

Taize' Evening Prayer

New Life Lutheran Church

Third Mid-Week Lenten Service

March 16, 2022

7:00 PM

This evening we will use a style of music developed near the village of Taize' in France. It consists of short meditative passages of Scripture set to simple melodies and repeated many times. The purpose of the repetition is to give us time to reflect and internalize the truths of these words of Scripture.

Our goal as we gather at our mid-week Lenten services, is to find quiet, meditative time, so that we can escape the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, to hear of Jesus and to sing His praise and address Him in prayer. May the Lord bless us as we worship Him in prayer, meditation, and praise!

Welcome by the Pastor

Remain Seated

P: Now is the time of God's favor;

C: now is the day of salvation.

P: Turn to us again, O God of our salvation,

C: that the light of Your face may shine on us.

P: May Your justice shine like the sun;

C: And may the poor be lifted up.

(sing 3 times)

Stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, night will soon fall. Then
Bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, Herr Je - su Christ. Ach,

stay with us, O Lord Je - sus Christ, light in our dark - ness.
bleib mit dei - ner Gna - de bei uns, du treu - er Gott.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: 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.

The Psalmody: **Psalm 81b** (tune, CWS 749, from CW Psalter)

**Sing out with joy to God our strength. The God of Jacob praise,
Who brought us forth from Egypt's grip: from slav'ry we were saved.
God promised to provide for us, to nurture and to feed,
To fill our mouths with all good things, to give us all we need.**

**But see, Your people would not hear, nor listen to Your voice.
Our selfish wills would not submit, nor make Your way our choice.
You gave us to our stubborn hearts, their counsel to obey,
We turned from all Your promises, to walk in our own way.**

**You plead for us to hear Your voice, to harken and obey.
You promise to subdue our foes, and sweep them all away.
You pledge to give us all we need, with finest wheat supply,
And give us honey from the rock, rich food to satisfy.**

The Psalm Prayer:

P: Lord God, unlike the people You delivered from slavery in Egypt, who forgot Your deliverance and despised Your commands, cause us all to cherish the gift of salvation and the freedom we have, and like Your Son, keep the feast in joy and peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Passion Reading: **LESSON TWO—Evangelical Heritage Version**

Seasonal Response:

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.

A Lenten Hymn: (sing 2 times)

Capo 1 Eb(D) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Eb(D) 7

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Cm(Bm) Fm(Em) Bb(A) Eb(D)

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The Sermon Text: **Matthew 26:18**

¹⁸ He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with My disciples at your house.'" (NIV 2011)

The Sermon Theme: **THE CRUCIAL HOURS—"I WILL KEEP THE PASSOVER"**

A Lenten Hymn: **CW 398** "Not All the Blood of Beasts" (CW93, 128)

The Offering The ushers will gather the offering which will then be placed on the Lord's Altar. Offerings can also be given electronically by using your smart phone and the QR code which takes you to the donation part of New Life's website.



The Prayer of the Church:

P: Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in Your eternal changelessness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in Your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give Your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick—especially those suffering from war in Europe—give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for Your love's sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

The 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.

A Lenten Hymn: (sing 2 times)

A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi,
We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;

qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum,
tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing,

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P: 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 and a hope that cannot be extinguished, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us, Your love supporting us and Your Son abiding with us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 782 “Luther’s Evening Prayer” (tune, CW93 368)

**I thank You, heav’nly Father, thro’ Jesus, Your dear Son,
That graciously You kept me while daily tasks were done.
I pray that You forgive me for all my sins and wrongs,
And in Your love continue to keep me all night long.**

**I trust my soul and body into Your loving hands.
All things that I encounter I leave to Your good plans.
Send me Your holy angel to rout the evil one
And crush his dreadful powers. Amen. Your will be done.**

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Announcements

Thank you to Pastor Kevin Raddatz from St. John’s in Libertyville, IL, for serving as our guest preacher this evening.

The Tone Chime Choir will practice immediately following this service.

Next Wednesday, Pastor William Schubert from Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Zion, IL, will be here, preaching on the theme: The Crucial Hours—“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”.