

# Good Friday Tenebrae Service



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**Tenebrae** (Latin for “darkness”) is a devotional and meditative service for Good Friday. Throughout the service, candles are extinguished and lights dimmed, reminding us of the darkness that surrounded the cross on Calvary. Periods of silence may be used for prayer and reflection.

**In keeping with** the reverent tone of the service, worshipers are asked to both gather and leave in silence. Offering plates are left at the exits for those who desire to contribute.

## See His Cross: Jesus Died Willingly!

Invocation

Responsive Prayer

**M:** Lord Jesus, you humbled yourself to live on earth as a lowly man and to fulfill all the righteous requirements of God’s law. Lead us to a deeper appreciation of your love for us and allow us to share your love with the world.

**C: Lord have mercy on us.**

**M:** Christ Jesus, you went to the cross to rescue us from our sins. Lead us to always treasure your sacrifice for us and to come to you for pardon and peace.

**C: Christ have mercy on us.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, you suffered the pain and torment of hell in our place. Lead us to worship you by putting away our sinful flesh and serving you in righteousness.

**C: Lord have mercy on us. Amen.**

## I. His willingness was predicted. Isaiah 53:4-9

Choir

“Behold the Lamb”

*Music by Larry Shackley,  
Words by Pamela Martin*

*By morning light a battered Man is laid upon a tree.  
The hammer falls, the nails cry out that pierce his hands and feet.  
He prays, “Forgive them, Father, for they do not understand.”  
They come to crucify a man, but sacrifice a Lamb.  
Behold the Lamb! Behold the sacrifice, the One who gives His life to set you free.  
Behold the Lamb! The sacrifice is made, the ransom has been paid, behold the Lamb!*

*He dies alone upon the cross; the Father turns away.  
The sky becomes as black as night, the earth begins to quake.  
And certain ones who witness it begin to understand.  
They came to crucify a man, but sacrificed a Lamb.  
Behold the Lamb! Behold the sacrifice, the One who gives His life to set you free.  
Behold the Lamb! The sacrifice is made, the ransom has been paid, behold the Lamb!*

*There was no other sacrifice, no other to atone.  
None other than the pure and spotless Lamb of God alone!  
Behold the Lamb! Behold the sacrifice, the One who gives His life to set you free.  
Behold the Lamb! The sacrifice is made, the ransom has been paid, behold the Lamb!*

Prayer

## **II. He was willing to be arrested. John 18:1-11**

Hymn

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”  
*Christian Worship #100*

Prayer

The Second Candle is Extinguished

## **III. He was willing to be accused. Matthew 26:57-66**

Hymn

“O Dearest Jesus”  
*Christian Worship #117*

Prayer

The Third Candle is Extinguished

## **IV. He was willing to be sentenced. John 19:1-16**

Musical Offering

“Lenten Reflections”  
*By Kathy Parra*

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
*O Sacred Head/Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted*  
*Glory Be to Jesus*  
*The Lamb*  
*My Song is Love Unknown*

Prayer

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

## **V. He was willing to be crucified. Matthew 27:32-44**

Hymn

“Oh, Perfect Life of Love”  
*Christian Worship #138*

Prayer

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

## **VI. He was willing to die. Luke 23:44-56**

Choir

“Lay His Body Down”  
*By Pepper Choplin*

*Silently, so silently, His body hangs upon the cross.*  
*Come remove the nails, the nails which pierce his hands.*  
*Lower Him, now lower Him and lay His lifeless body down.*

Prayer

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

## VII. He was willing to be the Sacrifice. Hebrews 7:26-28

*The seventh candle is not extinguished, but is removed from view, just as Christ was for a time hidden from sight in the tomb.*

Solo

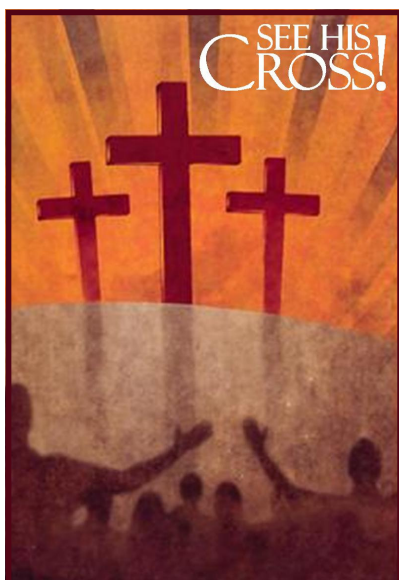
“Were You There”  
*Christian Worship #119*

*The seventh candle is returned, a reminder that Christ’s death is not the end. Rather, we await the glory of his resurrection.*

Prayer

Silence for prayer and meditation

*You are invited to remain in the sanctuary for meditation as long as you would like. When you leave, please leave the church property in silence.*



### Service Participants

Devotions .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Scripture Readings.....	Pastor Ron Koehler
Prayers .....	Pastor Sam Clemons
Organist.....	Tina Christianson
Choir Director.....	Teri Guenther
Soloist .....	Diane Kramm
Candles.....	Taylor Parra
Lighting.....	Travis Lipke
Piano .....	Kathy Parra
Violin.....	Maya Parra
Sound & Recording Tech.....	Jeremy Snavelly

We invite you to return to worship at Grace-Vail or at Grace-University on Easter Sunday morning as we celebrate our Savior’s triumph over sin, death, and hell.

The schedule for our celebration of Jesus’ resurrection is as follows:

#### At Grace-Vail

Worshiping at Cottonwood  
Elementary 9950 E. Rees Loop

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Easter Festival  
Worship

#### At Grace-University

830 N. First Avenue

7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service

8:00 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Easter Concert

10:00 AM Easter Festival  
Worship

The two Easter worship services at Grace-University will be entirely different celebrations of our Lord’s resurrection. We hope you will join us at either location for our celebration of Easter morning!