

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RUMA
ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, EVANSVILLE**

Joint Midweek Lenten and Holy Week Services

Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

March 1, 2023

6:30 p.m.



HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN
PSALM 23:2

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING HYMN *LSB 439 vs. 1,4-5*

“O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken”

Stand

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

THE RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 16 *[ESV]*

The congregation reads responsively in bold.

¹Preserve me, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

²I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you.”

³As for the saints in the land,

they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

you hold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I have set the LORD always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be shaken.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
**in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

**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.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.
O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sit

THE READING OF THE PASSION STORY

[accounts from all four Gospels]

THE SCRIPTURES

Revelation 14:6-13

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

⁸ Another angel, a second, followed, saying, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality.”

⁹ And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.”

¹² Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

¹³ And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

Please stand for the Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30 [ESV]

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

THE HYMN *LSB 711* "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

THE SERMON "He Maketh Me to Lie Down" *Psalms 23:2*

Stand

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: Our Gracious Heavenly Father, we admit that we are sheep who often stray. We do not follow You as we should, nor do we listen to Your Voice when you call.

C: **Forgive Your wandering sheep!**

P: We pray that You would give to us singleness of heart to stay on the Right path. Help us to follow You in faithfulness. Open our ears to hear Your Word.

C: **Lead us by Your gracious Hand!**

P: Protect us from danger. Graciously supply all that we need. Keep Your loving Eye upon us. And through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Great and Good Shepherd.

C: **Bring us to Your Heavenly Fold!**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with every good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

C: **Amen.**

Sit

THE CLOSING HYMN *LSB 433* "Glory Be to Jesus"

