

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, EVANSVILLE
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, RUMA
Joint Midweek Lenten and Holy Week Services**

Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor

**March 15, 2023
6:30 p.m.**



**I Will Fear No Evil
PSALM 23:4**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING HYMN *LSB 439 vs. 1,9,10*

“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 27:1-3 *[ESV]*

The congregation reads responsively in bold.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.

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 God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

1 John 4:13-21 [ESV]

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot^[a] love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Please stand for the Gospel – John 14:23-27 [ESV]

²³ Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵ "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

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 743* "Jesus Priceless Treasure"

THE SERMON “I Will Fear No Evil” *Psalms 23:4*

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 435 “Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”

