LENT MIDWEEK 4
MARCH 11, 2026 | 10:00 AM
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*.

P Pastor C **Congregation/All**
✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES *selected verses of Psalm 78 NIV*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
P [God] did miracles in the sight of [the Israelites'] ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.
C **He divided the sea and led them through;**
P he made the water stand up like a wall.
C **He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.**
P He split the rocks in the wilderness
C **and gave them water as abundant as the seas;**
P he brought streams out of a rocky crag
C **and made water flow down like rivers.**

OPENING HYMN 435 *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *adapted from Romans 7:18–25*

P Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death:
C **I know that nothing good lives in me,**
P that is, in my sinful nature.
C **I have the desire to do good,**
P but I cannot carry it out.
C **What I do is not the good I want to do.** ▶

P No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.
C **I find this law at work—**
P when I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
C **In my inner being, I delight in Your law.**
P But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.
C **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**
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.
C **Amen. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Almighty and merciful Father, through Moses You provided water for the people to drink. Quench our spiritual thirst through the One who is greater than Moses, Jesus Christ our Rock and our Redeemer. In His name we pray.
C **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS *Exodus 17:1–7; John 4:5–26*

After each reading:
P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN 425 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

SERMON *Let My People Go!: "Strike the Rock!"*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER

After each petition:
P … let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

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 560 *"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"*

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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