

Zion Lutheran Church

Passing on the faith in the heart of Long Valley since 1760



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The word “Tenebrae” is Latin for “darkness”. At the beginning of the service the church is fully lighted. The lights are dimmed as we hear the story of the passion. The gradual extinguishing of the candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, which represents the flight of all human beings.

John’s passion account is read as it clearly proclaims Jesus’ death as his glorification. Rather than a symbol strictly seen as a sign of suffering, the cross is acclaimed as the sign of the world’s redemption, which permits us to call today, “Good” Friday.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

HOMILY

Pastor Ingrid Wengert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Response after the prayer: Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

THE PASSION ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

READING: John 18: 1-11

The first candle is extinguished.

HYMN: “Go to Dark Gethsemane”

ELW 347
verses 1-3

READING: John 18:12-27

The second candle is extinguished.

HYMN: “Ah Holy Jesus”

ELW 349
verses 1,2 and 4

READING: John 18:28-40

The third candle is extinguished.

HYMN: “*My Song is Love Unknown*”

ELW 343
verses 1,3 and 4

READING: John 19:1-16a

The fourth candle is extinguished.

HYMN: “*Were You There?*”

ELW 353
verses 1 and 2

READING: John 19:16b-25a

The fifth candle is extinguished.

HYMN: “*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*”

ELW 351
verses 1- 3

READING: John 19:25b-30

The sixth candle is extinguished.

HYMN: “*Jesus Remember Me*”

ELW 616

READING: John 19:31-42

The seventh candle is extinguished.

Silence. A loud noise occurs to symbolize the closing of the tomb.

PRAYER:

The service concludes with the Lord’s Prayer.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

Silence is kept by all.

Lector: Deb Mills