

**DYING
HIS DEATH
LIVING
HIS LIFE**

Lenten Evening Prayer

March 4, 2026

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Stand

VERSICLES OF LIGHT

Procession for Lucernarium – Carl Crosier

A Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

ANTIPHON: C – CONGREGATION

Bells: Everyone:
Je - sus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no dark - ness can o - ver - come.

A You, O Lord, are my Lamp; my God, You make my darkness bright. For with You is the well of life, and in Your light we see light. (Psalm 18:29; Psalm 36:9)

C ANTIPHON

A When Your word goes forth it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path. (Psalm 119:130, 105)

C ANTIPHON

A You wrap Yourself with light as with a cloak and spread out the heavens like a curtain. Send out Your light and Your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling. (Psalm 104:2; Psalm 43:3)

C ANTIPHON

A The night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to You are both alike. From the rising of the sun to its going down let the Name of the Lord be praised. (Psalm 139:11; Psalm 113:3)

C ANTIPHON

A Glory to the Father, and to the ✠ Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C ANTIPHON

- L** Joyous light of glory:
C of the immortal Father;
 heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.
 We have come to the setting of the sun,
 and we look to the evening light.
 We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
 You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.
 O Son of God, O Giver of life:
 the universe proclaims Your glory.

THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT (Sung)

- L** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
 who led Your people Israel by 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
 and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Please extinguish candles and place them in the basket in the narthex as you leave.

PSALMODY



Sit/Kneel

PSALM 141:1-4, 8 (Sung)

C-ALL; **I**-MEN; **II**-WOMEN

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| <p>C Let my prayer rise before You
 as incense, the lifting up of my hands
 as the evening sacrifice.</p> <p>I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
 hear my voice when I cry to You.</p> <p>C Let my prayer rise before You
 as incense, the lifting up of my hands
 as the evening sacrifice.</p> | <p>II Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
 and guard the door of my lips.</p> <p>I Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
 let me not be occupied in wickedness
 with evildoers.</p> <p>II But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
 in You I take refuge.
 Strip me not of my life.</p> |
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- C** Glory be to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- C** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
 the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

C Amen.

PSALM 49:1–2, 5–9, 13–15 – WHY SHOULD I FEAR IN TIMES OF TROUBLE?

Tone E (LSB)

*(Sung a cappella responsively as indicated by **A**—CANTOR/CHOIR and **C**—CONGREGATION)*



A ¹Hear this, all | peoples! *
Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world,

C ²both | low and high, *
rich and poor to- | gether!

A ⁵Why should I fear in times of | trouble, *
when the iniquity
of those who cheat me sur- | rounds me,

C ⁶those who trust | in their wealth *
and boast of the abundance
of their | riches?

A ⁷Truly no man can ransom an- | other, *
or give to God the price | of his life,

C ⁸for the ransom of their life is | costly *
and can nev- | er suffice,

A ⁹that he should live on for- | ever *
and never | see the pit.

C ¹³This is the path of those
who have foolish | confidence; *
yet after them people
approve | of their boasts.

A ¹⁴Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their | shepherd, *
and the upright shall
rule over them in the morning.
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol,
with no | place to dwell.

C ¹⁵But God will ransom my soul
from the power | of Sheol, *
for he will re- | ceive me.

C 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.

P Let us pray.

Silence for individual prayer.

Lord Jesus, you condemned the rich because they have already received their reward, and you proclaimed the poor blessed because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Teach us to seek imperishable goods and to have confidence in your blood, poured out as the price of our redemption; and to you be the glory now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

LESSON

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 53:8–10

L A reading from Isaiah, the 53rd chapter.

He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

⁹And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him;
he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

SECOND LESSON – 1 Peter 1:13–21

- L** A reading from First Peter, the first chapter.

Called to Be Holy

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

THIRD LESSON – Luke 12:16–21

- L** A reading from Luke, the 12th chapter.

The Parable of the Rich Fool

¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

After the reading:

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets,

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.** *Hebrews 1:1-2a*

OFFICE HYMN

What Is the World to Me – LSB 730

- 1 What is the world to me
With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
What is the world to me!
- 2 The world seeks to be praised
And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks after wealth
And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
What is the world to me!
- 4 What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

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HOMILY

Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven

CANTICLE

Stand

MAGNIFICAT ~ Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

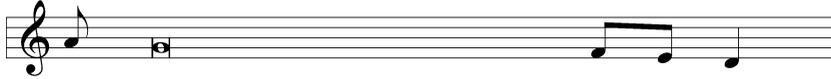
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REFRAIN:

My soul mag-ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag-ni-fies the
Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.



1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son



1 the lowliness of His hand-maiden.
 2 and holy is His name;
 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;



1 For be - hold, from this day
 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,



1 all generations will call me blessed.
 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 5 is now, and will be forever. A - men. *Refrain*

PRAYER

Kneel/Sit

LITANY *(Sung)*

LSB 249

The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.

After each petition the following versicle is sung:

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:



C Lord, have mer - cy.



The prayers then continue:

- L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ,
let us give thanks to the Lord:



C Thanks be to God.

- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

- L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



C To You, O Lord.

COLLECT FOR PEACE (*Sung*)

LSB 251

- P** Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER – *Matthew 6:9-13*

LSB 251

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **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.**

Stand

BENEDICAMUS (*Sung*) – [*Psalm 103:1*]

LSB 252

- L** Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

COLLECT *(Spoken)*

LSB 311

- P** Let us pray for guidance in our calling.
- C** **Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

As you are comfortable, please come forward and gather by the cross around the altar.

EVENING HYMN**Lord, Support Us All Day Long – LSB 884**

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| <p>1 Lord, support us all day long,
 Guide and strengthen.
 Evening comes, the world is hushed,
 Shadows lengthen,
 Work is done, life's fevered pace
 Now has ended;
 Christ, to You, our final rest
 Is commended.</p> <p>2 Be our light in darkness, Lord,
 Our defender;
 In Your presence perils all
 Must surrender.
 Drive all dark satanic snares
 From each dwelling;
 Then, at peace, our hearts Your praise
 Will be telling.</p> | <p>3 With Your presence, Lord, draw near
 Those who labor
 Through the nighttime on behalf
 Of their neighbor.
 Grant them courage for each fear,
 Faithful caring:
 Your compassion and Your love
 Truly sharing.</p> <p>4 Gracious Lord, we give You thanks,
 Praise and bless You,
 As the giver of all good
 We confess You.
 This past day we now commit
 To Your keeping
 And entrust to You the hours
 Of our sleeping.</p> |
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BENEDICTION *(Sung)***LSB 252**

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- C** **Amen.**

The Offerings are received in the Narthex.

✠ Glory to God Alone ✠

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- **THOSE WHO SERVE:** Fred Niedner, author of *Dying His Death, Living His Life*

In these midweek Lenten services, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in His death so that we might live with Him in His resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for Him. As we are *Gathered by the Long Arms of the Cross* for the holy season, we contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.



Lenten Wednesday Evening Prayer (7:00pm)

March 11 | Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith

March 18 | Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace

March 25 | Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace

*Evening Prayer preceded
with Soup & Salad Supper @ 5:45-6:45*

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<u>Sunday Schedule:</u>	Education Hour (All Ages)	9:00-9:50am
	Sunday Worship	10:15am