

# HIS FINAL STEPS

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church**  
March 1, 2023

## **His Final Steps** **Led To a Dinner Celebration** March 1, 2023

**Bells**

**Opening Hymn**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | 407

**Order of Service**

*Evening Prayer* | 215

**Psalm**

*Your Praises, God, I'm Bringing* | 138

**The Passion History**

**In Gethsemane**

Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows twice, you will disown me three times." But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same. Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak." He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. Then he returned to the 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. Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" Now Judas, who betrayed him, knew the place,

because Jesus had often met there with his disciples. While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.” Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. Jesus replied, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss? Friend, do what you came for.” When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And Peter struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. (The servant’s name was Malchus). But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him. “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen this way?” Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, “Who is it you want?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” “I told you that I am he,” Jesus answered. “If you are looking for me, then let these men go.” This happened so that the words he had spoken would be fulfilled: “I have not lost one of those you gave me.” The men seized Jesus and arrested him. “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. A young man wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain | 394*

**Sermon Text**

John 12:1-11

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the hometown of Lazarus, who had died, the one Jesus raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>They gave a dinner for him there. Martha was serving, and Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with him.

<sup>3</sup>Then Mary took about twelve ounces of very expensive perfume (pure nard) and anointed Jesus’ feet and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup>But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was going to betray him, said, <sup>5</sup>“Why wasn’t this perfume sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” <sup>6</sup>He did not

say this because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief. He held the money box and used to steal what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She intended to keep this for the day of my burial.

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, the poor you always have with you, but you are not always going to have me.”

<sup>9</sup>A large crowd of the Jews learned that he was there. They came not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup>So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, <sup>11</sup>because it was on account of him that many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

## **“His Final Steps Led to A Dinner Celebration”**

*Pastor Phil Janke*

**Grade 5 in 3:30 service**

*What Grace Is This | 395*

**Gathering of Our Offering**

**Psalm Prayer:** Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lord’s Prayer** *please join in if comfortable*

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**sung by 5<sup>th</sup> graders in 3:30 service**

**sung by soloist in 6:30 service**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Abide with Me | 783 v 1,2,7*

**Organist**

David Koepsell