



**OUR SAVIOR'S**  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Midweek Lent ~ March 15, 2023*

**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

# Our Worship

## Opening Hymn

**CW 550**  
*Lamb of God*  
Stand for verse 3

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God. (Refrain)

Refrain: **O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

- 2 Your gift of love they crucified,  
they laughed and scorned him as he died:  
the humble King they named a fraud  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (Refrain)
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God. (Refrain)

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## Confession of Sins

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**We have sinned against you**  
**in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds,**  
**and in all that we have not done.**  
**Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**and for the sake of his sufferings and death.**  
**Deliver us 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**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*  
CW 396 st. 3

**Thou hast borne the smiting only  
that my wounds might all be whole;  
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,  
rest to give my weary soul;  
yea, the curse of God enduring,  
blessing unto me securing.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

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## **There Is a Redeemer**

**CW 519**  
*Our Savior's School Students, grades K-4*

## **Passion History**

**Luke 22:54-71**

<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. <sup>55</sup>And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. <sup>56</sup>A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."

<sup>57</sup>But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.

<sup>58</sup>A little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them."

"Man, I am not!" Peter replied.

<sup>59</sup>About an hour later another asserted, "Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean."

<sup>60</sup>Peter replied, “Man, I don’t know what you’re talking about!” Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed. <sup>61</sup>The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” <sup>62</sup>And he went outside and wept bitterly.

<sup>63</sup>The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him. <sup>64</sup>They blindfolded him and demanded, “Prophecy! Who hit you?” <sup>65</sup>And they said many other insulting things to him.

<sup>66</sup>At daybreak the council of the elders of the people, both the chief priests and the teachers of the law, met together, and Jesus was led before them. <sup>67</sup>“If you are the Messiah,” they said, “tell us.”

Jesus answered, “If I tell you, you will not believe me, <sup>68</sup>and if I asked you, you would not answer. <sup>69</sup>But from now on, the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the mighty God.”

<sup>70</sup>They all asked, “Are you then the Son of God?”

He replied, “You say that I am.”

<sup>71</sup>Then they said, “Why do we need any more testimony? We have heard it from his own lips.”

## Hymn of the Day

**CW 409**

*Jesus, Refuge of the Weary*

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary, blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
fountain in life’s desert dreary, Savior from the world above,  
often have your eyes, offended, gazed upon the sinner’s fall;  
yet, upon the cross extended, you endured the pain of all.
- 2 Dare we pass that cross unheeding, breathing no repentant vow,  
as we see you wounded, bleeding, see your thorn-encircled brow?  
Since your sinless death has brought us life eternal, peace, and rest,  
only what your grace has taught us calms the sinner’s deep distress.
- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for you!  
May our eyes be ever turning to behold your cross anew,  
till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior’s side,  
graven in our hearts forever dwell the cross, the Crucified!

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## ***His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree***

<sup>12</sup>The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. <sup>13</sup>Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. <sup>14</sup>Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.

<sup>20</sup>In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. <sup>21</sup>Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!”

<sup>22</sup>“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup>“Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. <sup>24</sup>Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup>And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

## **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 791

*Round Me Falls the Night*



1 Round me falls the night; Sav - ior, be my light.  
2 Earth - ly work is done; earth - ly sounds are none.  
3 Bless - ed, heav'n - ly light, shin - ing through earth's night,



Through the hours in dark - ness shroud - ed  
Rest in sleep and si - lence seek - ing,  
voice that oft of love has told me,



let me see your face un - cloud - ed;  
Je - sus, let me hear you speak - ing;  
arms so strong to clasp and hold me—



let your glo - ry shine in this heart of mine.  
“Nei - ther fret nor fear; I am al - ways near.”  
care - ful watch now keep, Sav - ior, o'er my sleep.

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## Serving in Worship

- Minister – Pastor Ryan Cortright, Redeemer, Weston
- Organist – Marie Kurth
- Singing – Our Savior’s Lutheran School Students, Grades K-4
- Ushers – Bob Gresens

## His Final Steps

We have two 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 #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”



### **Palm Sunday, April 2**

9:00 am Service of the Passion

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

1:00 pm Worship with Holy Communion

### **Good Friday, April 7**

1:00 pm Worship

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

9:00 am Festival Service with Holy Communion

*Alleluia! Jesus lives!*



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