



# Glenwood Lutheran Church

## Good Friday

April 3, 2026

### “The Shadow of the Cross”

A Contemporary Tenebrae Service  
by Lloyd Larson

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Beneath the cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land...  
I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place...  
Elizabeth C. Clephane

The Tenebrae service, or “service of darkness,” dates back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Lloyd Larson’s The Shadow of the Cross focuses on the final hours of Jesus’ life, and crucifixion. It is a reminder of the magnitude of God’s love; a love so great that it continues through all time and eternity.

For shadows to exist, there must be light. In the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, that light, as the gospel of John tells us, “...is the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:4-5

In its original form, the cross was a tool of execution and death. In the eyes of faith, it symbolizes victory and life eternal! In a day when the powers of evil threaten to destroy our optimism for a brighter tomorrow, the cross stands as a reminder that LOVE is stronger than hate, and that HOPE prevails in times of despair. Standing in the shadow of the cross, we find comfort and courage in knowing that we can live in a future that is ultimately of God’s making.

May we live in the shadow of eternity’s cross.  
And may we be reminded that the cross ultimately leads to  
the ‘Father of lights.’  
Lloyd Larson

## PRELUDE

**WELCOME & OFFERING** The offering will be received during the announcements.



# “The Shadow of the Cross”

## 1. Come to the Cross with *Near the Cross* Narrator and Choir

Congregation, please join in and sing:

**Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o'er me.  
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever.  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Words: Fanny Crosby Music: William Doane

## 2. We Remember You Narrator and Choir

1<sup>st</sup> candle is extinguished

## 3. O Jesus, I Have Promised with *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Soloist...Tara Reichmann

Narrator and Choir

Congregation, please join in and sing:

**I need Thee every hour, stay thou near by;  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee, O I need Thee, every hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.**

Words: Annie Hanks Music: Robert Lowry

2<sup>nd</sup> candle is extinguished

## 4. O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Narrator and Choir

3<sup>rd</sup> candle is extinguished

## 5. Lamb of God Narrator and Choir

## 6. You Are My All in All Narrator and Choir

Congregation, please join in and sing:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!  
Worthy is Your name!**

Words and Music: Dennis Jernigan



4<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished

**7. When You Prayed Beneath the Trees**

Narrator and Choir

5<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished

**8. How Beautiful with *There Is a Redeemer***

Narrator and Choir

6<sup>th</sup> candle is extinguished

**9. Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Narrator and Choir

**10. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

Choir

**11. Christ, We Do Adore Thee**

Choir

***Draping of the altar, font and pulpit.***

***The Christ Candle extinguished.***

*At the conclusion of the worship, please leave silently, maintaining the spirit of solemn hopefulness. Go in God's Peace.*



## Service in Worship

PASTOR: Krista Lee  
DIRECTOR: Gordy Moeller  
ACCOMPANIST: Diane Moeller  
NARRATOR: David Sheppard and Pr. Krista Lee  
TRUSTEE: David Sheppard  
DEACONS: Lori Olson and Karen Freeman  
SOUND: Blake Heidecker



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## Please join us for Easter Worship Services Sunday, April 5, 2026

**7:00am** - Sunrise Worship Service with Holy Communion

**8:30am** - Worship Service, Holy Communion

**10:30am** - Worship Service, Holy Communion