



Midweek Lenten Worship

Prelude

Opening

P Behold now is the acceptable time,

C now is the day of salvation.

P Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C That the light of your face may shine on us.

P May your justice shine like the sun,

C and the poor be lifted up.

Gathering Hymn

February 24 – **ELW 742** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

March 3 – **ELW 324** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

March 10 – **ELW 656** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

March 17 – **ELW 612** *Healer of Our Every Ill (1,4)*

March 24 – **ELW 325** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C Amen.

The Prayer of the Day

P Gracious Creator, you fashioned us in your image in the midst of a world beyond our knowledge and understanding. Continue to weave us together in community with all created things, and deepen our awareness of the ways you connect us to the earth, and to each other. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

The Lessons and Theme

February 24: Mark 4: 35-41 - *Jesus Calms the Seas*

March 3: Mark 6: 6-12 - *The Sending of the 12*

March 10: Mark 6: 35-44 - *The Feeding of the 5000*

March 17: Mark 7: 24-30 - *Healing a Gentile Woman*

March 24: Mark 10: 46-52 - *Healing Blind Bartimaeus*

Hymn of the Day

February 24 – **ELW 755** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

March 3 – **ELW 574** *Here I Am, Lord (1,2)*

March 10 – **ELW 487** *What Feast of Love*

March 17 – **ELW 790** *Day by Day (1,2)*

March 24 – **ELW 512** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

The Prayers

P Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends: Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

at the conclusion of the prayers.... C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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. Amen.

Blessing

P You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Reconciled to God through Christ, remain in God's everlasting peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Weekly Hymns

February 24 – **ELW 742** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged-- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886

February 24 – **ELW 755** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar
twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast,
may I hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818-1888

March 3 – **ELW 324** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872

March 3 – **ELW 574** *Here I Am, Lord* (1,2)

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

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March 10 – **ELW 656** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

March 10 – **ELW 487** *What Feast of Love*

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven?
What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is given!

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March 17 – **ELW 612** *Healer of Our Every Ill (1,4)*

Refrain: Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

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March 17 – **ELW 790** *Day by Day (1,2)*

Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, where at last I'll find eternal rest.

Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow, I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow till in glory I behold your face.

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March 24 – **ELW 325** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual

March 24 – **ELW 512** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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