

**HIS
FINAL
STEPS**

ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH, MONROE, MI

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

Midweek Lenten Worship

Order of Service

Lent #2 March 1, 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.

Worship Focus: We are called to repentance and renewal as we begin the disciplines of Lent.

OPENING HYMN: CW 283

“Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening”

WORD OF GOD

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Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
You give peace and words of par - don.
And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
In the end - less joy of heav - en.

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.

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion — of whom shall I
be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Psalm tone

Refrain

Though my father and mother forsake me,*
the LORD will receive me.

I am still confident of this:*
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;*
be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

**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 TWO**

Pastor: While they were reclining and eating, Jesus said, “Amen I tell you: One of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

Congregation: They were very sad and began to say to him one after another, “Surely, not I, Lord?”

Men: He said to them, “It is one of the Twelve, one who is dipping bread with me in the dish. Indeed, the Son of Man is going to go just as it has been written about him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.”¹

¹ Matthew 26:21-25; Mark 14:18-21

Pastor: After saying this, Jesus was troubled in his spirit and testified, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: One of you will betray me.”

Women: The disciples were looking at each other, uncertain which of them he meant.

Congregation: One of his disciples, the one Jesus loved, was reclining at Jesus’ side. Simon Peter motioned to him to find out which one Jesus was talking about.

Men: So leaning back against Jesus’ side, he asked, “Lord, who is it?”

Pastor: Jesus replied, “It is the one to whom I will give this piece of bread, after I have dipped it in the dish.”

Women: Then he dipped the piece of bread and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him.

Men: So Jesus told him, “What you are about to do, do more quickly.”

Pastor: None of those reclining at the table understood why Jesus said this to him. Because Judas kept the money box, some thought that Jesus was telling him, “Buy what we need for the Festival,” or to give something to the poor.

Women: As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.

Men: After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him.² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”³

Congregation: While they were eating, on the night when he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples.

Pastor: He said, “Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Women: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

Pastor: “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the new testament,⁴ which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”⁵

Men: “Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

Congregation: “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

² Or *Now the Son of Man was glorified, and God was glorified in him.*

³ John 13:21-32

⁴ As in *last will and testament.* See Galatians 3:15.

⁵ Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Women: Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?”

Congregation: Jesus answered, “Where I am going you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

Men: Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you!”

Pastor: Jesus replied, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

Women: Peter answered him, “Even if all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.”

Pastor: Jesus said to him, “Amen I tell you: Tonight, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.”

Men: Peter said to him, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never deny you.”

Women: And all the disciples said the same.⁶

Pastor: He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

Congregation: “Nothing,” they said.

Pastor: Then he told them, “But now, let the one who has a money bag take it, and likewise a traveler’s bag. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’⁷ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

Congregation: They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

Men : He said to them, “That is enough.”⁸

Pastor: Then Jesus said to them, “This night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’⁹ But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”¹⁰

Women: After they sang a hymn, Jesus went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley, to the Mount of Olives, where there was a garden called Gethsemane. He and his disciples went into it.

Men: Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples.¹¹

⁶ Matthew 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:33-38

⁷ Isaiah 53:12

⁸ Luke 22:35-38

⁹ Zechariah 13:7

¹⁰ Matthew 26:31-32

¹¹ John 18:1-2; Matthew 26:30,36

Pastor: When he reached the place, Jesus told his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray. Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

Women: Then he took Peter, James, and John along with him and began to be troubled and distressed.

Pastor: He said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow, even to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch.”

Congregation: He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed,

Men: “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

Women: When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow.

Pastor: He said to Peter, “Simon, are you sleeping? Were you not strong enough to keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Men: He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

Women: Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what they should answer him.

Congregation: He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before.

Pastor: An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.

Men: As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently.

Women: His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

Pastor: Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near!”¹²

¹² Matthew 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46

LENT

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Jesus, Refuge of the Weary



1 Je - sus, Ref - uge of the wea - ry, Blest Re - deem - er,
 2 Dare we pass that cross un - heed - ing, Breath - ing no re -
 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing With more fer - vent



whom we love, Foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry,
 pent - ant vow, As we see you wound - ed, bleed - ing,
 love for you! May our eyes be ev - er turn - ing



Sav - ior from the world a - bove, Oh, how oft your
 See your thorn - en - cir - cled brow? Since your sin - less
 To be - hold your cross a - new, Till in glo - ry,



eyes, of - fend - ed, Gaze up - on a sin - ner's fall! Yet, up -
 death has brought us Life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest, On - ly
 part - ed nev - er From the bless - ed Sav - ior's side, Grav - en



on the cross ex - tend - ed, You en - dured the pain of all.
 what your grace has taught us Calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress.
 in our hearts for - ev - er, Dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied!

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.

Tune: O DU LIEBE MEINER LIEBE (87 87 D) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

SERMON TEXT AND THEME

Mark 11:12-14, 20-25

¹²The next day, after they had set out from Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³When he saw a fig tree in leaf in the distance, he went to see if he might find anything on it. When he came to it, he found nothing but leaves, since it was not the season for figs. ¹⁴Jesus said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!” And his disciples were listening.

²⁰As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered down to the roots. ²¹Peter remembered and said, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered.” ²²Jesus replied, “Have faith in God. ²³Amen I tell you: Whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for

him. ²⁴ Therefore I tell you, everything that you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ²⁵ Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.

HIS FINAL STEPS LED TO A FIG TREE

PRAYER

P: Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

C: you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

P: You planned his path to the cross,

C: and he followed it perfectly.

P: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

C: but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

P: As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

C: use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

P: Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

C: remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

P: In his suffering show us our healing,

C: in his grief show us our joy,

P: and in his death show us our life.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *CW 304*

CW 472

“Jesus Sinners Does Receive”

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

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Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

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Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray



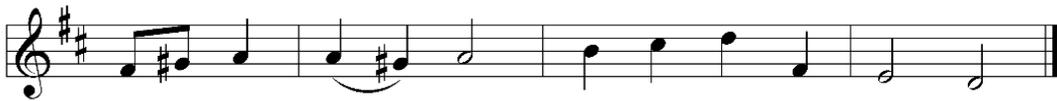
1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a -
 2 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de -
 3 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you
 4 But while watch - ing al - so pray To the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a -
 feat you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be -
 tri - fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and



wares o'er - tak - en. For the foe, Well we know, Is a
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your
 faith in - creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.
 friends to charm you Who but seek to harm you.
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.
 nite to serve him And for - ev - er love him.

Text: Johann B. Freystein, 1671–1718, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: STRAF MICH NICHT (76 76 33 66) *Hundert . . . geistlicher Arien*, Dresden, 1694, alt.

CLOSING PRAYER

APOSTOLIC BLESSING

C: Amen (*sings*)

CLOSING HYMN: CW 469 (vs. 1, 5 & 6)

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

469

Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a
 5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
 im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
 on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
 mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
 be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
 At thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.
 Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

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