



LENT MIDWEEK 3

MARCH 4, 2026 | 7:00 PM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

In the Book of Exodus, Moses asks Pharaoh to let God's people go seven times (Ex 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3), and Pharaoh finally does it! When he does, God's salvation is so amazing that the event becomes the Gospel of the Old Testament. Israel's Scriptures mention the exodus 125 times! Throughout the book, God reveals who He is through His absence and His presence, through His silence and His speech, through His wrath and His mercy, and through His judgment and His amazing grace. In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of our Savior Jesus. *Worship Wednesdays in Lent and on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 10 am and 7 pm.*

Our evening services during the Lenten season will follow the form of Evening Prayer. This order of service, usually sung as daylight fades to twilight, begins with the Service of Light. The words and songs in the Service of Light make us mindful of the presence of Jesus Christ among us. He is the Light of the world eager to enlighten us by His Word, which is "a lamp to [our] feet and a light for [our] path" (Psalm 119:105 NIV).

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✝ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN 729 "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

We follow the Service of Evening Prayer, beginning on pp. 243–247 in the hymnal.

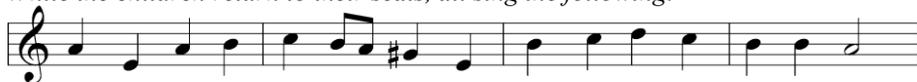
*In Psalm 141, the congregation sings the parts marked **C**;
the vocalist sings the parts marked **I** and **II**.*

We believe, teach, and confess that this [Christian] faith is not a mere knowledge of the stories about Christ. It is instead a gift of God, through which in the Word of the gospel we recognize Christ truly as our redeemer and trust in him, so that solely because of his obedience, by grace, we have the forgiveness of sins, are regarded as godly and righteous by God the Father, and have eternal life.

EPITOME OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD,
ARTICLE III: RIGHTEOUSNESS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

While the children return to their seats, all sing the following:



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS *Exodus 14:1–29; Matthew 11:25–30*

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

After the final reading (*Hebrews 1:1–2a*):

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

G But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

SERMON HYMN 454 “Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle”

SERMON *Let My People Go!*: “Stop Trying and Start Trusting”

HYMN 935 “Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord”

This hymn is a version of the Magnificat (Latin for “magnify”), the Song of Mary, from Luke 1:46–55.

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

Music during the offering:

ANTHEM "Follow Jesus" by Anne Krentz Organ (Third - Fifth Grade Choir)

PRAYER

All may join in singing the hymn one time through between each petition.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me.

After each petition:

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Father in heaven, although You graciously and daily provide for all that we need, we frequently fail to trust Your love and mercy. Awaken our faith so that, all the more, we trust You in every test and temptation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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 Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 702 “May Faith Looks Up to Thee”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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