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## **Devoted: Evening Prayer**

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*March 4, 2026 A.D. + 6:30 p.m. + Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin*

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Midweek Preaching Series:

## **DEVOTED: Praying Day by Day**

*Every Wednesday in Lent + 12:15 and 6:30 PM*

### **Devoted: Praying Day by Day**

*Lord, teach us to pray.* With our Lord, we will seek a deeper and more focused practice of daily prayer. Our guide will be Holy Scripture and the Daily Prayers provided in the Small Catechism. They teach us to mark morning, evening, and mealtime with remembrance of Holy Baptism, the Word of God, petition, and thanksgiving.

*February 18: Practicing Your Righteousness*

*February 25: Keep Me This Day: Morning Prayer*

March 4: **Keep Me This Night: Evening Prayer**

March 11: **Table Prayer: Asking for a Blessing**

March 18: **Table Prayer: Returning Thanks**

March 25: **Keep Watch with Me**





P: Blessèd 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.



*Please kneel.*

### PSALMODY *Psalm 141*



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice

when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.

**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;

let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.

**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.

Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in  
the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.  
Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your lovingkindness descend upon 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 and ever.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

### **PSALMODY** *Psalm 4*

P: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**C: You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

P: O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

**C: But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.**

P: Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

**C: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.**

P: There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!"

**C: You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

P: In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**C: for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

*Silence for reflection.*

### **PSALM PRAYER**

P: Lord, you consoled your Son in his anguish and released him from the darkness of the grave. Turn your face toward us, that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN** "Now the Light Has Gone Away"

... LSB #887

**LESSON** Revelation 21:1-4, 22-27

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."<sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**LESSON** Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?"

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** "The Day Thou Gavest"

... LSB #886

**SERMON** "Keep Me This Night: Evening Prayer"

**VERSICLES**

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.**

*Please stand.*

**MAGNIFICAT**

*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 blessèd.
- 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*

*Please kneel.*

## LITANY

Each petition will end with "let us pray to the Lord," to which the congregation responds,



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C:** *(silence for meditation)*

P: 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.

## EVENING PRAYER



P: I thank you, my heavenly | Father\*,

**C:** through Jesus Christ, | your dear Son,

that you have | graciously\*

kept | me this day;

and I pray that you would forgive me all my sins where I | have done  
wrong\*,  
and graciously keep | me this night.

For into your hands I com - | mend myself\*,  
my body and soul, | and all things.

Let your holy angel | be with me\*,  
that the evil foe may have no power over me. | Amen

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us 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

*Please stand.*

### BENEDICAMUS

L: Let us bless the Lord.



**G** Thanks be to God.

### BENEDICTION

L: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve you.



**G** A - men.

## HYMN "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## POSTLUDE

"Postlude pour l'office de Complies"

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

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### **Serving at Worship**

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**Church Offerings** may be placed in the wall-box to the left of the chapel chancel.

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