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Death of Jesus  
(Lk 23:44-46; Jn 19:30)  
Burial (Jn 19:38-42)



- <sup>1</sup>O LORD, God of my sal- | vation;\*
- I cry out day and night be- | fore you.**
- <sup>2</sup>Let my prayer come be- | fore you;\*
- incline your ear | to my cry!**
- <sup>3</sup>For my soul is full of | troubles;\*
- and my life draws near | to Sheol.**
- <sup>4</sup>I am counted among those who go down | to the pit;\*
- I am a man who | has no strength,**
- <sup>5</sup>like one set loose among the dead,
- like the slain that lie | in the grave;\*
- like those whom you remember no more,**
- for they are cut off | from your hand.**
- <sup>6</sup>You have put me in the depths | of the pit;\*
- in the regions | dark and deep.**
- <sup>7</sup>Your wrath lies heavy up- | on me;\*
- and you overwhelm me with | all your waves.**
- <sup>8</sup>You have caused my companions to | shun me;\*
- you have made me a hor- | ror to them.**
- I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
- <sup>9</sup>my eye grows dim through | sorrow.\*
- Every day I call upon you, O LORD;**
- I spread out my | hands to you.**
- <sup>10</sup>Do you work wonders | for the dead?\*
- Do the departed rise up to | praise you?**
- <sup>11</sup>Is your steadfast love declared | in the grave;\*
- or your faithfulness in | Abaddon?**
- <sup>12</sup>Are your wonders known in the | darkness;\*
- or your righteousness in the land of for- | getfulness?**
- <sup>13</sup>But I, O LORD, | cry to you;\*
- in the morning my prayer comes be- | fore you.**
- <sup>14</sup>O LORD, why do you cast my | soul away?\*
- Why do you hide your | face from me?**
- <sup>15</sup>Afflicted and close to death from my | youth up;\*
- I suffer your terrors; I am | helpless.**
- <sup>16</sup>Your wrath has swept | over me;\*
- your dreadful assaults de- | stroy me.**
- <sup>17</sup>They surround me like a flood | all day long;\*
- they close in on me to- | gether.**
- <sup>18</sup>You have caused my beloved and my friend to | shun me;\*
- my companions have become | darkness.**

# A Word of Christian Welcome

St. Paul's is "Growing together as God's family!"

What does this mean? It means that we are growing, not only in numbers, but in faith toward God. It means that we are more than a bunch of individuals, but that we are a heavenly family brought together under Christ and making the bold confession of faith to the world.

We are therefore delighted that you have joined us today to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God in the Divine Service where God comes to us by the means of grace to give us mercy, forgiveness, and His Spirit. The Lutheran liturgy might be hard for first-time visitors to our church or to the historic Lutheran church, but don't worry! We are here to help you so that you can take part in the liturgy and hymns without reservation or fear.

Lent midweek services typically follow one of the Daily Office liturgies found in the front of the hymnal. These are liturgies focused on prayer, quietness, and humbleness. If this is your first time participating in one of the daily office services, be prepared for a bit of chanting, for dimmed lights, and a somber atmosphere.

Regarding children, we LOVE when children attend the service and hope your children participate in the singing and reading of Scripture. If they're a little noisy, it's okay and they're welcome to stay. If you wish, you may take them to the Cry Room at the back of the sanctuary, or to the Nursery room, provided they are supervised. You may also provide them with a children's bag and bulletin, found just outside the sanctuary on the left.

Finally, all are welcome to fellowship after the service to drink some coffee and eat some delicious breakfast treats. Bible Study and Sunday School follow at 10:30.

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## Today's Theme

It is finished. What is finished? What does it mean that "it is finished"? It's just three simple words, but these words make all the difference in the world when it comes to sin, death, and hell. Apart from He who spoke these words, no hope of salvation could be possible for anyone, but because of Jesus, salvation has come to the world, for all who believe! So yes, it IS finished, let us therefore respond in thanksgiving and praise, and humble service to the neighbor.

# Holy Week starts Sunday!

Be sure to join us for Palm Sunday, and for the three services of passion (also known as Triduum) on Thursday night at 6pm, Friday night at 6pm, and Saturday night at 6pm. And then, come early on Sunday for the Easter Sunrise service at 7am, easter breakfast, and the main Easter service at 9:30am!

## Prayer Requests

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Please update prayer requests by leaving a note in the office or using the church app.

they shall come and proclaim his  
righteousness to a people yet  
unborn,  
that he has done it.

Psalm 22:31 (ESV)

He said, "It is finished!" And bowing  
His head, He gave up His spirit.

St. John 19:30b (ESV)