

LIVING STONE WORSHIP

✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠

Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 10:45 a.m.

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Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. As we follow in His steps, give us wisdom, patience, and courage to minister in His name to all who suffer and are in need; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Announcements & Greeting

Call Worship

Psalms 121

L: "With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord."

C: "I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him."

L: "When my spirit faints within me, you know my way."

C: "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

L: "Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low."

C: "Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name."

ALL: "The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me."

Opening Song

"Surrounding Me"

Verse 1

In the caverns of my mind there's demons I fight.
And I know You know.
And I'm running from the battle
I can't win on my own.
With nowhere to run, too tired to fight.
Come and save me, come and save me,
I'm needing You now.

Chorus

You are my Hope in the land of the living,
My Refuge, when life's unrelenting,
My Hiding Place, my shelter in the night.
You are my Fortress that nothing replaces,
The outstretched arms that embrace,
In Your presence, God, Oh, I have found my peace.
You are surrounding me.

Verse 2

In the shadows of the tomb,
It seemed that they'd won. It was so dark.
But the death that You had chosen
Was soon to be gone.
You fought on Your own, You fought and You won,
Now You hold me, now You hold me close,
I'm not alone.

Chorus

Bridge

Through the darkest of nights,
You are the light that's leading me home.
When I am afraid, and hope starts to fade,
I'll trust You alone.
With arms stretched wide, my Savior died,
To rise up from the grave.
Your victory, alive in me, I know that I am safe.

Chorus

In Your presence God, Oh, I have found my peace.
You are surrounding me.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

John 20:19–23

C **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

For a long time I have held My peace; I have kept still and restrained Myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills,

and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.”

Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but My servant, or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as My dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness’ sake, to magnify His law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” . . .

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Song of the Day

“Who You Say I Am”

- 1 **Who am I that the highest King
would welcome me.
I was lost, but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.**

Chorus 1

**Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.**

- 2 **Free at last, He has ransomed me.
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.**

Chorus 2

**Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.
In my Father’s house there’s a place for me.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.**

Bridge

**I am chosen, not forsaken.
I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me.
I am who You say I am. (Repeat)
I am who You say I am.**

Chorus 2

**In my Father’s house there’s a place for me.
I’m a child of God. Yes, I am.**

Song of Response

“How Deep the Fathers Love For Us”

- 1 How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.
 - 2 Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
 - 3 I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.
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Apostles’ Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the † life everlasting. Amen.

Children’s Message

Offering

The offertory is an important time to reflect with thanksgiving on the many blessings God has given us.

Offertory

“Lead Me to the Cross”

1 Savior I come, quiet my soul,
Remember redemption’s hill,
Where Your blood was spilled,
For my ransom.

Pre-Chorus

Ev’rything I once held dear,
I count it all as loss.

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees,
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself, I belong to You.
Oh, lead me. Lead me to the cross.

2 You were as I, tempted and tried, human.
The word became flesh,
Bore my sin in death.
Now You’re risen.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart. To Your heart.
Lead me to Your heart.
Lead me to Your heart.

Chorus (2x)

Prayer of the Church

- ✠ Judy Ostermann upcoming surgery.
- ✠ Harold Hageman who is hospitalized.
- ✠ Thanksgiving for the 20th wedding anniversary of Aaron and Jackie Weber (March 18).

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24-26

Closing Song

“Take You at Your Word”

Verse 1

Your word is a lamp unto my feet.
Your way is the only way for me.
It's a narrow road that leads to life,
but I want to be on it.
It's a narrow road but the mercy's wide,
'Cause You're good on Your promise.

Chorus 1

I'll take You at Your word;
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.

Verse 2

You spoke, and the chaos fell in line.
I know, 'cause I've seen it in my life.
It's a narrow road that leads to life,
but I want to be on it.
It's a narrow road the tide is high,
but You parted the water.

Chorus 2

I'll take You at Your word;
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.
If You said it, I'll believe it.
I've seen how good it works;
If You start it, You'll complete it.
I'll take You at Your word.

Bridge

You said Your love will never give up.
You said Your grace is always enough.
You said Your heart would never forget or forsake me.
You said I'm saved, You call me Yours.
You said my future's full of Your hope.
You've never failed, so I know that You'll never fail me.
(repeat)

Chorus 2

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Preacher
Liturgist
Instrumentalists

Pastor Schudde
Pastor Tim Wilkins
Valerie Winkler, Whitney Wade, guitar
Savannah Richards, piano
Mark Stoddard, bass

Sound

Valerie Winkler, Tavia Shively, Amory Richards, Whitney Wade, vocals
Eli Hackman

We rejoice in the following Baptism in the Sanctuary this weekend!

† Carson Gunnar Pope †
Son of Robert & Kelli Pope
Sponsors Jamie McGrath & Austin Chamberlain

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