

# HIS FINAL STEPS

“Led to a Dinner Celebration”

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 22, 2023

4:00 & 7:00 PM

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**WELCOME...**

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
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  - *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.*
  - *Ask an usher to receive a **RECEIVER** if you are in need of hearing assistance.*
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**HYMN: #394 – Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain**

**Come to Calv’ry’s holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;  
here a pure and healing fountain flows to you, to me, to all,  
in a full, perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.**

**Come in poverty and meanness, come defiled, without, within;  
from infection and uncleanness, from the leprosy of sin,  
wash your robes and make them white;  
you shall walk with God in light.**

**Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, paralyzed, and blind;  
here the guilty, free remission, here the troubled, peace may find.  
Health this fountain will restore; they that drink shall thirst no more.**

**They that drink shall live forever; tis a soul-renewing flood.**

**God is faithful; God will never break his covenant of blood,  
signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when he was glorified.**

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**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.**

**PSALM 51A:** ..... p. 263

*Refrain*



*Tone*



Have mercy on / me, O God,  
according to your un- / failing love;  
according to your great com- / passion  
blot out my trans- / gressions.

Wash away all my in- / iquity  
and cleanse me / from my sin.  
For I know my trans- / gressions,  
and my sin is always be- / fore me. *(Refrain)*

Against you, you only, / have I sinned  
and done what is evil / in your sight.  
Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I / will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whit- / er than snow.  
Hide your face / from my sins  
and blot out all my in- / iquity.

**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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**PSALM PRAYER:**

Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**GRADES 5-8: (4:00)**..... For Today  
**ADULT CHOIR: (7:00)**..... Face the Cross

**FIRST LESSON:**..... Isaiah 59:12-20

<sup>12</sup>For our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities:  
<sup>13</sup>rebellion and treachery against the LORD, turning our backs on our God, inciting revolt and oppression, uttering lies our hearts have

conceived. <sup>14</sup>So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter.

<sup>15</sup>Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey. The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice.

<sup>16</sup>He saw that there was no one, he was appalled that there was no one to intervene; so his own arm achieved salvation for him, and his own righteousness sustained him. <sup>17</sup>He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head; he put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.

<sup>18</sup>According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due.

<sup>19</sup>From the west, people will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. For he will come like a pent-up flood that the breath of the LORD drives along. <sup>20</sup>“The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON:** ..... 2 Corinthians 7:8-13a

<sup>8</sup>Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—<sup>9</sup>yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. <sup>10</sup>Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. <sup>11</sup>See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. <sup>12</sup>So even though I wrote to you, it was neither on account of the one who did the wrong nor on account of the injured party, but rather that before God you could see for yourselves how devoted to us you are. <sup>13</sup>By all this we are encouraged.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON:** ..... Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

<sup>1</sup>“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup>“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>5</sup>“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you....<sup>16</sup>“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN:** #407 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**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.**

**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.**

**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?**

**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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**SERMON:** ..... John 12:1-11

*<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup>"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." <sup>6</sup>He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup>"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."  
<sup>9</sup>Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, <sup>11</sup>for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.*

## ***HIS FINAL STEPS: Led to a Dinner Celebration***

### *FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD*

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!  
Remember to mark if you are communing!*

#### **PRAYER:**

Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,  
**you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore  
eternal life.**

You planned his path to the cross,  
**And he followed it perfectly.**

He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and  
the hurt of death.

**But he was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the  
least, the last, and the lost.**

As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion  
and death,  
**use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-  
reliance.**

Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,  
**remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we  
might be free from its horror.**

In his suffering show us our healing,  
**in his grief show us our joy,**

and in his death show us our life.

**Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our  
daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

*For **COMMUNION**, please come at the direction of the ushers.  
Please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** #396 – Christ, the Life of All the Living

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
through thy suff'rings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;  
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!  
Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;  
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;  
yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

**Heartless scoffers did surround thee, treating thee with cruel scorn,  
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee.**

**All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou mightest  
own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.**

**Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

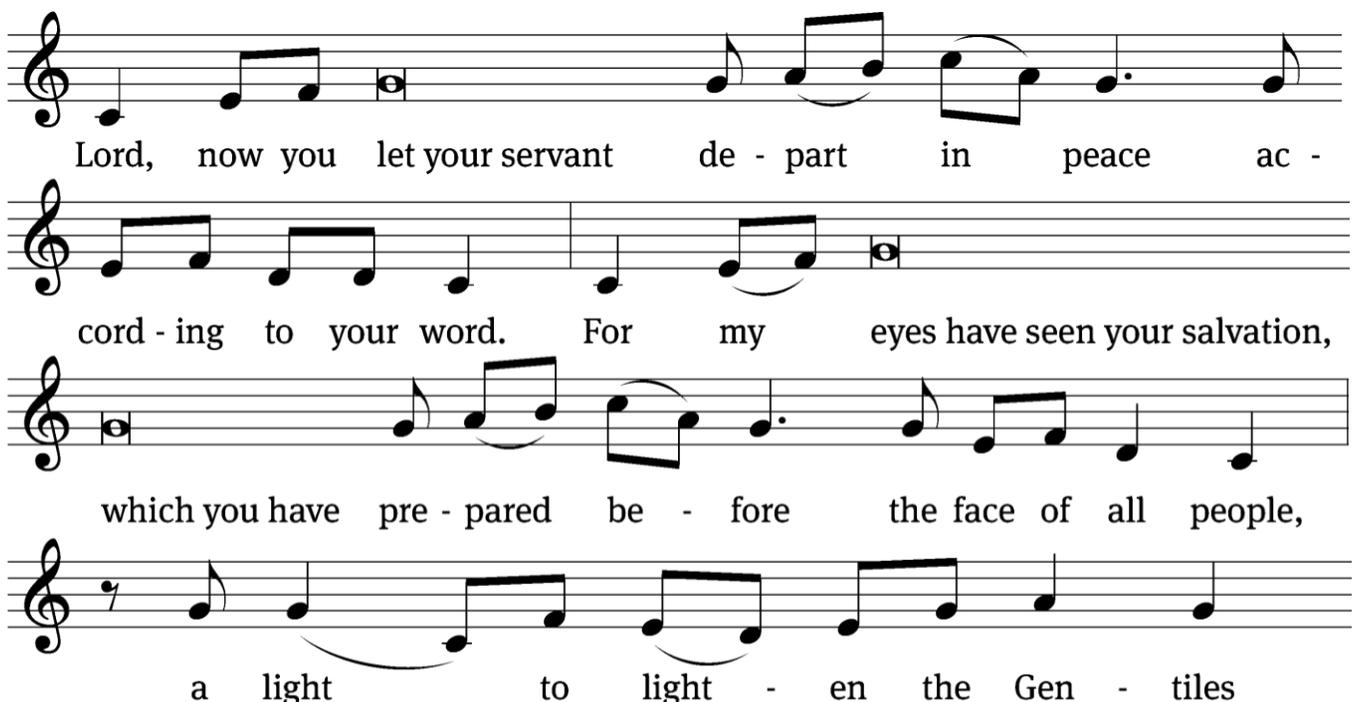
Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee  
that from pain I might be free;  
falsely did thy foes accuse thee: thence I gain security.  
Comfortless thy soul did languish me to comfort in my anguish.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,  
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.  
Thou didst choose to be tormented  
that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
for thy sorrows deep and sore,  
for thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,  
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,  
for thy bleeding and thy dying,  
for that last triumphant cry  
and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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### SONG OF SIMEON: #951 – Lord Now You Let Your Servant



Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles



and the glo - ry of your peo - ple is - ra - el.

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## **BLESSING:**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and makes his face shine on us.

**May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

## **HYMN: #530 – Praise Be to Christ**

**Praise be to Christ in whom we see  
the image of the Father shown,  
the firstborn Son revealed and known, the truth and grace of deity;  
through whom creation came to birth,  
whose fingers set the stars in place,  
the unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,  
the furthest bounds of time and space.**

**Praise be to him whose sov'reign sway  
and will upholds creation's plan;  
who is, before all worlds began  
and when our world has passed away:  
Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
redemption's price and source and theme,  
alive, the firstborn from the dead, to reign as all-in-all supreme.**

**Praise be to him who, Lord Most High,  
the fullness of the Godhead shares;  
and yet our human nature bears, who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from his cross there flows our peace  
who chose for us the path he trod,  
that so might sins and sorrows cease and all be reconciled to God.**

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**Ushers:** 4:00 – Jon Floerke & Bruce Rademacher  
7:00 – Alan Borchardt & Nicholas Lincoln

**Organist:** Jeff Wegner



**LENTEN MEAL...**The Grace Faculty will serve a chili supper from 5:00 to 6:30 this evening. Any proceeds from the supper donations will go toward Grace’s Tuition Assistance Program. Suggested supper donation is \$5.00.



### UPCOMING SPECIAL MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

“**HIS FINAL STEPS**” is the theme of our 2023 Lenten Season. The series explores Jesus’ final days before, during, and after his crucifixion using different locations as themes for each Lenten and Holy Week service.

**Midweek 2:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to His Father’s House”  
*March 1, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* *Matthew 21:12-17*

**Midweek 3:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to a Fig Tree”  
*March 8, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* *Mark 11:12-14, 20-25*

**Midweek 4:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks”  
*March 15, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* *John 12:20-33*

**Midweek 5:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to His Enemies”  
*March 22, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* *Luke 20:9-19*

**Midweek 6:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to a Tomb”  
*March 29, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* *John 11 (selected verses)*

**Palm Sunday:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to a Donkey”  
*April 2, 2023 - 8:00 & 10:30 AM* *Matthew 21:1-11*

**Holy Thursday:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to the Upper Room”  
*April 6, 2023 – 4:00 & 7:00 PM* *Mark 14:12-17*

**Good Friday:** ..... “His Final Steps Led to the Place of the Skull”  
*April 7, 2023 – 11:00 AM* *Luke 23:26-33*

**Tenebrae:** ..... “Shadows of the Cross”  
*April 7, 2023 – 7:00 PM*

**Easter Sunrise:**  
*April 9, 2023 – 6:00 AM*

**Easter Sunday:** ..... “His First Steps Led Outside His Tomb”  
*April 9, 2023 – 8:00 & 10:30 AM*