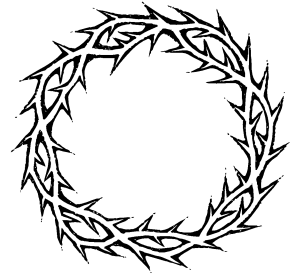


ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Mosaic Community Sharing the Grace of Christ with All”

Good Friday Tenebrae

April 18, 2025 at 7:00pm



Prelude

Edie Hill, Harpist

Invocation: Pastor Michael Thomas

He was despised and rejected of all, a man of sorrows,
Acquainted with grief, and we hid our faces from Him.
He was despised, and we knew Him not.

**Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.
Yet we knew Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.**

But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him and with His stripes we are healed.

We like sheep have gone astray. We have turned each of us to our own ways, And God has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

SOLO: "Jesus Paid It All"

Jodi Beach

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Let us pray,

Most gracious God, look with mercy upon your family gathered here for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed, given into sinful hands, and suffered death upon the cross. Strengthen our faith and forgive our betrayals as we enter the way of his passion; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" Red Hymnal #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.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, based on Arnulf of Louvain, d. 1250; tr. composite

The Crucifixion procession arrives.

HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Red Hymnal #338

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand;
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus my eye at times can see,
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart with tears, two wonders I confess,
The wonder of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, Your shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss.
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

THE FIRST WORD

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***“Lamb of God”***

Soloists: Mattsen Heller

The first candle is extinguished

THE SECOND WORD

“Truly I tell you, today you shall be with me in paradise.”

CHOIR: ***“Remember Me”***

The second candle is extinguished.

THE THIRD WORD

Solo "Mary's Lullaby"

Soloist: Molly Heller

"Woman, here is your son."

Solo "Mary Did you Know?"

Soloist: Tim Krug

The third candle is extinguished

THE FOURTH WORD

"My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?"

Anthem: "That Wondrous Cross"

The fourth candle is extinguished.

THE FIFTH WORD

"I am thirsty"

HYMN "Ah Holy Jesus"

Red Hymnal #349

1. Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.

2. Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

3. Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinnèd, and the Son hath suffered;
for man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth.

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.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.
The fifth candle is extinguished.

The Sixth Word

"It is finished."

Anthem "They Crucified My Lord"

The sixth candle is extinguished.

The Seventh Word

"Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit."

Solo: "***Jesus Loves Me***" Soloist: Rachel Handlin

Duet: "***Oh, How He Loves You and Me***"

Jack and Edie Hill

READING

He was despised and rejected--a man of sorrows, acquainted with bitterest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way when he went by. He was despised, and we did not care.

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God for his own sins!

But he was wounded and crushed for our sins. He was beaten that we might have peace. He was whipped, and we were healed!

All of us have strayed away like sheep. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the guilt and sins of us all.

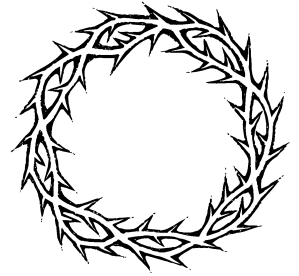
He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth.

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. Amen.

Congregation Departs in Silence

Good Friday Tenebrae

THANK YOU TO...



Musicians

Jodi Beach- piano
Rachel Handlin – Violin
Jim McDowell - Bass

Participants

Sonja Beach
Lori Beach-Grass
Michael Beert
Jimmy Grass
Molly Heller
Mattsen Heller
Edie Hill
Jack Hill
Tim Krug
Daniel Krug
Intern Pastor Rachel Perkins-Gama
Jim Rasch
Kathy Rasch
Tammy Thomas
Pastor Michael Thomas
Bella Torres

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us this Sunday April 20, 2025 for Easter Sunday Worship at 9:15am

PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES THIS WEEK & UPCOMING

Monday	9:30am	Book Study—Multipurpose room
Tuesday	8:30am	RVC Class—Marander Room
	Noon	Katie's Cup Conversation led by Pastor Bitner "You Don't Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right"
	5:00pm	Human Resource Committee
Wednesday	6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
	8:00am	Book Study—Stockholm Inn
	4:00pm	WOW—Fellowship Hall
Saturday	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen
Sunday	9:15am	Worship at Zion
	10:30am	Forum: Wabongo Leadership Council Joshua Patterson
April 28	1:00pm	Bag Fluffing
May 3	9:00am	Cars & Coffee Rockford: Parking Lot across from Katie's Cup
May 8	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen
	9:00am	Rachel's Circle - Fellowship Hall
	9:00am	<i>Embracing Differences for A Change: 2025 Summit on Racism</i> Rockford Sports Factory event (tickets available)
May 10	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen
May 13	11:00am	Memorial Committee
	5:00pm	Katie's Cup Open Mic Night
May 14	11:00am	Mission's Team—Multipurpose Room
May 15	11:30am	WOZ Salad Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
May 17	8:30am	Church Council Retreat
	1:00pm	Ruthie's Kitchen by Youth Service Day
May 18	10:30am	Forum: Alzheimer Speaking on Nutrition
May 29	5:00pm	Ruthie's Garden Party; Patriots event dedicating Gardens
May 31	8:00am	Baha'i Temple Trip
June 1	10:30am	Forum led by Pastor Thomas - Christian Nationalism—Part 2
June 7		Rockford Pride Parade (join the Zion group)
June 8	10:30am	Forum led by Pastor Thomas - R.I.C. Synod Resolution
June 14	9:00am	Cars & Coffee Rockford: Parking Lot across from Katie's Cup
June 15	9:15am	Juneteenth Worship at Zion

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