



# Lent Mid-Week Worship 2026

## HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

*\* please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

INVOCATION

\*GATHERING HYMN “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

ELW 751

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.  
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.  
*The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.*

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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THE POSTLUDE

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**“The Lost Sheep”**

*God Seeks the Wandering*

**FOUND: The God Who Seeks the Lost**

**Scripture:** Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34:11-16, Luke 15:1-8

**Focus:** God’s relentless pursuit

**Lenten message:** No matter how far we drift, God searches for us with joy, not judgment.

\*HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW #789

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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# March 4<sup>th</sup>

## “The Adulterous Woman”

### *God Restores the Broken*

**FORGIVEN: The God Who Restores the Broken**

**Scripture:** Psalm 51; Isaiah 1:18, John 8:1–11

**Focus:** Mercy over condemnation

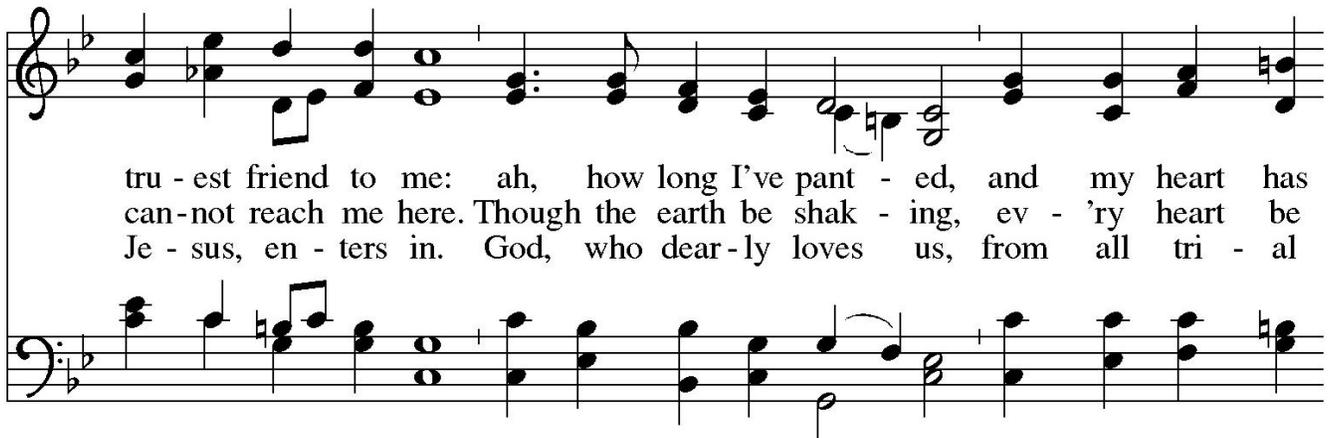
**Lenten message:** Jesus meets us in our sin not with stones, but with a path forward.

\*HYMN “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

ELW #775



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;

no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINE FREUDE, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662; arr. hymnal version  
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March 11<sup>th</sup>  
“The Living Water”  
*God Satisfies the Thirsty*

**SATISFIED: The God Who Gives Living Water**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 55:1–3; Revelation 22:17, John 4:1–26

**Focus:** Deep spiritual renewal

**Lenten message:** We often try to fill our emptiness with lesser things, but Christ alone gives water that becomes life within us.

\*HYMN “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

ELW #484

*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

# March 18<sup>th</sup>

## “The Healings”

### *God Mends What Is Wounded*

**HEALED: The God Who Mends What Is Wounded**

**Scripture:** Psalm 147:3; Isaiah 53:4–5, Mark 5:21–43

**Focus:** Restoration of body, mind, and spirit

**Lenten message:** Jesus heals not only physical ailments but also fear, shame, isolation, and despair.

\*HYMN “Beautiful Savior”

ELW #838

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Beautiful Savior". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff, and the bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

Tru - ly I'd love thee,      tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er,      Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er,      Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or,      praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul,      my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

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March 25<sup>th</sup>

“God of the Living”

*God Calls Us Into New Life*

**ALIVE: The God of the Living**

**Scripture:** Romans 6:1–11; Ezekiel 37:1–14, Matthew 22:23–33

**Focus:** Resurrection hope

**Lenten message:** God is not the God of the dead but of the living—He calls us out of spiritual death into renewed life.

\*HYMN “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

ELW #451



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;  
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,  
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.  
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,  
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,  
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.  
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.  
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: OUIMETTE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES OF WORSHIP

March 29	Palm Sunday	*8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
April 2	Maundy Thursday	Noon and *7 p.m. with Holy Communion
April 3	Good Friday: Seven Last Words of Christ	*7 p.m.
April 5	Easter Sunday	*8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### ++ LENT MID-WEEK OFFERINGS

Unless otherwise designated, Wednesday Lent service offerings will benefit Messiah's KIT Ministry which supports Lutheran World Relief.

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