

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup>Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." <sup>49</sup>And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup>Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. <sup>51</sup>And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup>Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?"

**The Apostles' Creed** (p. 192)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 766 "Our Father, Who . . ." (1, 7, 8, 9)

**The Sermon:** "Lead Us Not into Temptation, but Deliver Us from Evil"

**The Prayer of the Church** (p. 159)

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**The Offering** is gathered for the Lord's work (p. 159)

*(If you have not done so already, please sign and share the Fellowship folders in the pews to assist us in keeping accurate attendance records. Thank you.)*

**The Offertory** (pp. 159-160)

### **The Service of the Sacrament**

*(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)*

**The Preface - Agnus Dei** (pp. 160-163)

**Distribution Hymn:** 435 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

**The Post-Communion Cantic:** **Nunc Dimittis** (p. 165)

**The Post-Communion Collect** (p. 166)

**The Benediction** (p. 166)

*Be seated for the Passion reading*

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ Drawn from the Four Gospels**

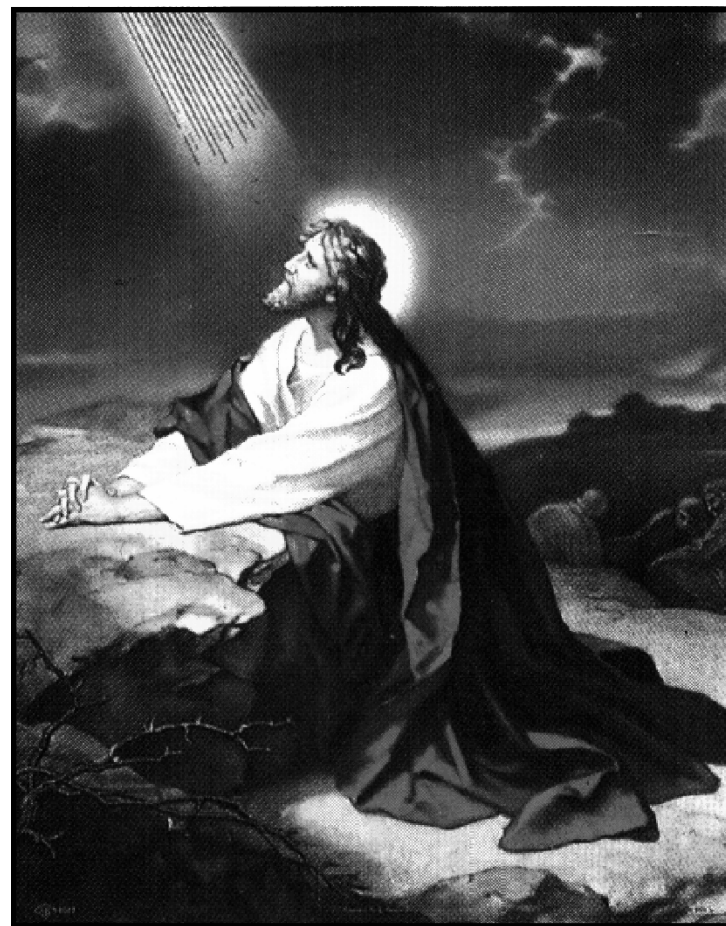
#### **Part IV: The Praetorium**

*(At the conclusion of the reading, the acolyte[s] and pastor depart the nave.  
After they have departed, the congregation departs in silence.)*

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

# Laetare Midweek

6 April Anno † Domini 2011



*"Our Father Who Art in Heaven" Lenten Series  
Part 5: "Lead Us Not into Temptation, but  
Deliver Us from Evil"*

**Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

325 E. Warwick Dr. ~ Alma, Michigan ~ 48801

463-5754 ~ [www.peacealma.org](http://www.peacealma.org)

**Rev. Thomas C. Messer, Pastor**

Home: 463-3093 ~ Cell: (989) 388-2037 ~ [pastor@peacealma.org](mailto:pastor@peacealma.org)

# DIVINE SERVICE 1, PAGE 151

## The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

### The Congregation Assembles in Silence

*(There is no Prelude, Ringing of the Bells, or Opening Hymn during our Lenten Mid-week Divine Services. All stand at the direction of the pastor.)*

### The Confession and Absolution (p. 151)

## The Service of the Word

### The Psalm

*Psalm 124*



If it had not been the LORD who was | on our side—\*  
let Israel | now say—

**if it had not been the LORD who was | on our side\***

**when people rose up a- | gainst us,**

then they would have swallowed us | up alive,\*

when their anger was kindled a- | gainst us;

**then the flood would have swept | us away,\***

**the torrent would have gone | over us;**

then over us | would have gone\*

the raging | waters.

**Blessèd | be the LORD,\***

**who has not given us as prey | to their teeth!**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the | fowlers;\*  
the snare is broken, and we | have escaped!

**Our help is in the name | of the LORD,\***

**who made | heav'n and earth.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

### The Kyrie (pp. 152-153)

### The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 156)

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that we, who amid so many adversities do fail through our own infirmities, may be restored through the Passion and intercession of Your only-begotten Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### The Old Testament Reading

*1 Chronicles 16:28-36*

<sup>28</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! <sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; <sup>30</sup>tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

<sup>31</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" <sup>32</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! <sup>33</sup>Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>34</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>35</sup>Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise. <sup>36</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!"

Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

### The Gradual

*Ps. 57:1a, 3a*

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge.

**He will send from heaven and save me;**

**he will put to shame him who tramples on me.**

### The Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:6-13*

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

### The Lenten Verse (p. 157)

### The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 26:41-53*

<sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."