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### Capitol Circuit 2023 Midweek Lenten Services

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Pastor Mark Eckert - Calvary Lutheran Church, Eaton Rapids

**March 15, 2023** His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration (John 12:1-11)

Pastor Joel Tullberg - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Lansing

**March 22, 2023** His Final Steps Led to Enemies (John 20:9-19)

Pastor Norm Burger - Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Lansing

**March 29, 2023** His Final Steps Led to Some Greeks (John 12:20-33)

Pastor Roger Knepprath - St. Luke Lutheran Church, Jackson

### *"His Final Steps"*

This Lent series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

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**HIS  
FINAL  
STEPS**

*Midweek Lent #2*

**Emanuel First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

*March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

### **Order Of Worship: Vespers, pg. 215**

*The Latin word vesper means "evening star." Vespers is a historic evening prayer service in the Christian church. Christians gather at the end of the day to raise their voices in thankful praise and prayer. The service folder contains specific readings and prayers for each service, and will give corresponding pages to follow in the hymnal.*

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**PSALM:** 30

**PSALM PRAYER:** When I was in the pit of despair, Lord, you lifted me out. Though your anger blazed down on me because of my sin, you sent your Son to take the brunt of your anger so that I might be spared. Now I rejoice in the splendor of your grace and proclaim your saving deeds to those who will yet praise you as their only Savior.

**Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**(Sr. Choir 6:30):** Wondrous Love

**PASSION HISTORY:** Lesson Two (Matthew 26:36-56)

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane. He told his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and he began to be sorrowful and distressed. <sup>38</sup>Then he said

to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to the point of death. Stay here, and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup>He went a little farther, fell on his face, and prayed. He said, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

<sup>40</sup>He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He said to Peter, “So, were you not able to stay awake with me for one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray, so that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>42</sup>He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to pass from me unless I drink it, may your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>Again he returned and found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>He left them again, went away, and prayed a third time. He said the same words as before. <sup>45</sup>Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise. Let us go. Look, my betrayer is near.”

<sup>47</sup>While Jesus was still speaking, suddenly Judas (one of the Twelve) arrived. With him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign: “The one I kiss is the man. Arrest him.” <sup>49</sup>Immediately he went to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

<sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, “Friend, why are you here?”

Then they advanced, took hold of Jesus, and arrested him. <sup>51</sup>Suddenly, one of the men with Jesus reached out his hand, drew his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place, because all who take the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you not realize that I could call on my Father, and at once he would provide me with more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup>But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?”

<sup>55</sup>At that same time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out to arrest me with swords and clubs as if I were a robber? Day after day I was sitting in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. <sup>56</sup>But all this has happened so that the writings of the prophets would be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: 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.**

**HYMN:** 425 *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

**SERMON:** John 11 (select verses)

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>This Mary, whose brother Lazarus was sick, was the same Mary who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair.

<sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, saying, “Lord, the one you love is sick!”

<sup>4</sup>When Jesus heard it, he said, “This sickness is not going to result in death, but it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

<sup>14</sup>So Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup>And I am glad for your sake that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. <sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

<sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

<sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, “Loose him and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him. <sup>46</sup>But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

<sup>49</sup>But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. <sup>50</sup>You do not even consider that it is better for us that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” <sup>51</sup>He did not say this on his own, but, as high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, <sup>52</sup>and not only for that nation, but also in order to gather into one the scattered children of God.

### **HIS FINAL STEPS LED TO A TOMB**

**SONG OF MARY (*Magnificat*):** Hymn 956 *Holy Is Your Name*

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