

**St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Evansville**

**Joint Midweek Lenten and Holy Week Services**

**Rev. Randy Fischer, Pastor**

**6:30 p.m.**

**March 19, 2025**

**Hymn: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

*Stand*

**Lent Versicles**

*LSB 260*

**Old Testament Canticle**

*LSB 261*

*Sit*

**The Passion Reading**

*Accounts from all four Gospels*

*Stand*

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 23:26–34*

<sup>26</sup>And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his

right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Lent Responsory** *LSB 263*

**Ten Commandments** *LSB 264*

**Apostles’ Creed** *LSB 264*

**Lord’s Prayer** *LSB 264*

*Sit*

**Sermon: The Occupied Cross** *Luke 23:26-34*

**Hymn: 440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now**

*Stand*

**Responsive Prayer** *LSB 265*

**Collect of the Day**

**P** O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Collect for the Word**

## Evening Prayer

*LSB 266*

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, 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 commend 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.

## Blessing

*LSB 267*

## Closing Hymn: 878 Abide with Me

*Vs. 1, 3, 6*

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