

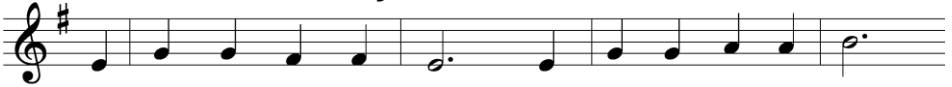
*Welcome to our Midweek Lenten
Worship Service
St. John's Lutheran Church
Neillsville, WI
March 16, 2022*

"Welcome Visitors & Members!" *To those who are visiting us, we extend our sincere welcome; to our friends who know us we renew our welcome; to those who seek a church home we invite you to be part of our family and enjoy fellowship with our Savior.*

To assist you in worship, please be aware that personal listening devices are available for anyone to use. Please talk to the ushers.

We thank Pastor Nathan Wilke for leading our worship service this evening.

398 *Not All the Blood of Beasts* CW 21



1 Not all the blood of beasts on Is - rael's al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,
3 In faith I place my hand on that dear head di - vine,
4 My soul looks back to see the bur - den you did bear
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;



could give the guilt - y con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
as pen - i - tent - ly here I stand and lay on him my sin.
when hang - ing on the curs - ed tree; I know my guilt was there!
we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice and sing his bleed - ing love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: William Daman, c. 1540–1591

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(Please stand)

- P: O Lord, open my lips.
C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**
- P: Hasten to save me, O God.
C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**
- P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

We speak Psalm 40 responsively

- P: I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry.
- C: **Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done; were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many to declare.**
- P: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire;
- C: **burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.**
- P: Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me in the scroll.
- C: **I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart."**
- P: Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always protect me.
- C: **You are my help and my deliverer; you are my God, do not delay.**
- All: **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.**

Responsive Prayer

- P: Lord Jesus, when the difficulties of life become more than we can bear and we find ourselves sinking into despair,
- C: **put our feet back on the rock of your righteousness.**
- P: You obeyed your Father's will on our behalf.
- C: **When Satan would lead us to despair, give us confidence to cry, "My Savior lived and died for me!"**
- P: In your name we pray.
- C: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Passion History Reading: Luke 22:39-54

³⁹Jesus left and went out to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom. His disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he told them, “Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴¹He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴As he was in agony, he prayed more fervently. His sweat became like great drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵When he rose from prayer, he went to the disciples and found them sleeping as a result of sorrow. ⁴⁶He said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and keep praying so that you may not enter into temptation.”

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd appeared, and the man called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. ⁴⁸But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

⁴⁹When those who were around him saw what was about to happen, they said to him, “Lord, should we strike with a sword?” ⁵⁰Then one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

⁵¹But Jesus responded, “Stop! No more of this!” Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him. ⁵²Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come out against him, “Have you come out as you would against a robber, with swords and clubs? ⁵³Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour—when darkness rules.”

⁵⁴Then they seized him, led him away, and brought him into the high priest’s house.

Congregational Response: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

425 Go to Dark Gethsemane

CW 21



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
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his



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,
breath - less clay; all is sol - i - tude and gloom.



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!"
Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is ris'n! He



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.
meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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Sermon Text: Matthew 26:18

He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

Sermon Theme: "I Will Keep the Passover"

Following the conclusion of the sermon, please stand.

Remain standing as the Offering is Brought Forward

Responsive Prayer

- P: Lord Jesus, it's easy for us to think that the most crucial hour of your life was the time you spent on the cross paying for our sins. We so easily forget that what qualified you to even go to the cross was the time you spent keeping your heavenly Father's laws, the same laws He expects us to keep.
- C: For your life-time of perfect obedience, as well as the day of your death, we owe you our life-time of thanks and praise.**
- P: We especially thank you, Jesus, that you kept the Passover for us. Not only did you lead the way in remembering the deliverance of your people from their slavery in Egypt, you also fulfilled the Passover by being the perfect Lamb of God who would free us from our slavery to sin, death and the power of the Devil.
- C: That freedom now also frees us to joyfully and willingly live in love toward you and our fellow human beings.**
- P: Lord, help us to live in love to you and others, not on our terms but rather ever mindful of what you teach us in your Holy Word. We are further reminded of how you would direct our Christian living as we also join to pray the Lord's Prayer...

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.

Benediction, followed by sung "Amens"

(Please be seated for the final hymn)

794 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow CW 21



1 Now rest be - neath night's shad - ow the wood - land,
2 The rule of day is o - ver and shin - ing
3 Lord Je - sus, since you love me, O spread your
4 My loved ones, rest se - cure - ly, for God this



field, and mead - ow; the world in slum - ber lies.
jew - els cov - er the heav - en's bound - less blue.
wings a - bove me and shield me from a - larm.
night will sure - ly from per - il guard your heads.



But you, my heart, a - wak - en, with prayer and song be
Thus I shall shine in heav - en, where crowns of gold are
Though Sa - tan would as - sail me, your mer - cy will not
Sweet slum - bers may he send you and bid his hosts at -



tak - en; let praise to your Cre - a - tor rise.
giv - en to all who faith - ful prove and true.
fail me; I rest in your pro - tect - ing arm.
tend you and through the night watch o'er your beds.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676

Tune: Heinrich Isaac, c. 1450–1517

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