LENT MIDWEEK 4
MARCH 11, 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 435 *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*

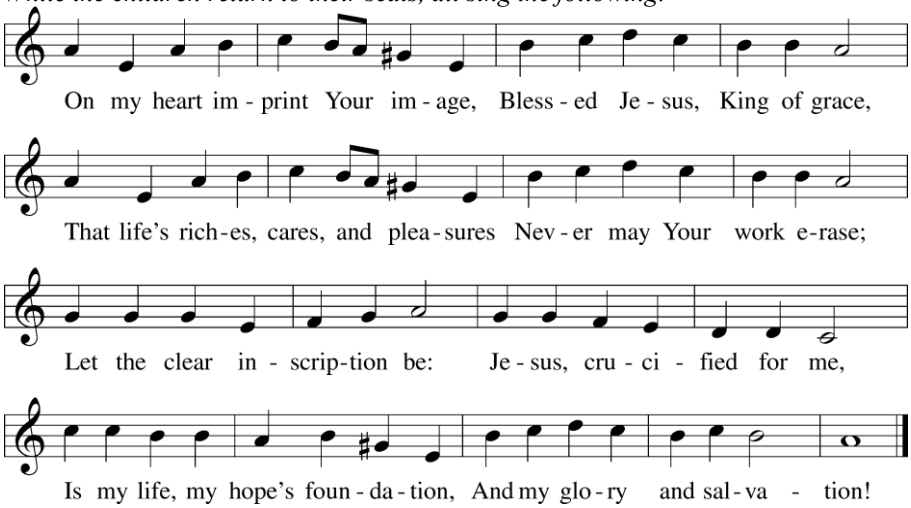
We follow the Service of Evening Prayer, beginning on pp. 243–247 in the hymnal.

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

> Thirsting ones,
> come to the waters,
> says the Lord;
> you without money,
> come and eat, and drink with joy.
>
> AMBROSIAN LITURGY
> IN *A TRIDUUM SOURCEBOOK*, VOL. II, P. 344

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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



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

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **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.

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

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

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

HYMN 935 *"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord"*

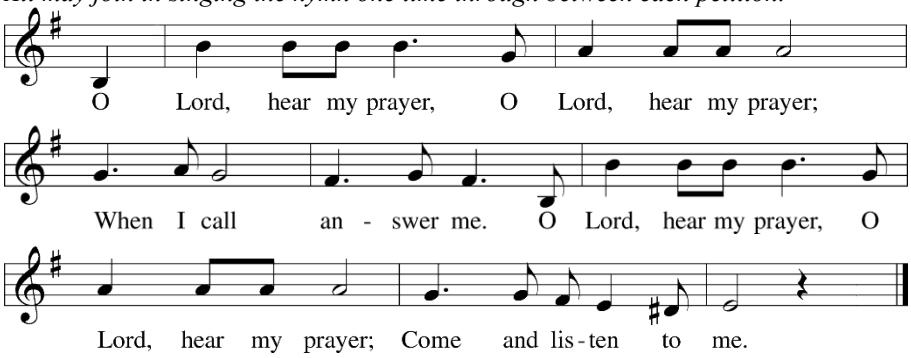
This hymn is a version of the Magnificat *(Latin for "magnify"), the Song of Mary, from Luke 1:46–55.*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER

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



After each petition:

P … let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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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