



Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You

Abiding Word Evangelical Lutheran Church
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M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
C: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C: **and the day is almost over.**

M: Be our light and scatter the darkness,
C: **and hear our evening hymn of praise.**



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through



blest is he, And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Spir - it: God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
all the earth And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
C: **we have sinned against you
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM 32B

**1 How blest are those the LORD forgives;
How glad they are to hear
Their sin is gone, their guilt atoned,
Their record clean and clear.**

**2 I silently concealed my guilt,
But then I groaned all day:
Your heavy hand, like summer heat,
Took all my strength away.**

**3 I then confessed my sin to you,
My grievous guilt and shame,
And you forgave my wickedness
By your most gracious name.**

**4 Let all the faithful pray to you
While you may still be found;
You place them safe above the flood,
Secure on higher ground.**

**5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast
In all adversity,
surrounding me with faithful love
and songs of victory.**

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgression from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name.

C: **Amen**

PASSION HISTORY FROM LUKE 22:39-53

Jesus Prays on the Mount of Olives

³⁹ Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. ⁴⁰ On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” ⁴¹ He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, ⁴² “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” ⁴³ An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴ And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

⁴⁵ When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. ⁴⁶ “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

Jesus Arrested

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, ⁴⁸ but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

⁴⁹ When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” ⁵⁰ And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

⁵¹ But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

⁵² Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? ⁵³ Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

SEASONAL RESPONSE

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of the Day

**1 When I fear my faith will fail,
Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail,
He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold
Thro' life's fearful path,
For my love is often cold –
He must hold me fast.**

**2 Those he saves are his delight;
Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight,
He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost;
His promise shall last;
Bought by him at such a cost,
He must hold me fast.**

**3 For my life he bled and died;
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last.**

SERMON ON LUKE 22:31, 32

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³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

OFFERING

Financial offerings are a regular, proportionate, and joyful response of love by members of a Christian congregation. Our offerings support our work at Abiding Word and around the world through the WELS. As you enter or leave you may place your offering in the plates at the sanctuary entrance. If you are a guest, please do not feel obligated to support our ministry.

PRAYER

M: Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

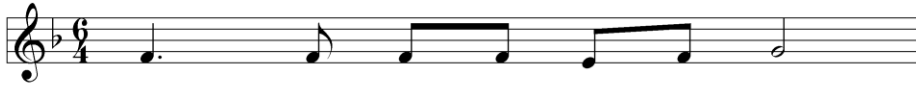
C: **May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

CLOSING HYMN

EVENING

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Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way;
2 Je - - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way
3 Let my near and dear ones be
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give;
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend,



Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
All that I've done wrong to - day.
Safe with you e - ter - nal - ly.
You once died that I might live.
You will love me to the end.



Ask - ing you to watch and keep
Make me ev - er more like you,
Oh, bring me and all I love
All your pre - cious gifts are free—
Let me love you more and more,



And to send me qui - et sleep.
Good and gen - tle, kind and true.
To your hap - py home a - bove.
Oh, how good you are to me!
Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: MÜDE BIN ICH (77 77) *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, Kaiserwerth, 1842, alt.

We thank Pastor Frey for leading us in worship and sharing God's Word with us this evening. May God continue to bless Pastor Frey's service to our brothers and sisters in New Carlisle.

Gobsmacked by the gospel

Dear Friend of Missions,

"It was gobsmacking—like nothing I ever heard before. It was amazing."

This is British citizen Caroline McCatty's description of the first time she heard a sermon preached by a WELS pastor. She couldn't get enough. "Jesus was talked about—he was the center of it all. I've never been taught law and gospel, and the way it was taught was beautiful."

Caroline and her husband Lawrence became members of a WELS church while in the U.S. for work. "You got the truth from Scripture, not someone's view of the truth," says Lawrence. "When you have the foundational teachings of Scripture, you can go back to them again and again and again. It's life-changing."

The McCattys now form part of a core group in London and the United Kingdom (U.K.). For six years they have been praying missionaries would help them proclaim the message of salvation in Jesus throughout their country.

In November, I accepted a call to serve as WELS' first missionary to London and the U.K. (I'm pictured above with a Colombian family living in South London). My family and I are in the process of moving to London. God-willing, a second missionary will be called later this year.

Thank you for your prayers and support for mission work through your offerings. Please consider a special gift today to support our new WELS mission effort in London and the U.K.

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. Michael Hartman
Missionary to London & U.K.

P.S. Read more about the McCatty's journey in the March issue of *Forward in Christ*.