





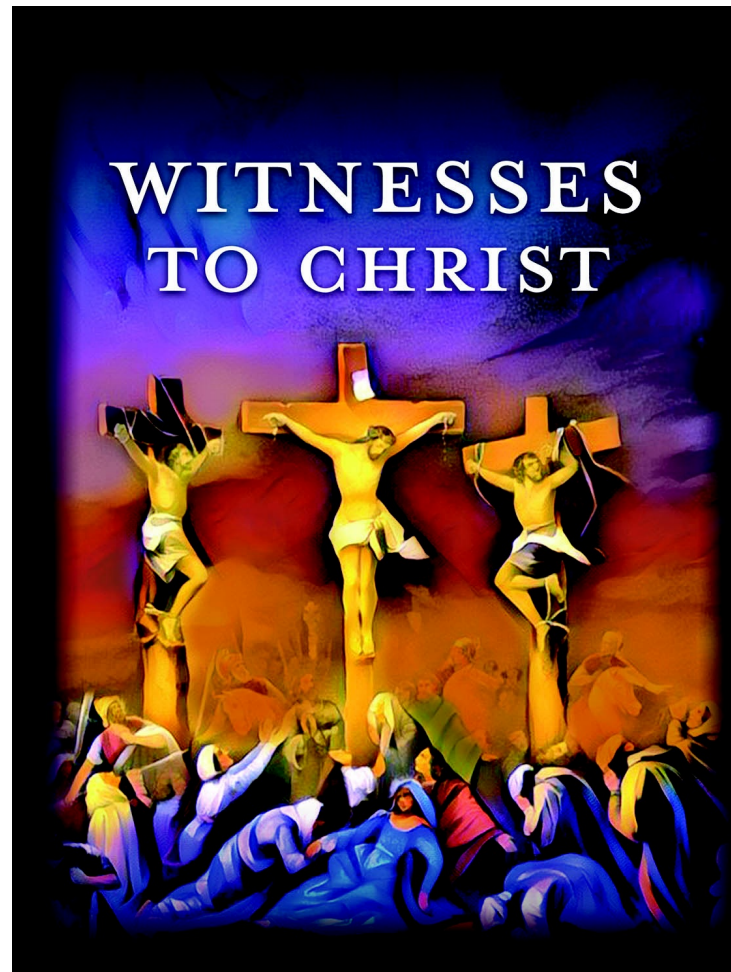
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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneels or sits as able.  
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.



Faith Lutheran Church  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

**Prelude:** Two jazz Lenten hymns - John Carter  
“Balm in Gilead” and “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Laetare Sunday or “Rejoice” Sunday falls on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Historically seen as a day of refreshment during the Lenten fast and austerity, Laetare Sunday was a moment of respite as the Christian Church sang “Rejoice, O Jerusalem” at the beginning of the introit during the Sunday service. In some communities, the paraments are changed from purple to rose (light-purple/pink) echoing the Third Sunday of Advent when the rose colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath. Other traditions include the breaking of the Lenten fast from Sunup until Sundown and consuming strawberry based desserts. All of this is to remind the Christian that the joy of Easter is soon to come. To honor this tradition, incense will be used during tonight’s service in order to enhance and heighten the worship experience as we too look forward, with joy, the resurrection of our Lord. Incense is burned during the “Incense Psalm,” or Psalm 141, to provide us with a visual image of how our prayers ascend to the heaven and are collected at the footstool of God. During the singing of the psalm this evening, allow the incense to assist in engaging all your senses in worship and rejoice that our God in heaven collects, hears, and answers all your prayers.*

### EVENING PRAYER

(begins on p. 243 of *Lutheran Service Book*)

 **SERVICE OF LIGHT - LSB p. 243**

**PHOS HILARON (Hymn of Light) - LSB p. 244**

 **INCENSE PSALM - LSB p. 245**

Psalm 86

*Read responsively by whole verse from front of hymnal.*

## READINGS

### Zechariah 9:11-12

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.  
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

O Lord, have mercy on us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### John 18:33-40


So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him. But you have a custom that I should release one man for you at the Passover. So do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" They cried out again, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

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**Thanks be to God.**


In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.  
**But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.** *Hebrews 1:1-2a*

**HYMN: "A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth" - LSB #438**

 **THE MESSAGE** *People From His Passion: Barabbas* Vicar Anthony Keilani



### Gathering of the Offering

 **CANTICLE: MAGNIFICAT** *LSB pp. 248-9*

 **LITANY** *Lutheran Service Book pp. 249-51*

### COLLECT FOR PEACE

### LORD'S PRAYER

 Let us bless the Lord.  
 **Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**  
 **Amen.**

**HYMN "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended" - LSB #886**

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