



First Lutheran Church

We are believers seeking to invite all into the caring, sharing and growing ways of Christ.

Good Friday

April 2, 2021

7:00pm

The Service of Shadows (Tenebrae) goes back many years (at least the 8th century). The word itself means “shadows” and connects well with the lengthening shadows of our Lord’s trial, crucifixion and death. In keeping with this theme, our service this evening moves from light to darkness.

The Service of Shadows

Prelude

L: We come into your presence, Lord, painfully aware of the shadows that dim your light in our hearts.

All: *Help us, Lord, to trust that you walk beside us through all the shadow areas of life.*

L: O God, on this day we can’t help but recall the deepest valley of them all, the valley of the shadow of death. We are humbled by your Son’s willingness to walk that lonesome road, so that we might never be alone.

All: *Help us find strength, O Lord, to name the shadow parts of our lives, and to claim your promise to be with us always.*

L: We pray in the name of the One who brings life from death, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: *Amen.*

Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* ELW 666

Reading Luke 22:14-38

The first candle is extinguished

Prayer

Hymn *Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved* ELW 602

Reading Luke 22:39-54a

The second candle is extinguished

Prayer

Hymn *Go to Dark Gethsemane* ELW 347

Reading Luke 22:54b-62

The third candle is extinguished

Prayer

Hymn *Ah, Holy Jesus* ELW 349

Reading Luke 22:63-23:3

The fourth candle is extinguished

Prayer

Hymn *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* ELW 351

Reading Luke 23:4-34a
The fifth candle is extinguished
Prayer
Hymn *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* ELW 337

Reading Luke 23:34b-47
The sixth candle is extinguished
Prayer
Hymn *Were You There* ELW 353

Reading Luke 23:48-56
The seventh candle is extinguished
Prayer
Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ELW 803

*You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation and,
when you choose, to leave the church in silence.*

Thank you for serving!	
Lector	Twila Henning
Music	Susan Jones, Steve Meyer, Kristin Neet-Holien