

I Never Will
BE ABANDONED

MIDWEEK THREE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” We know that keeping little children occupied for an entire church service can be a challenge. Don’t worry; most of those worshipping around you have been in your shoes at one time. If you feel that you need to take your child out of church at any time, we have a Children’s Room to the right as you exit the worship area. The first parking space in front of church is designated for **expectant mothers and families with small children**.

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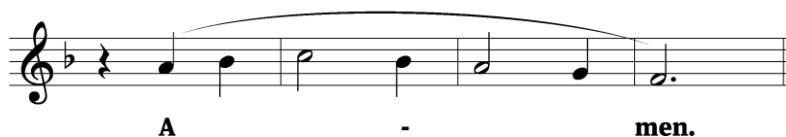
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Prayer at the Close of Day

Remain seated



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Rest, O Christ, from All Your Labor

CW 437



1 Rest, O Christ, from all your la - bor; sleep with -
2 Peace at last from all your an - guish, wounds in
3 Help us keep this sol - emn Sab - bath as we
4 As, through part - ing Red Sea wa - ters, Is - rael



in your bor - rowed tomb. Foes have cru - ci - fied and
hands and feet and side. En - e - mies no long - er
wait for Eas - ter dawn. Earth's dark night of sin is
marched to lib - er - ty, so we pass thro' bap - tism's



bound you fast with - in death's nar - row room.
mock you, scourged, a - ban - doned, cru - ci - fied.
pass - ing; death's long reign will soon be gone.
wa - ter, washed by grace, from sin set free.



Pi - late's guards stand watch - ing, wait - ing where they
Faith - ful wom - en gath - er spic - es, weep for
Christ, in whom the new cre - a - tion ris - es
Je - sus, ris - en, liv - ing, reign - ing now and



rolled the seal - ing stone. All un - seen an - oth - er
you whom sin has slain. Though they mourn, the God who
bright - er than the sun: may we, as we watch for
through e - ter - ni - ty: grant that, through your life un -



watch - es: God will not for - sake his own.
guards you will not let your death be vain.
morn - ing, trust the vic - t'ry you have won.
dy - ing, we may live vic - to - rious - ly.

Confession

CW 226

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
in our thoughts,
in our words,
in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us,
that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,
and in him we are forgiven.
Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,
when we shall serve him in newness of life.
Amen.

Anthem

3:30am, Sung by Grades K-1.

Glorify Thy Name

God, Be Merciful to Me

Psalm 51D sts. 1-2, 5



1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
5 Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace
right and true; let me not a - ban - doned be,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your
let your Spir - it dwell in me; your sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

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Passion History

Matthew 26:36–56

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. ⁴¹“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

⁴³When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” ⁴⁹Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.”

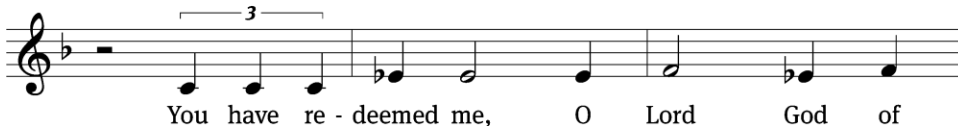
Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁵¹With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵²“Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1-2, 7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'ings,
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
groan - ing, sigh - ing, for thy bleed - ing and thy dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
for that last tri - um - phant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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Sermon

Prayer

CW 228



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad - ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres - ence will give me joy.

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O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

CW 230



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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Song of Simeon

CW 231



Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,



and guard us sleep - ing



that a - wake we may watch with Christ



and a - sleep we may rest in peace.



In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant



now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



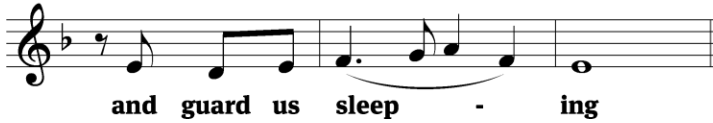
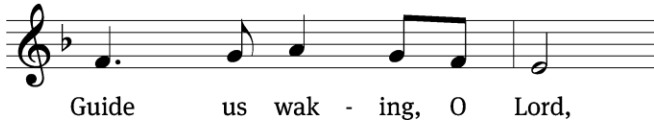
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a



light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



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Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Dear Jesus, on Your Pilgrim Way

CW 801 sts. 1, 4-5



1 Dear Je - sus, on your pil - grim way, since eve-ning's
4 En - light - en me to rec - og - nize the nar - row
5 And when I die, Lord Je - sus, stay to make my



come, where will you stay? Come, make my heart your
path to heav - en's prize, that I might not be
death a glo - rious day! You know I need you



place of rest— I could not be more rich - ly blest!
led a - stray when sin's dark pow'r would have its way!
des - p'rate - ly; I know you won't a - ban - don me.

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Worship Schedule for the Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday – (2/18)	3:30pm & 6:30pm
Midweek Lenten Services – (2/25 – 3/25)	3:30pm & 6:30pm
Palm Sunday (3/29) –	9:30am in the Gym (One Service)
Holy Thursday (4/2) –	6:30pm with Communion
Good Friday (4/3) –	1:00pm (Service of the Seven Words from the Cross) 6:30pm (Tenebrae)
Easter Sunday (4/5) –	7:00am Dawn Service 8:30 & 10:00am Festival Service
No Worship Services on Wednesday 4/1	

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