

# LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE



MARCH 18, 2026



# Order of Worship

Lenten Midweek Service | March 18, 2026 | 10:30am & 6:30pm

## Welcome

### Call to Worship & Invocation

P: Turn away from the calls of worldly success.

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P: As we walk through this Lenten season, may we turn back to God.

C: **May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek God's presence in this time of worship.**

P: We make our beginning then, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### Opening Hymn: *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

LW# 96

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, sinners, ruined by the fall;  
Here a pure and healing fountain flows for you, for me, for all,  
In a full perpetual tide, opened when our Savior died.

Come in sorrow and contrition, wounded, impotent, and blind;  
Here the guilty, free remission, here the troubled, peace may find,  
Your true health it will restore, so that you need thirst no more.

Come with hurts and guilts and meanness, come, however soiled within;  
From the most ingrained uncleanness, from pollution by your sin,  
Wash your robes and make them white; you shall walk with God in light.

Take the life that lasts forever; trust this soul renewing flood.  
God is faithful; God will never break His covenant of blood,  
Signed when our Redeemer died, sealed when He was glorified.

### Psalmody (Psalm 27:1,13-14)

P: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

C: **whom shall I fear?**

P: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

C: **of whom shall I be afraid?**

P: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD

C: **in the land of the living!**

P: Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage;

C: **wait for the LORD!**

### **Confession & Absolution**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Heavenly Father, You have gathered us to hear Your unfailing Word of love and forgiveness.

C: **You feed our faith with priceless treasures of Your grace—Your Holy Word, baptismal waters, and Your life-giving body and blood.**

P: Boundless is Your kindness; righteous is Your power.

C: **We are frequently blinded by our sin in thought, word, and deed. Daily we sin much, and are in great need of Your forgiveness.**

P: In our brokenness, we dare to approach Your throne of grace, pleading for Your mercy.

*(Silence for a time of personal reflection and confession.)*

P: O most merciful God, You gave to us Your holy Law that our sin might be clearly revealed to us.

C: **You have shaped our consciences to recognize right from wrong. Yet, we willingly choose to do what is wrong. For Jesus' sake, have mercy on us. Grant us forgiveness for all our sins and fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may seek after You. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P: As God has revealed the consequences for breaking His law, so also has He revealed the grace of the Gospel. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Therefore as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, forgiving your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### **Hymn of Response: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image***

**LW #100**

On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be; Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

## The First Reading

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Gospel

*Luke 9:28-32*

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup>And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup>who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## Apostles' Creed

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.

## Hymn of the Day: *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

**LW #99**

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain  
Could give the guilty conscience peace or wash away the stain.

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away;  
A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay its hand on that dear head divine  
As penitently here I stand, confessing guilt is mine.

My soul looks back to see the burden you did bear  
When hanging on the cursed tree; I know my guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice and sing His bleeding love.

**Sermon: *For the Joy of the Race Set Before Us***

Pastor Tim Van Natta  
*Prince of Peace in Portland*

**Prayers of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

For courage to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, that we may be obedient to the command of our Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For strength to love others after the pattern of Jesus Christ, that our love may not be self-serving, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world, that it may be faithful to the proclamation of the Gospel for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For our observance of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection, that we may more fully appreciate the great sacrifice of love on our behalf, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who are in need of special gifts from God; the lonely, the ill, the troubled, that they may know the love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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.

## Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Closing Hymn: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LW #361

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee.

## Sending

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.  
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87  
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**On My Heart Imprint Your Image**

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. Peer O. Stromme, 1856-1921, alt.  
Tune: Johann B. König, Harmonischer Liederschatz, 1738  
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**Not All the Blood of Beasts**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
Tune: William Daman, The Psalms of David, 1579  
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**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-78  
Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872  
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