

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Theme for Lent:** *The Son of God goes Forth to War*

**Opening Hymn:** 105 *“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”*

**M:** O Lord, open my lips.

**C:** **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

**M:** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C:** **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day:** God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Lesson:** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Look, my servant will succeed. He will rise. He will be lifted up. He will be highly exalted. Just as many were appalled at him — his appearance was so disfigured that he did not look like a man, and his form was disfigured more than any other person — so he will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of him, because they will see something they had never been told before, and they will understand something they had never heard before.

Who has believed our report, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot and like a root from dry ground. He had no attractiveness and no majesty. When we saw him, nothing about his appearance made us desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man who knew grief, who was well acquainted with suffering. Like someone whom people cannot bear to look at, he was despised, and we thought nothing of him.

Surely he was taking up our weaknesses, and he was carrying our sufferings. We thought it was because of God that he was stricken,

smitten, and afflicted, but it was because of our rebellion that he was pierced. He was crushed for the guilt our sins deserved. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

We all have gone astray like sheep. Each of us has turned to his own way, but the Lord has charged all our guilt to him. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb he was led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent in front of its shearers, he did not open his mouth.

He was taken away without a fair trial and without justice, and of his generation, who even cared? So, he was cut off from the land of the living. He was struck because of the rebellion of my people. They would have assigned him a grave with the wicked, but he was given a grave with the rich in his death, because he had done no violence, and no deceit was in his mouth.

Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and to allow him to suffer. Because you made his life a guilt offering, he will see offspring. He will prolong his days, and the Lord’s gracious plan will succeed in his hand.

After his soul experiences anguish, he will see the light of life. He will provide satisfaction. Through their knowledge of him, my just servant will justify the many, for he himself carried their guilt.

Therefore I will give him an allotment among the great, and with the strong he will share plunder, because he poured out his life to death, and he let himself be counted with rebellious sinners. He himself carried the sin of many, and he intercedes for the rebels.

**Psalm of the Day:** Psalm 22 p. 71 (spoken/sung in unison)

*The Psalmist foresees the suffering of his Savior on the cross.*

**Psalm Prayer:** Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Lesson:** *The Passion History Parts 6&7*

**Hymn of the Day:** 117 *“O Dearest Jesus”*

**Sermon Text:** *Matthew 27:45-50*

**Sermon Theme:** The Greatest Battle Ever Fought

1. From the beginning cry of agony
2. To the final cry of victory

## Offering

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

### The Seven Words on the Cross

After each reading one candle is extinguished as the congregation responds with a verse of Hymn – 139 *“Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”*

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| First Word   | Luke 23:26-34    |
| Second Word  | Luke 23:38-43    |
| Third Word   | John 19:25-27    |
| Fourth Word  | Matthew 27:45-49 |
| Fifth Word   | John 19:28,29    |
| Sixth Word   | John 19:30       |
| Seventh Word | Luke 23:44-46    |

*Silence for meditation*

**Closing Hymn: 119** *“Were You There”*

***The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before dispersing quietly.***

*Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord*

*Easter Sunday - 8:00 a.m.*

*Easter Sunday - 9:00 a.m.*

*Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m.*