

**✝ MIDWEEK OF LENT 1 ✝**

**March 12, 2025**



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## About Our Worship Service

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Our message is as old as God's Word to mankind: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to take away our sins. We gather for the Divine Service not merely for the sake of ritual or tradition. Nor do we come to worship primarily to give something back to God. Rather, we meet together to hear and receive what God has done for us. In Word and Sacrament, our gracious Lord gives those who believe in him forgiveness of sins, unity with him in new life, and the promise of eternal salvation in heaven! Through this same gospel he motivates and equips us to follow his holy will for our lives. We hope that you are comforted with the message of Jesus Christ's love for you as you worship today. Please join us again soon!

## Visitors

Thank you for joining us for worship! Please read the following notes about our congregation. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please speak with the pastor.

### Our Practice of Closed Communion

If you have not communed with us before, please read the notes printed later in this bulletin under the section titled "Our Holy Communion Practices."

### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the downstairs fellowship hall. A wheelchair accessible restroom is located at the front of the church, through the doors to the left of the chancel.

### Guest Book

If you feel comfortable doing so, please sign our guest book located in the narthex so we can have a record of your visit.

### Parent's Room

Parents with crying children are welcome to use the parent's room, located off the narthex.

### Chair Lifts

Chair lifts are located off the northwest entrance for those who need to go to the fellowship hall on the lower level but have difficulty with stairs.

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*Lent*

## ***Return to the Lord!***

The word Lent comes from an Old English word for spring (“lengthen,” the time of the year when the days grow longer). For over 1400 years, the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. God’s merciful call to his people serves as one of the themes of this penitential season - “Return to the LORD your God” (Joel 2:13).

*Midweek of Lent 1*

## ***Plot, Passover, and Lord’s Supper***

This evening we begin a series of readings from the Gospel of St. Luke chronicling the history of our Lord Jesus’ suffering and death. On the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus met with his disciples. In that upper room, our Lord celebrated the Passover one more time and established a New Covenant meal, which pointed ahead to what he would accomplish with his death on the cross. Through the sacrifice of his own body and blood, the Lamb of God paid for the sins of the world and brings assurance of forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe.

The very body and blood which Jesus gave up for us on the cross is offered to us even today in the Lord’s Supper for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. This Sacrament is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet we will enjoy in eternity. Whenever we receive Jesus’ body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we proclaim the salvation we have received through Jesus’ death. The Church is privileged to do this until Jesus returns again on the Last Day and the entire assembly of God’s people are gathered to eat and drink with him forever in heaven.

# Evening Prayer

## Vespers

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**Welcome to God's house in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!**

*Please enter the sanctuary quietly so you and others can prepare your hearts for God's worship service.*

*A personal prayer for before worship is printed on the first page of the blue hymnal.*

*The hymns are located in the middle to back portion of the blue hymnal.*

***There will be no pre-service music or announcements.***

***Please remain silent as you prepare for worship.***

***Our worship begins with the tolling of the bells, followed by the opening hymn.***

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## Service of Light

### Tolling of the Bells

### Opening Hymn

429 w 1, 6 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

1 O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and  
6 My Sav - ior, then be near me when death is  
shame weighed down, now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed,  
at my door, and let your pres - ence cheer me;  
with thorns your on - ly crown, O sa - cred head, no  
for - sake me nev - er - more! When soul and bod - y  
glo - ry now from your face does shine; yet, though de -  
lan - guish, O leave me not a - lone, but take a -

spised and go - ry, I joy to call you mine.  
 way my an - guish by vir - tue of your own!

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*Please stand*

## Opening Sentences

*(John 8:12; Luke 24:29; 1 John 1:5)*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

**the light no darkness can o - ver - come.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**and the day is almost o - ver.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,

**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

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# Hymn of Light *Phos hilaron*

(Psalm 118:28; Isaiah 9:2; John 1:5-9)



1 Glad - d'ning light of pur - est glo - ry, shin - ing  
2 In the fad - ing light of eve - ning, as the  
3 For your gift of life un - end - ing, joy - ful



down from heav'n on high, from the ev - er -  
set - ting sun de - parts, Fa - ther, Son, and  
voic - es ev - er sing hymns of praise that



liv - ing Fa - ther— hail, most bless - ed Je - sus Christ!  
Ho - ly Spir - it— we a - dore you, Lord our God.  
right - ly hon - or, Son of God, your sav - ing name.

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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Psalm 141

(Psalm 141:1-4,8)

Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up  
of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

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Let the incense of our prayers rise before you, O Lord, and let your mercy descend on us, that we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and forever in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

*1500 years before Christ, lambs were slaughtered, doorposts were painted, and God's people waited to see the full extent of God's love. God had promised a plague of death on the firstborn sons of unbelievers, but deliverance for all who were covered by the blood of the Passover lamb.*

**12** The Lord told Moses and Aaron this in the land of Egypt:

<sup>2</sup>This month is to be the beginning of your calendar. It is to be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the entire Israelite community that on the tenth day of this month, they are to take a lamb or a young goat for themselves, according to their fathers' households, one lamb per household. <sup>4</sup>But if the household is too small for a whole lamb, then that person and his neighbor next door to him must select one, based on the number of people. Determine what size lamb is needed according to how much each person will eat.

<sup>5</sup>Your lamb must be unblemished, a year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or the goats. <sup>6</sup>You are to keep it until the fourteenth day of this month. Then the whole assembly of the Israelite community is to slaughter the lambs at sunset. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses where they eat the lamb. <sup>8</sup>That night they shall eat the meat that has been roasted over a fire, along with unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over a fire—with its head, its legs, and its internal organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall not leave any of it until the morning. Whatever remains until the morning, you shall burn in the fire. <sup>11</sup>This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt ready for travel, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.

<sup>12</sup>For on that night I will pass through the land of Egypt. I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both people and animals. Against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. There will be no plague among you to destroy you when I strike down the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a festival to the Lord. Throughout your generations you must celebrate it as a permanent regulation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



*Psalm 6 is the first of the seven penitential psalms. Martin Luther said, "The sixth psalm laments the acute hidden suffering of the conscience because of sins. David is tormented by the law and the anger of God, and is driven to despair. But at the end the psalmist sees that his prayer has been heard, and he is a trustworthy example for all those who find themselves in such affliction."*

- <sup>1</sup> LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger.  
Do not discipline me in your wrath.
- <sup>2</sup> **Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am fading away.**  
**Heal me, LORD, for my bones are trembling,**
- <sup>3</sup> **and my soul is terrified.**  
But you, O LORD—how long?
- <sup>4</sup> Turn, O LORD, and deliver my soul.  
Save me because of your mercy.
- <sup>5</sup> **For in death no one remembers you.**  
**In the grave who praises you?**
- <sup>6</sup> I am worn out from my groaning.  
I flood my bed all night long.  
With my tears I drench my couch.
- <sup>7</sup> **My eyes are blurred by sorrow.**  
**They are worn out because of all my foes.**
- <sup>8</sup> Turn away from me, all you evildoers,  
because the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- <sup>9</sup> **The LORD has heard my cry for mercy.**  
**The LORD accepts my prayer.**
- <sup>10</sup> They will be put to shame.  
All my enemies will be terrified.  
**They will turn back.**  
**They will be put to shame in an instant.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The first Passover was just the beginning. God's people saw the full extent of his love when God's Son showed himself as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Israel's spiritual descendants are saved because the Passover Lamb gave up his body and blood on the cross to pay for their sins.*

**22** The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching.

<sup>2</sup> The chief priests and the experts in the law were trying to find some way to put Jesus to death, because they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, who was one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup> He went away and spoke with the chief priests and officers of the temple guard about how he could betray Jesus to them. <sup>5</sup> They were glad and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> He promised to do it and was looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus to them away from the crowd.

<sup>7</sup> The day of Unleavened Bread arrived, when it was necessary to sacrifice the Passover lamb. <sup>8</sup> Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it."

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

<sup>10</sup> He told them, "Just as you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters. <sup>11</sup> Tell the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'' <sup>12</sup> He will show you a large, furnished upper room. Make preparations there." <sup>13</sup> They went and found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>14</sup> When the hour had come, Jesus reclined at the table with the twelve apostles. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

<sup>17</sup> He took a cup, gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you, from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

<sup>19</sup> He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> In the same way, he took the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is being poured out for you.

<sup>21</sup> "But look, the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. <sup>22</sup> The Son of Man is going to go as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed!"

<sup>23</sup> They began to discuss with one another which of them it was who was going to do this.

<sup>24</sup> A dispute arose among the disciples about which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup> But he told them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who have authority over them are called Benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But it is not to be that way with you. Instead, let the greatest among you become like the youngest, and the one who leads like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup> For who is greater, one who reclines at the table or one who serves? Isn’t it the one who reclines at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. <sup>28</sup> You are those who have remained with me in my trials. <sup>29</sup> I am going to grant a kingdom to you, just as my Father granted to me, <sup>30</sup> so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

<sup>31</sup> The Lord said, “Simon, Simon, pay attention: Satan has asked to have you all, so that he may sift you as wheat. <sup>32</sup> But I prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have returned to me, strengthen your brothers.”

<sup>33</sup> He said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death!”

<sup>34</sup> But Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you deny three times that you know me.”

<sup>35</sup> He said to them, “When I sent you out without money bag, traveler’s bag, and sandals, did you lack anything?”

“Nothing,” they said.

<sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘He was counted with transgressors.’ Indeed, what is written about me is going to have its fulfillment.”

<sup>38</sup> They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.”

He said to them, “That is enough.”

Thus far the Passion History of Our Lord.

**All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.** (Isaiah 53:6, NIV)

*Please remain silent for meditation*



1 The Fa - ther sees his chil - dren's chains. From Phar - aoh's  
 2 The lamb is slain as sun is set— a per - fect  
 3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the  
 4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—



land they cry in pain. To res - cue  
 lamb, with - out de - fect. They stain their  
 first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es  
 sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom



them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.  
 doors with in - no - cence: the blood of the lamb.  
 o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.  
 came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.

- 5 This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.  
 He gave himself as sacrifice.  
 His life poured out, the final price:  
 the blood of the Lamb.
- 6 The blood he spilled, the life he spent,  
 he gives us now in sacrament.  
 Eternal life on Christ depends:  
 the blood of the Lamb.

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## Song of Praise

947 v1 "Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,  
 ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.  
 All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:  
 have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie**(Psalm 51:1; Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13)**Please stand*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For minds set on heavenly things, for hearts that long for heavenly glory, and for the will to bear our earthly crosses, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the gifts of humility and repentance, for faith that finds security in Christ and does not use God's patience as an excuse for sin, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

For perspective to see that, apart from Christ, gain is loss, and in Christ, loss is gain, and for the perseverance to press on and take hold of our heavenly prize, let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Prayer**

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.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)*

**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.**

## Benedicamus

(Psalm 103:1)

Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

(2 Corinthians 13:14)

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



A - men.

*Please be seated*

## Closing Hymn

402 w 1-3, 6 "Glory Be to Jesus"



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.  
which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.  
loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood!

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***There will not be any post-service music or announcements.***

***You will not be ushered out.*** You may depart any time after the closing hymn.

***Please refrain from conversation until after you have departed the church***  
so those who wish to remain in church to pray and meditate may do so in silence.

***Pastor Berg will be available in the narthex*** shortly after the service if you would like to speak with him.

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A ***personal prayer for after worship*** is printed on the first page of the hymnal.

If you haven't done so already, ***please write your name in the Friendship Register before you leave.***

***If you have an offering***, you can place it in the collection box located in the narthex.  
If you wish to give your offering via [PayPal](#), you can scan the QR code on the last page of this bulletin.  
Thank you for your financial support of our congregation!

***Thank you for joining us*** as we together worshiped our Triune God. The Lord be with you this week!

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***Special thanks to:*** Sarah Bortulin for playing piano...

Ben Leyrer for operating the A/V equipment for the live stream...

and the Campbell family for making the rough cross we display during the seasons of Lent and Easter.

For more information about the current season of the Church Year and the words and symbols featured on the paraments, please visit the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our website to read this Sunday's "***About the Propers,***" a weekly document that explains the changeable parts of the service.

"***The Congregation at Prayer,***" a document offering suggestions for daily devotions and Scripture readings, is also posted on the "[Worship Resources](#)" page of our church website.

Nain is a member congregation of the ***Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.***

For more information about our synod, please visit its website: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)

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When a wayward child wanders far from home, how does a loving parent pursue them without driving them further away? One thing the parent can do is let the child know that there is an ongoing open-door policy, so the child knows they will always be welcomed back home. Likewise, when we wander from God, he always keeps his door open for us. But God doesn't just passively wait for us to return. He lovingly pursues sinners in ways that make them long to return to their home. In this 40-day journey to the cross and tomb, we will see the surprising strategies our heavenly Father uses for getting sinners back home, close to him and the loving care he offers.

## Lent & Holy Week Service Schedule

<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	March 5	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>First Sunday in Lent</b>	March 9	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
<b>Midweek of Lent 1</b>	March 12	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Second Sunday in Lent</b>	March 16	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
<b>Midweek of Lent 2</b>	March 19	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Third Sunday in Lent</b>	March 23	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
<b>Midweek of Lent 3</b>	March 26	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>	March 30	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
<b>Midweek of Lent 4</b>	April 2	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>	April 6	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
<b>Midweek of Lent 5</b>	April 9	Wednesday	4:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	April 13	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	April 17	Thursday	- - -	7:00 pm
<b>Good Friday</b>	April 18	Friday	- - -	7:00 pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	April 19	Saturday	- - -	7:00 pm
<b>Easter Sunday (Dawn)</b>	April 20	Sunday	- - -	6:30 am
<b>Easter Sunday (Day)</b>	April 20	Sunday	- - -	10:00 am