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Welcome to Worship

Fifth Weekend of Lent

March 21 - 22, 2026, 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.

WE GATHER

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The Congregation responds in parts marked in **bold**. The page and hymn numbers are listed for the Red ELW Hymnal.

Prelude

Cantabile
Roger Ruckert, organ

César Franck

"Cantabile" César Franck (1822-1890)
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Welcome

Gathering Words

P: *On this fifth Sunday in Lent, we journey again toward the cross. We feel the weight of all that lies ahead. We wrestle with coming sorrow. We balance our growing needs.*

C: **God, we come here today braced for the hazards of this journey. Instead, you pour out grace. Instead, you anoint us with oil. Instead, you fill our cups to overflowing.**

We find beauty in dry places, abundance in want, and welcome in despair. You call us to the waters of life, and we respond, our longings now fulfilled.

Intention

P: *Jesus will stand with a man born blind. He has chosen his path. As we join Jesus, God prepares us to receive abundance, grace poured out, even before we know our need, even before we ask.*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: *We know the pull of all that separates us from God. We long for the cleansing water poured out over us again. We seek anointing, the oil running its healing course. We feel this call to reconnect, so we confess our sins.*

C: **God, we have forgotten your call. We stay back, though the waters of baptism call us forward. We separate ourselves, though the bread and cup beckon us to community. We hide our wounds, though the oil of anointing waits at the ready.**

P: *God knows us better than we know ourselves.*

Yet God does not withhold any good gift from us. Like Naaman at the river, we are surprised at how easy it is to experience God's outpouring of grace. Like the woman at the well, we share living water and watch impenetrable barriers break. Like Mary at the feet of Jesus, we empty ourselves of all we have, only to be filled again. Beloved, you are forgiven. Receive now, for yourself, the abundant grace that opens your soul to love. May grace flow free through us once again!

Children's Message

Gathering Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW #815

Kathleen Thomerson (1934–2025) was an American organist and hymn writer. She earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music from the University of Texas at Austin and continued her studies in Europe with Jean Langlais in Paris. Thomerson served as director of music at churches in St. Louis, Missouri, and Austin, Texas, and was also a member of the faculty at Southern Illinois University. She is best known for her hymn “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light,” which was inspired by a visit to the Church of the Redeemer in Houston.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain*

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain*

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934 © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

Invocation

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

C: **And also with you.**

Kyrie (sung twice)

ELW #154

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy; have mercy, O Lord. *repeat*

Music: Mass No. 1. Avon Gillespie © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

Prayer of the Day

P: *The Lord be with you.*

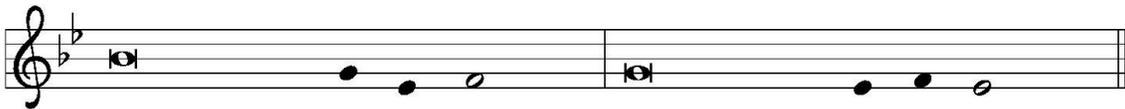
C: **And also with you.**

P: *Open-hearted God, you join us in grief, even when you know that a miracle is moments away. Be with us now, when we are tired and afraid of what’s next. Fill up our jugs of oil, enough for today, that we may prepare all that is needed when your unexpected, abundant grace arrives to change us once again. Amen.*

THE WORD

In the season of Lent, we will be chanting our first reading from the book of Psalms. We will chant responsively by whole verse. The Kyrie singer will lead us as we sing and pray together.

First Reading (sung responsively) Psalm 130



L: ¹ Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O Lord;

C: ² **O Lord, | hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

L: ³ If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O Lord, | who could stand?

C: ⁴ **Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

in order that you | may be feared.

- L: ⁵ I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;
in your word | is my hope.
- C: ⁶ My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**
- L: ⁷ O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.
- C: ⁸ For the Lord shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.**

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 205 - Lent

We are turning, Lord, to hear you;
you are merciful and kind
slow to anger, rich in blessing,
and with love to us inclined.

The Holy Gospel

P: The gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 11:1-45

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message (5:00)

Pastor Ben Sloss

(9:00)

Pastor Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Hymn of the Day

(5:00)

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770

- 1 In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

- 3 Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

- 5 And when I want to sing, and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

"Give Me Jesus" African American spiritual, arr. hymnal version.
Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

(9:00)

What Wondrous Love Is This

ELW #666

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

"What Wondrous Love Is This" Text: North American folk hymn,
19th cent., alt.; Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt. Arr. © 1955 Augsburg Publishing House.

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

L: *Please join me in professing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the
life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Impact Talk / Offering Invitation

Music Offering (5:00)

Cam Green, piano

"Psalm 23" Arranged by Rollo Dilworth © 2023 Hal Leonard.

(9:00)

Breathe on Me
Sanctuary Choir

Aaron David Miller

"Breathe on Me" Aaron David Miller © 2004 Augsburg Fortress.

Offering Prayer

THE MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

hymnal p. 206

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicholas Davis

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord
God of power, God of might
Heaven and earth are filled with glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes
Hosanna in the highest

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: *God, we trace the signs of your grace from the churning purples and blues of the watery chaos, calmed by your call to creation. You called us and our ancestors to work alongside you, your goodness springing up from the earth, water bringing new life again.*

Water has remained, a witness to your faithfulness, calling John and Jesus to the waters of baptism, reaching across the years to an Ethiopian stranger, delighted to dive into the belonging you offer.

Water and oil accompanied your prophets as they proclaimed your work in the world. Anointed by oil, Jesus guided his disciples to notice the unexpected and the disregarded, even as the time came for his last supper: a man carrying water, a man doing women's work, would guide them to the place where they would share one more meal.

Words of Institution

P: On the night in which he was handed over, Jesus sat down to dinner with his friends. He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and passed it around the table for everyone to eat, saying, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When the meal had ended, and Jesus' path approached its final turn, he took the cup, blessed it, and invited everyone to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Jesus, we do remember you. In the churning depths of our lives, God still calls out the song of abundant grace, the mystery of our faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: Send your Spirit upon this bread and cup, Christ's body and blood, the gift of new and abundant life, the sign of grace poured out. Send your Spirit upon us and make us be your body, too, poured out into a world ready for your grace.

All glory, power, and honor are yours, God of all abundance that is and will be, today and every day. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever.

Music Meditation (5:00)

Cam Green, piano

Communion Hymn (9:00)

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW #773

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tried, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on, to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Prayer after Communion (read responsively)

Let us pray.

**O Jesus, you have shared a feast more gracious than we could ever ask,
the outpouring of your own self with us.
Send us out into the world to be channels of your goodness and grace,
anointing this world with the new life you have given us.
Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

Blessing

P: Beloved, receive now this blessing: Life and life abundant is yours, today.
As you leave this place, embrace the transformation you have found here.

Sending Song

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

ELW #536

Refrain Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*
- 3 I am lost if you take you hand from me, I am blind without thy light to see.
Lord, just always let me thy servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again" Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1904; music: William G. Tiner, 1833-1896.

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We will!

Postlude (5:00)

"He's Got the Whole World" Arranged by David McKeown © 2021
David McKeown.

(9:00)

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Nicholas Davis, organ

arr. Matt Limbaugh

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Arranged by Matt Limbaugh ©
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Thank you to Roger Ruckert, Cam Green, Mike Gervase, Jay O'Neal, Susan Hanford,
Jean Lawlor, the Sanctuary Choir, and all who gave of their time to plan, serve,
and participate in today's worship.

This Week in Prayers:

We comfort the families of Craig and Susan Pynn and Pastor Elisabeth as they grieve the death of Craig's brother, Ward Pynn. We continue to pray for Shirley Pape and those we name silently in our hearts.

Pastoral Team Pastor Brian Wise, pastorbrian@oursaviours.com
Pastor Ben Sloss, pastorben@oursaviours.com
Pastor Elisabeth Himmelman, pastorelisabeth@oursaviours.com

Worship Service Opportunities

- Our Saviour's Campus, Traditional Worship, Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 9:00 am
Blended Sunday, 11:00 am
- Celebration Campus, Contemporary Sunday, 10:00 am

- **Midweek Lenten Worship** at Our Saviour's Campus, Wednesdays, 12:00 noon, 5:30 pm
Evening service is followed by dinner in the Fellowship Center

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Holy Communion is offered weekly at all worship services, and all are welcome to receive it.

You will receive a wafer, which can be dipped into the divided chalice. The red is wine, and the white is grape juice. Gluten-free options are available at all stations. When present, a prayer minister, wearing a cross on a red ribbon, is located at the back of the worship space.

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Upcoming Events

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Upcoming special events & opportunities!



Help us adorn our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter lilies. Each plant is \$25 and can be dedicated in memory of a lost loved one or in honor of someone special. Paper forms are available at the welcome desk at both buildings or through the link on our website. Orders must be placed by March 25, 2026.

- **Lenten Acts of Service:** Volunteer to help during Holy Week Services. You choose the role, you pick the service, training provided (even for Tech). Use the QR code or link on our website Lent/Easter page.
- **Easter Pies for Mozambique:** Cost is \$30, Coconut cream with meringue, Apple, Cherry Triple Berry, Strawberry Rhubarb, Lemon Meringue, Key Lime. Order on the Mozambique Mission page of the website. Order by Monday, March 30. *Pick up is on Saturday, April 4,* at Celebration from 10-11 a.m. All pies available in gluten-free.
- **Plant Sale:** pickup *Saturday, May 9, from 10 am to 2 pm.* These beautiful plants come fully grown and ready for your garden. All proceeds support our mission partners in Mozambique. Order forms are available in the Narthex and through our website. Orders due by Thursday, April 9.
- **Children, Youth & Family Ministries presents: 'Cape'-able for Christ: Heroic Acts that Empower Variety Show,** Sunday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. at Celebration Campus. Head to the website for more information, tickets, and/or to sign up your act!
- Next **Senior Lunch** is on Monday, April 13, at noon in the Fellowship Center. RSVP to the front office.
- **Hot Wheels: Family Fun Event.** *Saturday, April 18, from 9:30 - 11:30 am,* at the Celebration Campus. More details on the News & Events page of our website.
- **VBS - JUST LIKE ME:** An inclusive, 5-day experience for pre-K through 5th grade! Will take place *June 22-26, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.* VBS Sunday during the 10 a.m. service on June 28. Picnic lunch and games to follow! Register to volunteer and/or participate on the website's News & Events Page.



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