

Tenebrae

A Service of Darkness

Wednesday April 1, 2026 @ 7pm

**St. Peter Church
620 Center St
Lewiston, NY**

The service of Tenebrae follows a tradition of the church dating back to the eighth century. From Latin, the word *Tenebrae* means "darkness" and commemorates the final hours of our Lord's life on earth, as He suffered death upon the cross. In the early church, the service of Tenebrae was celebrated on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. As the candles are extinguished, they symbolize the fading loyalty of the disciples and friends of Jesus. The gradual darkening of the church portrays the diminishing light of the world as Christ was departing from it.