

**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

**LED TO  
A DINNER CELEBRATION**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

6<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lenten Worship

Order of Service

March 29, 2023

**WELCOME TO ZION.** It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will strengthen your faith and fill your heart with the peace only God can give and the joy we have in believing that JESUS CHRIST is our Savior from sin.

OPENING HYMN: *CW 125*

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

LENT

125

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God.  
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down.  
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.  
Tune: HAMBURG (LM) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his holy life and innocent death.  
Trusting in him, I pray:  
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

## ABSOLUTION

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## LITANY PRAYER

P: O God the Father, you are not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of the Truth.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O God the Son, you carried the sin of the whole world and laid down your life to draw all people to yourself.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O God the Holy Spirit, you make the hearts of the spiritually dead alive and transform rebellious people into your children.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: Most holy and triune God, we offer our praise for your mercy and grace which you pour out through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: We praise you, O Lord.**

P: For revealing yourself in the Book of Truth, for gathering nations to faith by that Word,  
for bringing our souls to believe and rejoice,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: For martyrs, reformers, and steadfast Christians who scorned personal danger to  
proclaim the gospel,

C: **We thank you, O Lord.**

P: Stir up our hearts with the joy of our salvation and increase our love and loyalty to you.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Constantly cleanse, reform, and protect your Church in this day of spreading error and  
confusion.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Bring your kingdom to all blood-bought souls who remain lost.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us; he is our mighty fortress. Let us exalt his holy name.

## PSALM 139B

CW 117

### *Refrain*



I will praise you, O Lord, for I am won - der - ful - ly made.

### *Psalm tone*



O LORD, you created my inmost being;<sup>\*</sup>  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;<sup>\*</sup>  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you;<sup>\*</sup>  
your eyes saw my unformed body.

### *Refrain*

*Refrain*



I will praise you, O Lord, for I am won - der - ful - ly made.

*Psalm tone*



All the days ordained for me\*  
were written in your book before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!\*  
How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,\*  
they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

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**PASSION HISTORY RESPONSIVE READING**

**THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
LESSON SIX**

**Pastor:** Two other men, who were criminals, were led away with Jesus to be executed. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means, “The place of a skull.”

**Congregation:** They offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it.

**Men:** They crucified him there with the criminals, one on his right and the other on his left.

**Pastor:** Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

**Women:** Now it was the third hour<sup>1</sup> when they crucified him.

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<sup>1</sup> 9 AM

**Congregation:** Pilate also had a notice written and fastened on the cross. It read, “Jesus the Nazarene, the King of the Jews.”

**Men:** Many of the Jews read this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, Latin, and Greek.

**Pastor:** So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but that ‘this man said, ‘I am the King of the Jews.’””

**Men:** Pilate answered, “What I have written, I have written.”

**Women:** When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier. They also took his tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom.

**Pastor:** So they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it. Instead, let’s cast lots to see who gets it.” This was so that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says:

They divided my garments among them  
and cast lots for my clothing.<sup>2</sup>

**Men:** So the soldiers did these things. Then they sat down and were keeping watch over him there.

**Women:** People who passed by kept insulting him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who were going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!”

**Pastor:** Those who were crucified with him also insulted him. In the same way the chief priests, experts in the law, and elders kept mocking him.

**Congregation:** They said, “He saved others, but he cannot save himself. If he’s the King of Israel, let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now, if he wants him, because he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”<sup>3</sup>

**Men:** One of the criminals hanging there was blaspheming him, saying, “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!”

**Women:** But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God, since you are under the same condemnation? We are punished justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for what we have done, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

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<sup>2</sup> Psalm 22:18

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 27:33-43; Mark 15:20-32; Luke 23:26-38; John 19:16-24

**Men:** Then he said, “Jesus, remember me<sup>4</sup> when you come in<sup>5</sup> your kingdom.”

Pastor: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Today you will be with me in paradise.”<sup>6</sup>

**Women:** Jesus’ mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene were standing near the cross.

Pastor: When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother!” And from that time this disciple took her into his own home.<sup>7</sup>

**Congregation:** It was now about the sixth hour,<sup>8</sup> and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour,<sup>9</sup> while the sun was darkened.

Pastor: At the ninth hour Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?*” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”<sup>10</sup>

**Men:** When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “Listen, he’s calling Elijah!”

Pastor: After this, knowing that everything had now been finished, and to fulfill the Scripture, Jesus said, “I thirst.”

**Women:** A jar full of sour wine was sitting there. Immediately one of them ran, took a sponge, and soaked it with sour wine. Then he put it on a stick and gave him a drink.

Pastor: When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!”

Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!”<sup>11</sup>

When he had said this, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**Congregation:** Suddenly the temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and rocks were split. Tombs were opened, and many bodies of saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life. Those who came out of the tombs went into the holy city after Jesus’ resurrection and appeared to many people.

Pastor: When the centurion and those who were guarding Jesus with him saw the earthquake and how he cried out with a loud voice and breathed his last, they were terrified and began to glorify God, saying, “This man really was righteous. Truly this was the Son of God.”

**Men:** When all the groups of people who had gathered to see this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their chests.

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<sup>4</sup> Some witnesses to the text read *Then he said to Jesus, “Remember me, Lord. . . .”*

<sup>5</sup> A few witnesses to the text read *into*.

<sup>6</sup> Luke 23:39-43

<sup>7</sup> John 19:25-27

<sup>8</sup> Jewish time began with sunrise, so the sixth hour was about noon.

<sup>9</sup> 3 PM

<sup>10</sup> Psalm 22:1

<sup>11</sup> Psalm 31:5

**Congregation: All those who knew Jesus, and many women who had followed Jesus from Galilee and who had served him, were there, watching from a distance.**

**Women: Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, Salome, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.**

Pastor: Since it was the Preparation Day, the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses over the Sabbath (because that Sabbath was a particularly important day).

**Congregation: They asked Pilate to have the men's legs broken and the bodies taken away.**

**Men: So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man who was crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other man.**

Pastor: But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear. Immediately blood and water came out. The one who saw it has testified, and his testimony is true. He knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe. Indeed, these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, "Not one of his bones will be broken."<sup>12</sup> Again another Scripture says, "They will look at the one they pierced."<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 27:45-56; Mark 15:33-41; Luke 23:44-49; John 19:28-37; Zechariah 12:10

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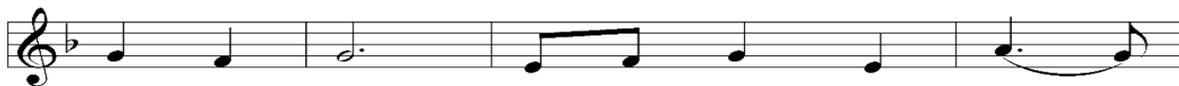
At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall  
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to  
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son To re - ceive a  
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man  
 5 In your hearts en - throne him; There let him sub -



bow, Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess - him King of  
 sight, All the an - gel fa - ces, All the  
 name From the lips of sin - ners Un - to  
 light, Through all ranks of crea - tures To the  
 due All that is not ho - ly, All that



glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea -  
 hosts of light, Cher - u - bim in heav -  
 whom he came, Faith - ful - ly he bore  
 cen - tral height, To the throne of God  
 is not true. Crown him as your cap -



sure We should call him Lord, Who from  
 en, Stars up - on their way, All the  
 it Spot - less to the last, Brought it  
 head, To the Fa - ther's breast, Filled it  
 tain In temp - ta - tion's hour; Let his



the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
 heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.  
 back vic - to - rious When from death he passed;  
 with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.  
 will en - fold you In its light and pow'r.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

JOHN 12:1-11

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, who had died, the one Jesus raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> They gave a dinner for him there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about twelve ounces of very expensive perfume (pure nard) and anointed Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray him, said, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief. He held the money box and used to steal what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. She intended to keep this for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, the poor you always have with you, but you are not always going to have me."

<sup>9</sup> A large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, <sup>11</sup> because it was on account of him that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus. (EHV)

## HIS FINAL STEPS LED TO A DINNER CELEBRATION

### CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

#### DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 117*  
*CW 106*

“O Dearest Jesus”  
“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

LENT

**117**

## O Dearest Jesus



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law have you bro - ken  
2 They crown your head with thorns, they smite, they scourge you;  
3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on you be spo - ken?  
With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge you;  
It is my sins for which you, Lord, must lan - guish;  
The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime have you to make con -  
They give you gall to drink, they still de -  
Yes, all the wrath, the woe that you in -  
The Mas - ter pays the debt his ser - vants  
We for - feit - ed our lives, yet are ac -



fes - sion— What dark trans - gres - sion?  
cry you; They cru - ci - fy you.  
her - it, This I do mer - it.  
owe him, Who would not know him.  
quit - ted— God is com - mit - ted.

6 I'll think upon your mercy without ceasing,  
That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;  
To do your will shall be my sole endeavor  
Henceforth forever.

7 And when, dear Lord, before your throne in heaven  
To me the crown of joy at last is given,  
Where sweetest hymns your saints forever raise you,  
I too shall praise you.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-4, 6-7, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 5, alt.

Tune: HERZLIEBSTER JESU (11 11 11 5) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

LENT

## 106 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal-v'ry's ho - ly moun-tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined  
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean-ness, Come de - filed, with -  
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound-ed, par - a -  
4 He that drinks shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain  
out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean-ness,  
lyzed, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,  
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows to you, to me, to all, In a full, per -  
From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and  
Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain  
Break his cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.  
make them white; You shall walk with God in light.  
will re - store; He that drinks shall thirst no more.  
deem - er died, Sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: NAAR MIT ÖIE (87 87 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**BLESSING**



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: *CW 100*

“A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth”

## A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, Our guilt and  
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of  
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll bear what  
 4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,



e - vil bear - ing And, lad - en with the sins of earth,  
 God, our Sav - ior; Him God the Fa - ther chose to send  
 you com - mand me. My will con - forms to your de - cree;  
 Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you



None else the bur - den shar - ing. Goes pa - tient on,  
 To gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"  
 I'll do what you have asked me." O won - drous Love,  
 Shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life



grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,  
 the Fa - ther said, "And free my chil - dren from their dread  
 what have you done! The Fa - ther of - fers up his Son,  
 shall ev - er be A cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,



That spot - less life to of - fer, Bears shame and stripes  
 Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes  
 De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how strong  
 Your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in



and wounds and death, An - guish and mock - er - y and says,  
 are hard to bear, But by your pas - sion they will share  
 you are to save! You make his bed with - in the grave  
 my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."  
 The fruit of your sal - va - tion."  
 Who built the earth's foun - da - tion.  
 Your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.  
 Tune: AN WASSERFLÜSSEN BABYLON (87 87 887 887) Wolfgang Dachstein, c. 1487–1553.

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