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Mission Statement of Apostles Evangelical Lutheran Church & Preschool of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

As God's disciples, we the men, women and children of Apostles, are united in the preaching, teaching and sharing of God's Word in its truth and purity. By God's grace, we will nurture believers and joyfully spread the Word of God in our community and throughout the world, all to His glory.



WE PREACH CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Prayer before Worship

Run the straight race Through God's good grace;

Lift up your eyes and seek his face.

Life with its way before us lies;

Christ is the path and Christ the prize. Amen. (CW457)

OPENING HYMN

Go to Dark Gethsemane
(Hymn 104)

please stand

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of prayer.
We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life.
Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins.
Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of
your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise,
through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

please be seated

PASSION READING

Matthew 26:57-75 (video)

SEASONAL RESPONSE

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

(12:00) **I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**
(Hymn 432)

(7:00) **Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me**
(Hymn 428 vs. 1,4)

THE REASON TO ENDURE

- **The Christian race**
- **Endurance lost**
- **The endurance of the great cloud of witnesses**
- **Jesus' patient endurance restores ours**

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



OFFERING

Guests and visitors, please do not feel that we expect an offering from you; but we thank you if you wish to assist us in our efforts to carry out our ministry of the gospel. "Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

please stand

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

PRAYER FOR PEACE

P: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing
(Hymn 111)