

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

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | **175**



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**HIS
FINAL
STEPS** **SECOND
MIDWEEK
LENTEN SERVICE**

MARCH 8, 2023 | *His Final Steps Led Him to a Dinner Celebration*

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 a dinner celebration.**

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. Aaron Schultz, Messiah Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
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 **Psalm 138** | *“Your Praises, God, I’m Bringing”* (sung)

1) Your praises, God, I’m bringing; My heart with joy is singing Its thanks for gifts outpoured. Now, in Your presence kneeling, Again for grace appealing, In quietness I wait Your Word.	3) Though You, O God, are holy, Yet You regard the lowly And raise them from the dust. Your promise holds forever: “I will forsake you never!” My God, my Rock, in You I trust.
2) When deepest need had felled me, Your steadfast love upheld me; My urgent prayer You heard. When trouble sore assailed me, Your mercy never failed me. You strengthened me and I endured.	4) All peoples shall acclaim You, And worshipping shall name You The God of time and space. And I will join my praises With hymns the whole world raises To You, the God of boundless grace!

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PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord, we bow down to You in thankful praise. You have made Your ways known to both lowly and great on earth. You have not abandoned the work of Your hands, but instead You have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PASSION HISTORY OF OUR LORD *Lesson Two* (See Insert)

HYMN *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth* | **142**

Please stand for the singing of the last verse.

SERMON - John 12:1-11 *His Final Steps Led Him to a Dinner Celebration*

THE OFFERING