

# The Seven Last Words from the Cross



Concordia Seminary  
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Please enter and leave the nave in silence in reverence for the solemnity of Holy Week.

## Silence

—Please remain seated—

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### First Word from the Cross | Luke 23:32-34

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#### Hymn

LSB 439, st. 1

The extended organ introductions will be designed to interpret both the reading and the text of the hymn stanza.

—Please kneel if able—

(You are encouraged to leave your kneeler in position)

#### Prayer

Each prayer concludes with “for your endless mercies’ sake.”

—Sit—

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### Second Word from the Cross | Luke 23:39-43

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#### Hymn

LSB 439, st. 7

—Please kneel if able—

#### Prayer

—Sit—

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### Third Word from the Cross | John 19:25b-27

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#### Hymn

LSB 439, st. 5

—Please kneel if able—

#### Prayer

—Sit—

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### Fourth Word from the Cross | Mark 15:33-39

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#### Hymn

LSB 439, st. 4

—Please kneel if able—

#### Prayer

—Sit—

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**Fifth Word from the Cross | John 19:28-29**

**Hymn**

**LSB 439, st. 2**

*—Please kneel if able—*

**Prayer**

*—Sit—*

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**Sixth Word from the Cross | John 19:30**

**Hymn**

**LSB 439, st. 8**

*—Please kneel if able—*

**Prayer**

*—Sit—*

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**Seventh Word from the Cross | Luke 23:44-46**

**Hymn**

**LSB 439, st. 15**

*—Please kneel if able—*

**Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Silence**

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**Servants of the Word**

Seminarian Donn Woolweber

Liturgist

Director of Musical Arts Jim Marriott

Organist

### **Notes on the Service**

The tradition of structuring a service around the seven last words of Jesus on Good Friday gained prominence starting in the 17<sup>th</sup> century in Peru from where it spread across South America. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century it was picked up by Anglicans from whom it spread to the English-speaking Christian world. Often the service is a three-hour service on Holy Good Friday covering the hours from 12 to 3 pm when Jesus hung on the cross. The seven words of Jesus from the Gospel accounts of the Passion provide the focal points of reflection. Often the words are proclaimed in choral form. In Lutheran circles the service also regularly includes preaching upon the seven last words. This day the words are surrounded with reflection from the classic Lutheran hymn by Johann Heermann, "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken?"

### **Corporate Confession and Absolution**

There will be a rite of corporate confession and absolution immediately following the chapel service today. All are invited to receive absolution as part of the discipline of Lent and Holy Week. If not staying, you are encouraged to leave the nave in silence.