

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

OF DULUTH, MINNESOTA

April 2nd, 2021

12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and eternal one, on this haunting holy day,
we come to the place of the skull,
the place of the cross,
the place from which we are lifted up.
In the face of such suffering, show us the face of our Savior.
In the shadow of such evil, show us the light of your grace.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

MEDITATION

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

BIDDING PRAYER

*Dating from the third century, the Bidding Prayer is central to the Good Friday liturgy
and is used to pray for the needs of the entire world.*

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy church throughout the world.

Benevolent and eternal One,
by your Holy Spirit guide the church
and gather us into one throughout the world.
Help us to persevere in faith, be unashamed of your name,
and share the good news of Christ's love and forgiveness for all people.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray all ministers of the Word, for our bishops,
for our pastors, for lay leaders and servants in all vocations.

Benevolent and eternal One,
your spirit guides and makes holy.
Strengthen and uphold all servants of the church
that they may reveal your goodness.
Help each of us in our various vocations to do faithfully
the work to which you have called us.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those preparing for baptism.

Benevolent and eternal One,
increase the faith and understanding of those preparing themselves or their children for

baptism. Raise them up to new life that they might shine forth your light so that others might see their good works and glorify you in heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those of other faiths.

Benevolent and eternal God,
gather into your embrace all those who call out to you under different names. Bring an end to inter-religious strife and make us more faithful witnesses of the love made known to us in Jesus. We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for God's creation.

Benevolent and eternal God,
you are the creator of a magnificent universe.
Inspire in us reverence and awe.
Hold all of your creation in the arms of your care
and bring all things to fulfillment in you.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who serve in public office.

Benevolent and eternal God,
you are the champion of those who are poor and oppressed.
In your goodness, give wisdom to those in authority,
so that all people may enjoy justice, peace, freedom,
and a share in the goodness of your creation.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for peace.

Benevolent and eternal God,
deliver us from violence and war,
set us free from bondage and greed,
release us from hatred and fear.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those in need.

Benevolent and eternal One,
you give strength to the weary and courage to those who have lost heart.
Heal the sick, give safety to travelers,
free those unjustly deprived of liberty,
provide a home for those searching for safety and respite,
and deliver your world from falsehood, hunger, and disease.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray for those who are dying.

Benevolent and eternal One,
help us to take comfort in knowing that you have traveled this road and leave us not alone.
We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Finally, let us pray for all those things for which Christ would have us ask.

**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.**

This Lenten season we have been gathering an offering for World Hunger. Where there is hunger and starvation, there we know Christ is suffering. Your generous offerings will make a difference.

ORATORIO *The Seven Last Words from the Cross*

**Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)
Translation by Derek McCulloch**

When Jesus hung on Calvary, upon the cross in agony,
In grief and desolation.
The seven words which Jesus spoke, inspire thy meditation.

The First Word

And it was at the third hour, that they crucified Jesus. But he said:
“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do!”

The Second Word

There stood, watching near the cross, Mary, Jesus’ mother, and with her stood her sister, Mary, Cleopas’ Wife, also Mary Magdalena. Now when Jesus saw his mother near him and that with her was the Disciple, whom he loved, he said until his mother:
“See, beside thee, that is thy son!”
And then unto that disciple:
“Behold John, that is thy mother!”
*And from henceforth John took her unto himself.**

The Third Word

Later, one of the malefactors, that were hanged with him, railed on him and said:
“You that sayest that you are Christ, bring help for you and us!”
But the other malefactor chided him and said:
“And you, have then you no fear of God, for you are in like condemnation. For great are indeed our offenses, which we receive but what is their just reward. He however, has done nothing wrong.”
And said to Jesus:
“Lord, remember me, in your heavenly kingdom!”
And Jesus said:
“Truly I say to you, ere long you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Fourth Word

And when it was the ninth hour, Jesus cried loud and said:

“Eli, Eli, lama asabthani?”

That is interpreted:

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

The Fifth Word

Then Jesus, fully knowing that all things were now done, in fulfillment of the scriptures of the scriptures, cried and said:

“I thirst!”

The Sixth Word

A soldier, when he heard him calling ran from hence and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar and with hyssop and put it on a reed and held it to his mouth and gave him to drink. Now when Jesus had drunk of the vinegar, he said:

“It is finished.”

The Seventh Word

Then yet again, Jesus cried loud and said:

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!”

And having said these words, Jesus bowed his head and gave up his Spirit.

Those who God’s passion and death proclaim
And keep in their hearts the seven words
May rest secure in God’s keeping
Both here on earth through God’s sweet grace,
And there in the life everlasting

**The biblical text does not label the beloved disciple as John. Church tradition and the libretto which Schütz used for this work, however, does identify John as the beloved disciple.*

THE VEILING OF THE CROSS

*You are invited to join us at 2pm to Walk the Stations of the Cross through the neighborhood of First Lutheran Church. Gather in the Superior St. Parking lot and please be masked and maintain proper social distancing. If you are unable to walk this path or do not yet feel safe, walk these stations virtually at ***need to confirm link with stacie***

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*The Sanctuary is open for quiet prayer and reflection each Wednesday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Use the Superior St. entrance door leading directly into the Sanctuary.*

Holy Week 2021

Created for Beloved Community

Palm/Passion Sunday- March 28

LIVE 10am Radio 610AM/103.9FM & YouTube
Palm car procession from church 10am
palm pick up 9am-9:45am

Maundy Thursday- April 1

Video Premiere 6pm YouTube
Participate in the holy acts of this night

Good Friday- April 2

Video Premiere 12pm & 6pm YouTube
Contemplate the crucifixion of Christ
through the music of Heinrich Schütz and
Christ's Seven Last Words of the Cross

Walk the Stations of the Cross
Gather at 2pm in the Superior St lot
Masked and physically distanced
Also available online as a virtual walk

Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 3

Video Premiere 6pm YouTube
Join us as we gather around fire, word, water, and meal

Festival of the Resurrection- Sunday, April 4

LIVE 10am Radio & YouTube
Gather by the Superior St. Entrance at 11:30am for "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
Bring colorful ribbons to adorn the outside cross and World Hunger offerings

First Lutheran Church, dedicated to the mission of Jesus Christ, welcomes YOU into this community of faith, where we share life in its entirety, with all its joys and sorrows. We believe all people are created in the image of God and are offered God's love, grace, and forgiveness, regardless of religious tradition, age, gender identity, race, education, economic status, sexual orientation, family structure, mental or physical abilities. We acknowledge the indigenous culture of this land.

We extend a special welcome in Christ's love.

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