



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Midweek Lent ~ March 8, 2023*

**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

# Our Worship

## Opening Hymn

CW 398

Stand for verse 5

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts on Israel's altars slain  
could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,  
a sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.
- 3 In faith I place my hand on that dear head divine,  
as penitently here I stand and lay on him my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see the burden you did bear  
when hanging on the cursèd tree; I know my guilt was there!
- 5 Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;  
we bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing his bleeding love.

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## Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you  
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done.  
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen. Let us praise the Lord!**

# Hymn of Praise

CW 396 st. 2

Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!

Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.

Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

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## The Lamb

CW 525 sts. 1–4

Our Savior's School Students, grades 6-8

Congregation is asked to join in singing verses 3 & 4



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.  
so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.

### Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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<sup>39</sup>Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup>On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” <sup>41</sup>He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup>“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” <sup>43</sup>An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup>And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

<sup>45</sup>When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup>“Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup>When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

<sup>54</sup>Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.

**Hymn of the Day****CW 395**

- 1 What grace is this! My Lord and King  
has set his face to suffering.  
My God eternal dies to bring  
eternal life to me.

- 2 What grace is this—that very God  
would stoop to lift a cross of wood  
and walk a road of rock and blood,  
a sinner’s road, for me.
  
- 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,  
he yields to Pontius Pilate’s law  
and lets the Roman hammers draw  
a rush of blood for me.
  
- 4 What grace is this! Rude agonies!  
With common thieves he hangs and bleeds.  
The sinless Son bears each misdeed;  
he pays for all, for me.
  
- 5 What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths  
and gently laid in manger-trough,  
he’s taken, dead, from wretched cross  
and wrapped again for me.
  
- 6 What grace is this? How can it be?  
He wears this raw humility  
to lift me to eternity.  
Such grace—sweet grace—for me.

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## Sermon

Matthew 21:12–17

### His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House

<sup>12</sup>Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. <sup>13</sup>“It is written,” he said to them, “‘My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”

<sup>14</sup>The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. <sup>15</sup>But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant.

<sup>16</sup>“Do you hear what these children are saying?” they asked him. “Yes,” replied Jesus, “have you never read,

“ ‘From the lips of children and infants  
you, Lord, have called forth your praise’?”

<sup>17</sup>And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

## **Thank Offering & Friendship Register**

*As the offering is gathered, we ask both members and visitors to sign the Friendship Registers, which are located at the end of the pews. Guests are welcome to give but should not feel obligated to do so.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

**May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

CW 793



1 Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd, hear me, bless thy  
2 All this day thy hand has led me, and I  
3 Let my sins be all for - giv - en, bless the



lit - tle lamb to - night; through the dark - ness  
thank thee for thy care; thou hast clothed me,  
friends I love so well; take me, when I



be thou near me, watch my sleep till morn - ing light.  
warmed and fed me, lis - ten to my eve - ning prayer.  
die, to heav - en, hap - py there with thee to dwell.

## *Refrain*



When I'm trou-bled and a - fraid I will trust in thee and pray.



Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd, hear me, bless thy lit - tle



lamb to - night, bless thy lit - tle lamb to - night.

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## Serving in Worship

- Minister – Pastor Andy Bushkopf
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Singing – Our Savior’s Lutheran School Students, Grades 6-8
- Ushers – Rick & Karen Leopold

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**His Final Steps** – We have three more special Lent services on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm leading up to Holy Week. “His Final Steps” is the unifying theme of the messages delivered by area WELS pastors.

- Midweek Lent #4, Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Ryan Cortright (Redeemer, Weston)  
“His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree”
- Midweek Lent #5, Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Andy Ewald (Immanuel, Mosinee)  
“His Final Steps Led to some Greeks”
- Midweek Lent #6, Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Presiding Minister: Pastor John Hadler (St. Matthew, Marathon)  
“His Final Steps Led to a Donkey”

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