

I Never Will
BE INDICTED

MIDWEEK FOUR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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**.

Restrooms are located to your left as you exit the worship area. There are **changing tables in both restrooms**.

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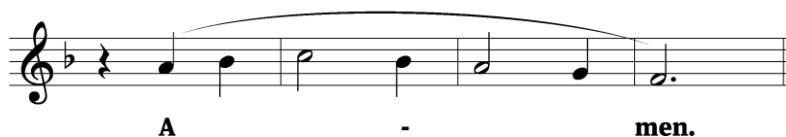
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Prayer at the Close of Day

Remain seated



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He Stood before the Court

CW 408



1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of
2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man
3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner
4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is



us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to
guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the
killed; the price is paid at last, the law of
done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -



face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and



y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.
day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

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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 2-4

All the Sins of the World

Call upon Me

Psalm 50B

Refrain

Call up - on me in the day of trou - ble;
I will de - liv - er you and you will hon - or me.

Tone

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the / earth
from the rising of the sun to where it / sets.
From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines / forth.
Our God comes and will not be / silent.

“Listen, my people, and I will / speak;
I will testify against you, Israel: I am God, your / God.
I bring no charges against you concerning your / sacrifices
or concerning your burnt offerings, which are ever be- / fore me.” *Refrain*

“I have no need of a bull from your / stall
or of goats from your / pens,
for every animal of the forest is / mine,
and the cattle on a thousand / hills.

“If I were hungry I would not / tell you,
for the world is mine, and all that is / in it.
Sacrifice thank offerings to / God,
fulfill your vows to the Most / High.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the / Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. A- / men.** *Refrain*

Passion History

Matthew 26:57–75

⁵⁷Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the teachers of the law and the elders had assembled. ⁵⁸But Peter followed him at a distance, right up to the courtyard of the high priest. He entered and sat down with the guards to see the outcome.

⁵⁹The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward.

Finally two came forward ⁶¹and declared, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’ ”

⁶²Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, “Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?” ⁶³But Jesus remained silent.

The high priest said to him, “I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.”

⁶⁴“You have said so,” Jesus replied. “But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy. ⁶⁶What do you think?”

“He is worthy of death,” they answered.

⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him ⁶⁸and said, “Prophesy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?”

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

⁷⁰But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

⁷¹Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷²He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

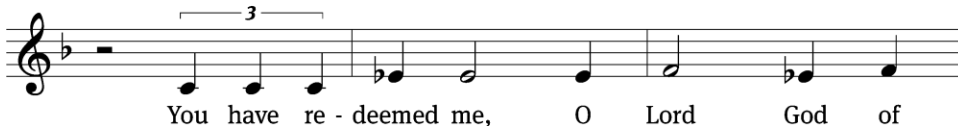
⁷³After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

⁷⁴Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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 God our Father, by your mercy and might the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; 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

glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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, in peace.

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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.

Go to Dark Gethsemane

CW 425 sts. 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall,
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his
oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

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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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