David Wintemute

Altar Guild: Joanne Rupp

### **Join Us for Worship on Easter Sunday**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Sauerland Outdoor Center

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Communion Worship at Zion



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