



Celebrate

Planting Faith ~ Nurturing Hope ~ Sharing God's Love

Fourth Sunday in Lent Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday, March 15 ~ 8:45am



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GATHERING

Gathering Song – “What an Awesome God,” Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham, Richard Mullins

**1. God is great give Him all the praise
Hallelujah Name above all Names
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins
Everywhere His glory on display**

**Take a look at those stars He can name them all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run the angels have to praise
Even the wind and waves obey**

(Chorus 1) **Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love
Our God is an awesome God**

**2. And even when I ran He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross broken for my shame
Sunday morning rose up from that grave**

**Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King
Oh let all the saints and the angels sing *(chorus 1)***

**3. Eyes on the sky there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear no more pain
No more sorrow sin or shame**

**The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done and everything You do
And everything You are I'll sing to You**

(Chorus 2) **My God You're an awesome God
You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You
My God You're an awesome God *(chorus 1 twice)***

(Ending) **Our God is an awesome God
Our God what an awesome God**

Welcome

Call to Worship: Broken and Blessed

Come, all who are weary and broken, for the Lord is near to the brokenhearted.
We bring our shattered lives and fragile hearts, seeking the balm of Gilead.

Come, all who are blessed, for the Lord has given us life, community, and grace.
We bring our gratitude, offering our lives as a living sacrifice.

We are broken, yet we are blessed. We are in need, yet we are filled by the Bread of Life.
Let us worship God together— broken and blessed for a purpose.

+Gathering Song – “This Is Our God,” Brandon Lake, Pat Barrett, Phil Wickham, Steven Furtick

1. Remember those walls that we called sin and shame

**They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now**

**Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now**

(Chorus) **This is our God this is who He is
He loves us
This is our God this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus**

2. Remember that fear that took our breath away

**Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness**

Never once did He fail and He never will (*chorus*)

(Bridge) **Who pulled me out of that pit
He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin
Nobody but Jesus** (*repeat*)

**Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave
Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise
Nobody but Him** (*chorus*)

(Ending) **He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

+Prayer of the Day

+Song of Lent – “Just As I Am (I Come Broken),” Charlotte Elliott, David Moffitt, Sue C. Smith, Travis Cottrell, William Batchelder Bradbury

**1. Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee
O Lamb of God I come I come**

(Chorus) **I come broken to be mended
I come wounded to be healed
I come desperate to be rescued
I come empty to be filled
I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ the Lamb
And I'm welcomed with open arms praise God
Just as I am**

**2. Just as I am I would be lost
But mercy and grace my freedom bought**

**And now to glory in Your cross
O Lamb of God I come I come** (*chorus*)

(Ending) **Just as I am**

WORD

Joyful Noize – “Shine,” Peter Furler & Steve Taylor

Gospel Reading– John 9: 1-41

This is the Good News.
We praise you Lord Jesus.

KidTalk

Sermon

Song of the Day – “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone),” John Newton, Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio

**1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see**

**2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

(Chorus) **My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace**

**3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures** (*chorus*)

**4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me hear below**

**Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine**

+Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

+Prayers of the People

MEAL

+Sharing the Peace

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

Invitation to Offering

Offering Song – "Eye of the Storm," Bryan Fowler, Ryan Dale Stevenson

**(Chorus) In the eye of the storm
You remain in control
In the middle of the war
You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor
When my sails are torn**

**Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm**

**1. When the solid ground is falling out
From underneath my feet
Between the black skies and my red eyes
I can barely see
When I realize I've been let down
By my friends and my family
I can feel the rain reminding me (*chorus*)**

**2. When my hopes and dreams are far from me
And I'm runnin' out of faith
I see the future I picture
Slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache
Are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name (*chorus*)**

(Psalm 23 - Spoken)

**The Lord is my shepherd
I Shall not want
He makes me lie down in green pastures
He leads me beside still waters
He restores my soul
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake
Even though I walk through the darkest valley
I fear no evil for You are with me
Your rod and your staff comfort me**

(Bridge) **When the storm is ragin'
And my hope is gone
When my flesh is failin'
You're still holdin' on (*sing 3 times, chorus*)**

(Ending) **Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm.
Your love surrounds me
In the eye of the storm**

+Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth,

**your steadfast love embraces all creation.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

+Holy Communion

+Setting the Table

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

+Lord's Prayer

**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.**

+Invitation to Communion

Communion Song – “Come to the Table,” Ben McDonald, Dave Frey, Ben Glover

**1. We all start on the outside
The outside looking in
This is where grace begins
We were hungry we were thirsty
With nothing left to give
Oh the shape that we were in**

(Pre-Chorus) **Just when all hope seemed lost
Love opened the door for us He said**

(Chorus) **Come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table**

**2. Come meet this motley crew of misfits
These liars and these thieves
There's no one unwelcome here
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you
You can leave it at the door
And let mercy draw you near *(chorus)***

(Bridge) **To the thief and to the doubter
To the hero and the coward
To the pris'ner and the soldier
To the young and to the older
All who hunger all who thirst
All the last and all the first
All the paupers and the princes
All who've failed you've been forgiven *(chorus)***

(Ending) **Come to the table**

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Announcements

+Sending Song – “This Is Amazing Grace,” Phil Wickam, Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro

**1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings**

**2. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings**

(Chorus) **This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me**

**3. Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory**

**4. Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings *(chorus)***

(Bridge) **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave *(sing 3 times)***

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy, oh *(chorus)***

+Sending

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We will!

Worship Team

Preaching Minister: Pastor Michael Stadtmueller

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Celebrate Band: Gene LeVasseur, Jane Ruud, Toni LeVasseur, Jake Lemme, Denny Gale

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Announcements 03/15/2026

We have two more weeks of Lent worship on Wednesdays, join us at Noon or 6:30pm. We also have a soup & bread lunch following the noon service, and for supper, from 5:00pm-6:15pm.

Join us on Sunday, March 15th at 10am in the Friendship room as we learn more about Charis Ministry Partner's programs: Food to You and Necessities for Neighbors. This is a powerful outreach that reflects our care for our neighbors in our community.

If you would like to purchase an Easter plant in memory or in honor of someone special in your life, please stop by the Welcome Center or Church Office to sign up. The cost is \$15, and your name and the person you are honoring will appear in the bulletins on Easter. The plants will be on display during our worship services on Easter Sunday and can be taken home after that. Orders are due by March 25th.

Our next new member class will have two sessions, Sunday, April 19th and Sunday, April 26th, at 10:00am. Please call the church office to sign up!

VBS Volunteer Kick-Off Meeting | Join us at 6:30 PM on March 23 if you love kids and Jesus! This meeting is open to anyone interested in helping with VBS, including behind-the-scenes roles.

OSL is excited to share that we are part of the Thrivent Choice® approved non-profit list. If you are a Thrivent Member, please consider directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to help and support OSL. All 2025 Thrivent Choice dollars expire March 31, 2026.

The Lenten "Recent Loss Series" will be held March 4, 11, & 18 from 5pm-6pm in the Chapel. For those of you who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, this series helps you understand and work through the feelings of grief and loss. Sign up at the Church Office if you plan to attend.

Palm Sunday Donkey Update! We've found a donkey for Palm Sunday (March 29)! Now we're looking for a livestock trailer to help transport our special guest to and from church. If you can help, please contact the church office or Madeline.

Please join us in welcoming Pam Cole, Executive Director of Bread Break who will speak between services on March 22 at 10am in the Friendship Room. This event is sponsored by the Creation Care Team Ministry to discuss the important stewardship of our abundant food resources.

Thursday, March 26th, the OSL Library presents an evening with Tanner Castera at 7:00pm in the Celebrate Center, featuring his book: Stig and the Rise of South Dakota State Football. Mark Ovenden, sports broadcaster, will be moderating this book event with SDSU coach Stig & author Tanner Castera as we get to learn more about Coach Stig's legacy and life!

Beyond the Books: A Literary Celebration is April 24–25, 2026. We have four authors lined up: Allen Eskens, Lorna Landvik, Stu Whitney, & Paul LaRoche. Tickets are on sale now!

The OSL Foundation has invited SD Synod Lutheran Planned Generosity director, Kathy McHenry to be with us on Sunday, April 12th, offering sessions on estate planning and charitable gifts. These sessions will be at 10:00 a.m. and noon in the Friendship Room.

Vacation Bible School registration is now open for kids and volunteers! Join us as we explore the *Nature of God*. VBS is open to current 3-year-olds (potty trained) through 5th grade. Middle and high school students are invited to sign up as guides. Contact Madeline for more information.

Our Savior's is excited to host the Augustana Bach Collegium's spring performance. It will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, performing none other than the "Mass in B Minor." Tickets are available through Augustana's website.

Palm Sunday is coming soon, and we need your help to make the celebration special! We are looking for volunteers (not just Sunday school parents) to help with several roles throughout the morning, including assisting with the Palm Parade, helping guide students, and supporting the festivities. If you are willing to lend a hand, please contact Madeline.

The Study or Serve Award (SOSA) is available to support youth and adults participating in faith-based opportunities, including Lutheran Summer Bible Camp and more! Applications will be reviewed on March 31st, so please submit yours before then. Contact Madeline for more details!

All 5th graders and their families are invited to a special Agape Meal on Wednesday, April 1st from 6–8 pm. A letter and book with more information will be mailed this week. If you do not receive a letter or book by next week, please contact Madeline.

As we go through Lent, we acknowledge that all is not well with everyone. If you (or someone you know) are experiencing loss of any form or any other type of stress in life, consider requesting a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will listen to your concerns and provide confidential, non-judgmental, one-to-one care. Just contact Pr. Tim.