



All Saints Lutheran Church

Everyone is Welcome here! Seriously, Everyone!

Good Friday

April 3, 2026 at 7:00 am

Wales, WI

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS

The word 'Tenebrae' is Latin for "shadows." On this most Holy night the Church gathers to remember the passion and death of Jesus on the cross. As we move symbolically through the story of the Passion of Christ; singing hymns, hearing reflections on the cross and listening to musical offerings you are invited to meditate on what our God is doing for us on the cross. After each word, a candle will be extinguished as we move closer and closer to the darkness of the tomb.

This is a quiet, reflective service and as we leave this place in silence and in darkness all are invited to remember that the end of this story has yet to be told...

PRELUDE

Judy Knoernschild

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

READING 1 Matthew 26:20-25

MUSIC "Just as I am, Without One Plea" **#592 vs 1, 3**

CANDLE 1 EXTINGUISHED

READING 2 Matthew 26:30-35

MUSIC "Ubi Caritas" Thomas Weis

CANDLE 2 EXTINGUISHED

READING 3 Luke 22:39-46

MUSIC "Go to Dark Gethsemane" **#347 vs 1,2**

CANDLE 3 EXTINGUISHED

READING 4 Mark 14: 43-63

MUSIC **“Ah, Holy Jesus”** **#349 vs 1,2**

CANDLE 4 EXTINGUISHED

READING 5 Matthew 27: 27-38

MUSIC **“O Sacred Head Now Wounded ”** **#351 vs 1,2**

CANDLE 5 EXTINGUISHED -

READING 6 Luke 23: 44-49

Music **“Jesus, Remember Me”** The Lloyd-Weis Family

CANDLE 6 EXTINGUISHED

READING 7 John 19: 38-42

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Were You There”** **#353 vs 1,4,5**

CANDLE 7 EXTINGUISHED

CLOSING THE BOOK

This symbolic ritual with a loud “bang” is intended to symbolize the closing of Christ’s tomb. Jesus’ death is final and complete.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CONCLUDING WORDS

Led by Pastor, and concludes with this congregational response:

P: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

C: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

We invite you to depart in silence.



THANK YOU READERS

Joan Kelly

Kathy Theis

Thomas Weis

Jackie Meindl

Chuck Gallagher

Barb Deichl

Wendy Quinn

A vibrant graphic with a blue and white background. It features three laughing emojis: one at the top left, one at the top right, and one at the bottom left. In the bottom right, there are two cartoon children, a boy and a girl, laughing. The text "HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY" is written in large, bold, black letters in the center. Below it, the date and time "April 12th at 9:30 am" are written in a smaller font. There are also some yellow starburst graphics.

HOLY HUMOR

SUNDAY

April 12th at 9:30 am