

THE SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY TRE ORE WORSHIP SERVICE



Saint Trinity Lutheran Church

April 3, 2026 + 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Also on 850AM KFYO Radio

*An offering will be received as worshippers come and go from the sanctuary.
Gifts not designated to a particular church via an envelope will be given to
Christian Friends of New Americans.*

Ascension Lutheran Church
5347 Donovan

Saint Trinity Lutheran Church
517 Koeln Avenue

Epiphany Lutheran Church
4045 Holly Hills

Timothy Lutheran Church
6704 Fyler

Messiah Lutheran Church
2846 South Grand

Trinity Lutheran Church
812 Soulard Street

St. Johns Lutheran Church
3738 Morganford

12:00 P.M.

Welcome (Liturgist: Rev. Idonis King, Saint Trinity Lutheran Church)

Invocation

Opening Hymn: #436 (vs. 1-3)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”
Musician: Carol Benninghoff

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.

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.

Calv’ry’s mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God’s own sacrifice complete.
“It is finished!” hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.

Psalm 121

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

People: Where does my help come from?

Pastor: My help comes from the Lord.

People: The Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: He will not let your foot slip.

People: He who watches over you will not slumber;

Pastor: Indeed, He who watches over Israel

People: Will neither slumber nor sleep.

Pastor: The Lord watches over you

People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand;

Pastor: The sun will not harm you by day,

People: Nor the moon by night.

Pastor: The Lord will keep you from all harm

People: He will watch over your life;

Pastor: The Lord will watch over your coming and going

People: Both now and forevermore. Amen.

MUSIC: “My Song is Love Unknown,” Skylar Lewis, violin and Carol Benninghoff, piano

Scripture Reading: John 19:1-5

Then Pilate took Jesus and flogged him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head and arrayed him in a purple robe. They came up to him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” and struck him with their hands. Pilate went out again and said to them, “See, I am bringing him out to you that you may know that I find no guilt in him.” So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, “Behold the man!”

The Message: Rev. Idonis King, Saint Trinity Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

12:20 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. Robert Scudieri, Trinity Lutheran Church)

Hymn: #425 (vs. 1-3)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Musician: Carol Benninghoff

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.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

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?

Psalm 32 (vs. 1-7)

Pastor: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven.

People: **Whose sins are covered.**

Pastor: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him

People: **And in whose spirit is no deceit.**

Pastor: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away

People: **Through my groaning all day long.**

Pastor: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

People: **My strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Pastor: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: **I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" -- and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Pastor: Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;

People: **Surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

Pastor: You are my hiding place; You will protect me from trouble

People: **And surround me with songs of deliverance. Amen.**

MUSIC: Carol Benninghoff

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:32-38

Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed. When they came to the place called “The Skull,” there they crucified Him, along with the criminals -- one on His right, the other on His left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up His clothes by casting lots. The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, “He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.” The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar and said, “If You are the king of the Jews, save Yourself.” There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

The Message: “*The First Word: ‘Father, Forgive Them...’*”

Rev. Bob Scudieri, Trinity Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

12:40 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. Matthew Kobs, Ascension Lutheran Church)

Hymn:

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

Musician Gabe Maichel

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.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression, But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor, And grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever! And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never, Outlive my love for Thee.

Psalm 16

Pastor: Keep me safe, O God,

People: For in You I take refuge.

Pastor: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

People: Apart from You I have no good thing."

Pastor: As for the saints who are in the land,

People: They are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

People: I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

Pastor: Lord, You have assigned me my portion and my cup;

People: You have made my lot secure.

Pastor: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

People: Surely I have a delightful inheritance.

Pastor: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;

People: Even at night my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me.

People: Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

People: My body also will rest secure,

Pastor: Because You will not abandon me to the grave,

People: Nor will You let Your Holy One see decay.

Pastor: You have made known to me the path of life;

People: You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Amen.

MUSIC: "The Blood of Jesus" -Knickelbein/Clark. Vocalist: Mike Arrigo

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't You the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise."

The Message: *"The Second Word: 'Today, You Will Be with Me...'"*

Rev. Matthew Kobs, Ascension Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

1:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. Matt Clark Ascension Lutheran Church)

Hymn: #451 (vs. 1 & 2)

"Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted"
Musician: Gabe Maichel

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!
This is Christ, by man rejected; Here, my soul, Your Savior see.
He's the long expected prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord.
Proofs I see sufficient of it: He's the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning, Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning, Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him, None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that justice gave.

Psalm 77 (vs. 1-12)

Pastor: I cried out to God for help;

People: I cried out to God to hear me.

Pastor: When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;

People: At night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.

Pastor: I remembered You, O God, and I groaned;

People: I mused, and my spirit grew faint.

Pastor: You kept my eyes from closing;

People: I was too troubled to speak.

Pastor: I thought about the former days,

People: The years of long ago;

Pastor: I remembered my songs in the night.

People: My heart mused and my spirit inquired:

Pastor: "Will the Lord reject us forever?"

People: Will He never show His favor again?

Pastor: Has His unfailing love vanished forever?

People: Has His promise failed for all time?

Pastor: Has God forgotten to be merciful?

People: Has He in anger withheld His compassion?"

Pastor: Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:

People: The years of the right hand of the Most High."

Pastor: I will remember the deeds of the Lord;

People: Yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago.

Pastor: I will meditate on all Your works;

People: And consider all Your mighty deeds. Amen.

MUSIC: "We Fail to Watch and Wait" -Daman/Clark/Maichel Vocalists: Anna Clark, Lisa Clark

Scripture Reading: John 19:23-27

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let's not tear it," they said to one another. "Let's decide by lot who will get it." This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, "They divided My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing." So this is what the soldiers did. Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciples whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

The Message: *"The Third Word: 'Woman, Behold Your Son...'"*

Rev. Matt Clark, Ascension Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

1:20 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. Ben Wescoatt, St. Johns Lutheran Church)

Invocation

Hymn: #451 (vs. 3 & 4)

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”
Musician: Suzanne Manelli

Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

Psalm 22 (vs. 1-11)

Pastor: My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

People: **Why are You so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?**

Pastor: O my God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer.

People: **By night, and am not silent.**

Pastor: In You our fathers put their trust;

People: **They trusted and You delivered them.**

Pastor: They cried to You and were saved;

People: **In You they trusted and were not disappointed.**

Pastor: But I am a worm and not a man,

People: **Scorned by men and despised by the people.**

Pastor: All who see me mock me;

People: **They hurl insults, shaking their heads:**

Pastor: "He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him.

People: **Let Him deliver him, since He delights in him."**

Pastor: From birth I was cast upon You;

People: **From my mother's womb You have been my God.**

Pastor: Do not be far from me,

People: **For trouble is near and there is no one to help. Amen**

MUSIC: St. Johns Lutheran Church Choir

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27:45-49

From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? -- which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "He's calling Elijah." Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. But the rest said, "Leave Him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to save Him."

The Message: *"The Fourth Word: 'My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?'"*

Rev. Ben Wescoatt, St. Johns Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

1:40 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. Mike Okine, Messiah Lutheran Church)

Hymn: #453 (vs. 1-4)

"Upon the Cross Extended"
Musician: Mark Dunajcik

Upon the cross extended See, world, your Lord suspended.
Your Savior yields His breath. The Prince of Life from heaven
Himself has freely given To shame and blows and bitter death.

Come, see these things and ponder, Your soul will fill with wonder
As blood streams from each pore. Through grief beyond all knowing
From His great heart came flowing Sighs welling from its deepest core.

Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so sore abused You
And caused You all Your woe? We all must make confession
Of sin and dire transgression While You no ways of evil know.

I caused Your grief and sighing By evils multiplying
As countless as the sands. I caused the woes unnumbered
With which Your soul is cumbered, Your sorrows raised by wicked hands.

Psalm 42 (vs. 1-5, 8-11)

Pastor: As the deer pants for streams of water,

People: So my soul pants for You, O God.

Pastor: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

People: When can I go and meet with God?

Pastor: My tears have been my food day and night,

People: While men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

Pastor: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

People: How I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.

Pastor: Why are you downcast, O my soul?

People: Why so disturbed within me?

Pastor: Put your hope in God,

People: For I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God.

Pastor: By day the Lord directs His love,

People: At night His song is with me -- a prayer to the God of my life.

Pastor: I say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me?"

People: Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"

Pastor: My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me,

People: Saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

Pastor: Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

People: Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Savior and my God. Amen.

MUSIC: Jim Gill and Erin Alter, "O Darkest Woe"

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-29

Later, knowing that all are now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

The Message: "The Fifth Word: 'I Thirst'"

Rev. Mike Okine, Messiah Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

2:00 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. Tim Staffeld, Epiphany Lutheran Church)

Hymn: #453 (vs. 5-7)

“Upon the Cross Extended”
Musician: Mark Dunajcik

Your soul in griefs unbounded, Your head with thorns surrounded,
You died to ransom me. The cross for me enduring,
The crown for me securing, You healed my wounds and set me free.

Your cords of love, my Savior, Bind me to You forever,
I am no longer mine. To You I gladly tender
All that my life can render And all I have to You resign.

Your cross I place before me; Its saving pow'r restore me,
Sustain me in the test. It will, when life is ending,
Be guiding and attending My way to Your eternal rest

Psalm 130

Pastor: Out of the depths

People: I cry to You, O Lord;

Pastor: O Lord, hear my voice.

People: Let Your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness;

People: Therefore You are feared.

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

People: And in His Word I put my hope.

Pastor: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning,

People: More than watchmen wait for the morning.

Pastor: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

People: For with the Lord is unfailing love and with Him is full redemption.

Pastor: He Himself will redeem Israel

People: From all their sins. Amen.

MUSIC: “Were you There?”

Scripture Reading: John 19:30

When He had received the drink, Jesus said, “It is finished.”, with that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

Message: *“The Sixth Word: ‘It is Finished!’”*

Rev. Tim Staffeld, Epiphany Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

2:20 P.M.

Opening Prayer (Liturgist: Rev. David Lewis, Saint Trinity Lutheran Church)

Hymn: #430 (vs. 1-3)

“My Song is Love Unknown”
Musician: Mr. Burnell Hackman

My song is love unknown, My Savior’s love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none The longed for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then “Crucify!” Is all their breath, and for His death They thirst and cry.

Psalm 31 (vs. 1-5, 23 -24)

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

People: In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Pastor: The enemy pursues me, he crushes me to the ground;

People: He makes me dwell in darkness like those long dead.

Pastor: I remember the days of long ago;

People: I meditate on all Your works and consider what Your hands have done.

Pastor: I spread out my hands to You;

People: My soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

Pastor: Answer me quickly, O Lord;

People: My spirit faints with longing.

Pastor: Do not hide Your face from me

People: Or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,

People: For I have put my trust in You.

Pastor: Show me the way I should go,

People: For to You I lift up my soul. Amen.

MUSIC: Mr. Burnell Hackman “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded’ Arr; John A. Benke

Scripture Reading: Luke 23:44-49

It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” When He had said this, He breathed His last. The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, “Surely this was a righteous man.” When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew Him, including the women who had followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Message: “*The Seventh Word: ‘Father, into Your hands . . .’*”

Rev. David Lewis, Saint Trinity Lutheran Church

Closing Prayer and Blessing

+ MUSIC INTERLUDE +

Scripture Reading: John 19:38-42

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body. Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

The Message: *“Buried”*

Rev. Dr. Samuel Nafzger

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Closing Hymn: #456

Q “Were You There”
Musician: Mr. Burnell Hackman

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?

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?

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?

Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?
Oh . . . Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised Him from the tomb?

*As the officiants exit from the sanctuary,
the worshippers are requested to follow quietly and reverently during the tolling of the bells.*

You are invited to join the members and friends of the host congregations for worship on this holy weekend:

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Tenebrae Service	6:30 p.m.
Sunday:	Sunrise Service	6:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast	7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	8:30 a.m.
	Festival Worship with Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Good Friday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Easter Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Good Friday Tenebrae	6:30 p.m.
Sunday:	Easter Breakfast	8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Worship with Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
	Easter Egg Hunt to follow Worship	

ST. JOHNS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Tonight:	Good Friday	6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Festival Worship with Brunch to follow	9:00 a.m.

SAINT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday	Festival Worship with Breakfast to Follow	10:00 a.m.
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