

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
Third Wednesday in Lent
Worship Service
March 16, 2022 • 6:30 p.m.



GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

* Singing Bowl

Silence is kept for reflection.

* Gathering Song

“I Believe, I Do Believe”

Refrain:

**I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.
I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it, truly I believe it, truly I believe it.**

Verse:

**I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator.
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator, mighty Lord Creator. [Refrain]**

Verse:

**I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people.
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people, Savior of the people, Savior of the people. [Refrain]**

Verse:

**And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit.
And I do believe in the power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit, power of the Spirit. [Refrain]**

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* Opening

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Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.
Let your light scatter the darkness
and illumine your church.
Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.
Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine on us.
May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

* **Lenten Canticle**

Verse:

**All this pain. I wonder if I’ll ever find my way;
I wonder if my life could really change ... at all.**

Verse:

**All this earth. Could all that is lost ever be found;
Could a garden come up from this ground ... at all?**

Refrain:

**You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things, You make beautiful things out of us.**

Verse:

**All around hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos, life is being found ... in You.**

Refrain (Twice)

Bridge (Twice):

**You make me new, You are making me new.
You make me new, You are making me new.**

Refrain (Twice)

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* **Prayer of the Day**

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have graciously protected us today.
We ask you to forgive us all our sins,
where we have done wrong,
and graciously to protect us tonight.
Into your hands we commend ourselves:
our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours.
Let your holy angels be with us.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Lesson for the Day

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Meditation

Pastor Tim

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

* **Prayers of Intercession**

Petition response Leader: ... Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

* **Lord's Prayer**

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.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

* **Blessing**

Almighty God,
the Father, ✝ the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve us.
Amen.

* **Hymn**

“Lord, I Need You”

Verse:

**Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.**

Refrain:

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.**

Verse:

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.**

Refrain X2

Tag:

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* **Postlude**



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