

I Never Will
BE FORSAKEN

MIDWEEK SIX

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 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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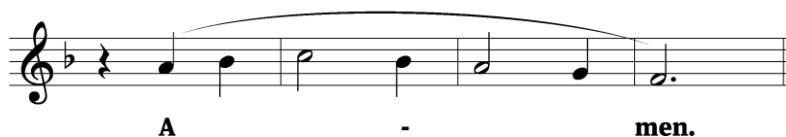
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Prayer at the Close of Day

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

CW 410



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and
2 Was it for crimes that I had done he
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while
5 But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the



did my Sov - 'reign die? Would he de - vote that
groaned up - on the tree? A - maz - ing pit - y,
shut its glo - ries in when God, the might - y
his dear cross ap - pears, dis - solve my heart in
debt of love I owe; here, Lord, I give my -



sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!
mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.
thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.
self a - way— 'tis all that I can do.

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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.

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 5-6

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 *When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

- 2 *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

- 3 *See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

- 4 *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a tribute far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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Psalm

Psalm 22C

6:30pm

Refrain

Be - hold, be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of
God who takes a - way the sin of the world.

Tone

My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?
Why are you so far from / saving me?
I am a worm and / not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the / people.
All who see me / mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking / their heads.
“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD / rescue him.
Let him deliver him, since he de- / lights in him.” *Refrain*

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My mouth is dried up like a potsherd,

and my tongue sticks to the roof / of my mouth;

you lay me in the / dust of death.

A pack of villains en- / circles me;

they pierce my hands / and my feet.

They divide my clothes a- / mong them

and cast lots for my / garment. *Refrain*

But you, LORD, do not be / far from me.

You are my strength; come quickly to / help me.

I will declare your name to my / people;
in the assembly I will / praise you.

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn / to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations will bow down be- / fore him.

They will proclaim his / righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn: He has / done it!

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. / Amen. Refrain

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Passion History

Matthew 27:27–66

²⁷Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

³²As they were going out, they met a man from Cyrene, named Simon, and they forced him to carry the cross. ³³They came to a place called Golgotha (which means "the place of the skull"). ³⁴There they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but after tasting it, he refused to drink it. ³⁵When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁶And sitting down, they kept watch over him there. ³⁷Above his head they placed the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

³⁸Two rebels were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!" ⁴¹In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. ⁴²"He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴In the same way the rebels who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him.

⁴⁵From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

⁴⁷When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”

⁵⁰And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵²and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. ⁵³They came out of the tombs after Jesus’ resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, “Surely he was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus’ body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

⁶²The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ⁶³“Sir,” they said, “we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ ⁶⁴So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵“Take a guard,” Pilate answered. “Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.

You have re - deemed me, O Lord God of

truth. **In - to your hands I com-mend my spir - it.**

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the + Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it. **In - to your**

hands I com - mend my spir - it.

Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396 sts. 1, 6-7



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
6 Thou hast suf - fered great af - flic - tion and hast borne it
7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, for thy sor - rows



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
pa - tient - ly, e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion,
deep and sore, for thine an - guish in the gar - den,



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'ings,
ful - ly to a - tone for me. Thou didst choose to
I will thank thee ev - er - more, thank thee for thy



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
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.

Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605-1681, abr.; (sts. 1, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; (st. 6): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt.
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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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Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illuminate this night with your celestial brightness, that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy name; 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



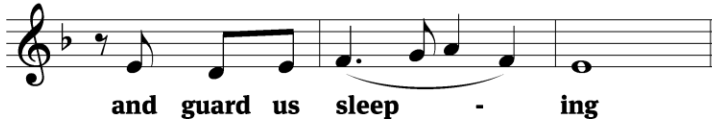
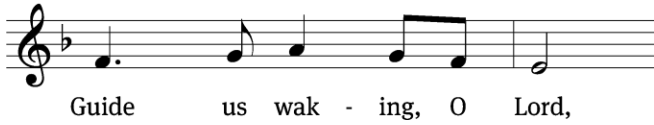
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



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.

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 654 st. 3

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the
Lord for - sak - en; wea - ry souls who lost their way
are by Christ, the Shep-herd, tak - en in his arms that
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Jesus Sinners Does Receive'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music has a '3' above it, indicating a triplet. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Worship Schedule for the Lenten Season

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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