

Please stand.

PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
C: **For You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.**
M: Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of Your eye.
C: **Hide us under the shadow of Your wings.**
M: O Lord, visit this dwelling, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and may Your blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: **Amen.**
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

THE CANTICLE & BLESSING

M: Preserve us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping,
C: **that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**
M: Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word;
C: **For my eyes have seen Your salvation**
Which You have prepared before the face of all people,
A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Your people Israel.

M: Let us bless the Lord:
C: **Thanks be to God.**
M: The almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve us.
C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted | **153**



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HIS FINAL STEPS

FIRST MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE

MARCH 1, 2023 | *His Final Steps Led Him to His Enemies*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

His Final Steps... Welcome to tonight’s worship service! As we gather in these midweek Lenten services, we will be meditating on our Savior Jesus’ final steps as He makes His way to the cross. **Tonight we see how Jesus’ final steps led Him to His enemies.**

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

Guests and visitors, thank you for joining us! Please sign the Guest Book before you leave (the red binder in the front of church). Please, come and worship with us again!

There is a Parents’ Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From there you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience tonight’s order of service is printed on the following pages.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Leon Ehlert, Beautiful Savior Ev. Lutheran Church
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Daniel Lindquist
Altar Guild	Julie Busse & Sandy VanderHeyden

The Office of Compline for Lent—Close of the Day

Chimes sound the call to worship.

GREETING

VERSICLES

M: The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C: **Amen.**

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord:

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

M: Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

C: **And put away Your anger toward us.**

M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

HYMN

Now the Light Has Gone Away | **653**

Please stand.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

M: Almighty God, heavenly Father:

C: **I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

M: Lift up your hearts! By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Rest in His peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve Him in newness of life.

C: **Amen.**

You may be seated.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 118 (selected verses)

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: The LORD is my strength and song,

C: **And He has become my salvation.**

M: The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

C: **The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

M: I shall not die, but live,

C: **And declare the works of the LORD.**

M: I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

C: **The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.**

M: This was the LORD's doing;

C: **It is marvelous in our eyes.**

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, You are the stone the builders rejected that has become the cornerstone.

We praise You for facing the fury of Your enemies undaunted. Because You overcame death itself, we will not die but live, and we will always proclaim Your marvelous deeds; for you live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD

Lesson One (See Insert)

HYMN

Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All | **318**

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - Luke 20:9-19

His Final Steps Led Him to His Enemies

THE OFFERING