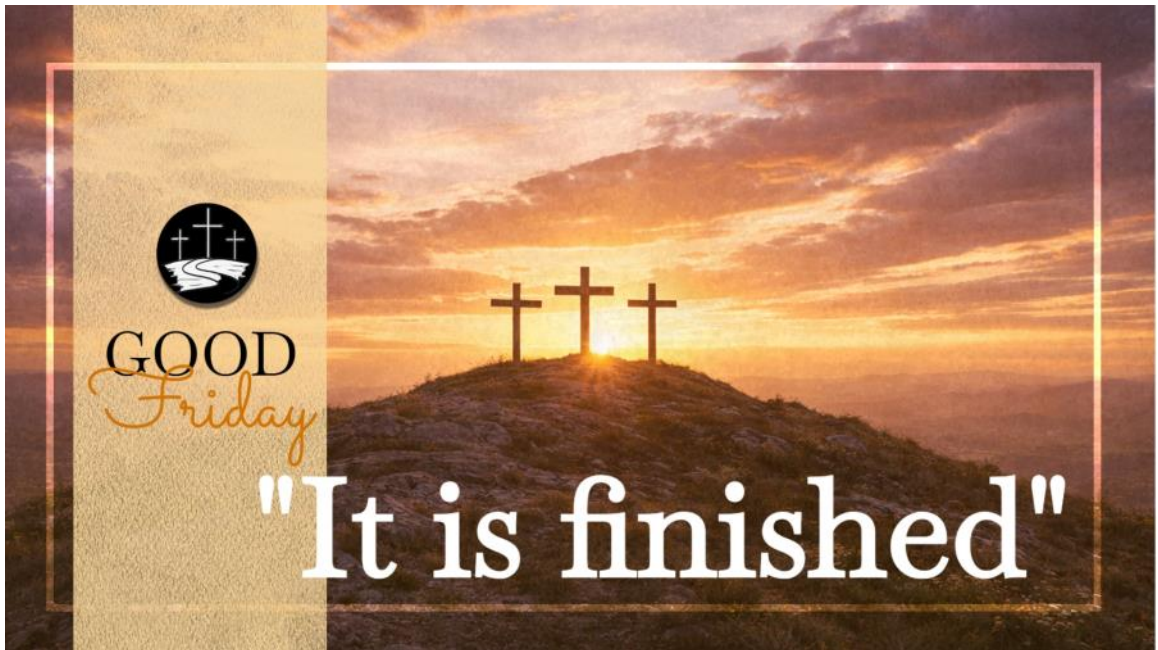


Jerusalem

evangelical lutheran church

April 3, 2026
Good Friday Tenebrae Service
7:45 PM Worship Service



Mission Statement

SOW. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ to all generations
GROW. His followers into spiritually mature disciples
GO. Back into the world to serve others in His name

WELCOME

Welcome! We are so glad you have chosen to join with us today as we gather in worship to give thanks to our gracious and loving God. We hope you find in us the open and welcoming arms of God. If you have particular needs and/or questions please speak with an usher. Again, thanks for spending a little time with us.

THIS WEEK AT JERUSALEM:

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

5:00 PM Teen Drama Reenactment Rehearsal

7:45 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 4

7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

7:00 AM Easter Community Outdoor Sunrise Service at Ott's

10:45 AM Prelude Music for Easter Worship Service

11:00 AM Easter Worship Service at JELC with Communion & Live Stream

Monday, April 6

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 PM AA Meeting (YC)

Thursday, April 9

6:30 PM Steepleringers Rehearsal

7:30 PM Asaph Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 11

7:00 AM AA Meeting (YC)

9:00 AM Community Blood Drive (SH)

3:45 PM Box City Youth Event

Sunday, April 12

9:15 AM Christian Education

10:30 AM Worship Service with live stream

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GATHER IN SILENCE (No Prelude or Church Bell)**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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**

READING**Isaiah 52:13—53:12****Pastor Chris McKinstry**

See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high. Just as there were many who were astonished at him so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 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. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

BIDDING PRAYER

*at the conclusion of each prayer “...through Christ our Lord,”
please respond: Amen*

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

OFFERING**OFFERING ANTHEM**

“Lenten Carol” Schwartz

Asaph Choir

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

John 18:1—19:42

FIRST LESSON - John 18:1-11**HYMN “Go to Dark Gethsemane” (#347:1, 2)**

1. Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter’s pow’r;
your Redeemer’s conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
2. Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life arraigned;
oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross
(1st candle extinguished)

SECOND LESSON - John 18:12-27**HYMN “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” (#337:2, 4)**

2. Was it for sins that I had done he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!
4. Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears,
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt my eyes to tears.
(2nd candle extinguished)

THIRD LESSON - John 18:28-40**HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” (#666:1, 2)**

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
(3rd candle extinguished)

FOURTH LESSON - John 19:1-7**HYMN “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” (#351:1, 2)**

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.
(4th candle extinguished)

FIFTH LESSON - John 19:8-16a**HYMN “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us” verses 1 & 2**

1. How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
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(5th candle extinguished)

SIXTH LESSON - John 19:16b-25a**HYMN** “*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*” (#803:1, 3)

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
(6th candle extinguished)

SEVENTH LESSON - John 19:25b-42**HYMN** “*Ah, Holy Jesus*” (#349: 4, 5)

4. For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
5. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee;
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.
(7th candle extinguished)

TEEN CRUCIFIXION ENACTMENT

“*Were You There?*” (Spiritual) Zaidaliz Ortiz

The service concludes with the exit of the Christ Candle and the sounding of the Strepitus, symbolizing the closing of the tomb.

SILENT RECESSIONAL...AS LIGHTS COME BACK ON PLEASE LEAVE THE CHURCH IN SILENCE; prepare your heart and mind for Easter. Let the hours ahead until Easter morning be a time of prayer and reflection on God's great gift to us in Jesus the Christ, our Savior.

(There is no Benediction tonight as the observance and waiting for the resurrection continues until Easter morning.)

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES + April 5th
7:00 AM Sunrise Worship Service
at Ott's Exotic Plants for the whole community.

Easter Worship Service at Jerusalem Lutheran Church
10:45 AM Prelude Music Begins
11:00 AM Worship Service

WHY CALL THIS FRIDAY "GOOD"? Good Friday has been so-called since the 13th century. The "Good" refers to the special sanctity of the day, because on this day, through Christ's sacrificial death, we receive salvation and the inheritance of eternal life with God! That's good news indeed!

TENEBRAE comes from the Latin word meaning "darkness." The daily offices of prayer on the last three days in Holy Week consisted of psalms, lessons, and sung responses. The candles were extinguished one by one as the service progressed. At the end, the worshippers left in darkness and silence. Our Tenebrae consists of seven lessons, drawn from the Gospel narrative of Jesus' passion. We respond to each lesson with a hymn. After the final hymn, we are in darkness. The Christ Candle, a sign of Jesus' resurrection and new life, is the final light carried out only to return Easter dawn to signal His resurrection.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SERVING TODAY

Ushers: Paul Ensminger, Gina Weygand & Robin Schlichter

Acolyte: Sean Ortiz

Lectors: Tim Arnold & Glenda Ortiz

Counters: Babs deFrenes & Jack Bowman

Altar Guild: Rose Koehler & Louise Hunsicker

Banners: Louise Hunsicker & John Souder

PRAYER CONCERNS....

PRAYERS FOR SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL HEALING & RENEWAL

Tanner Anttilosky, Martin Conte, Dice Family, Debbie Feitchthaler, Margaret Fisher, Anne Fisher, John Markley, Gene & Pat Miesse, Bev O'Brien, Daniela Rivera, Don Peters, Linda Petruccelli, Joseph Russella, Mary Ann Schofield, Joseph Schmitt, Jennifer Sone, Savoeun Touch, Gail Wetzel, Bobbie Willis, & Wolk Family.

ONGOING PRAYERS

Susie Barker, Jeanne Bullard, Babs deFrenes, Audrey Englehart, Betty Erwin, Effa Hunt, Donnie Grosick, Nellie Ann Kodoziejski, Leslie Leben, Sharon Morgan, George Miller, Janet Neumann, Noel Pumphrey, Robert Schirk, Shawn Schlichter, Carol Sprainer, & Marie Wolfe.

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