

# St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

Fourth Wednesday in Lent

Worship Service

March 23, 2022 • 6:30 p.m.



## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

### \* Singing Bowl

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

### \* Gathering Song

Verse:

**God our Father, King of heaven, let your kingdom come.  
On the earth as in your heaven, let your will be done.**

Verse:

**Ev'rything we need you've given; bread for ev'ry day.  
In your mercy we're forgiven, may we show your grace.**

Refrain:

**Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.  
Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done.**

Verse:

**Lead us not into temptation, help us walk your ways.  
Lord, deliver us from evil, hear us as we pray.**

Refrain:

**Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.  
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.**

Bridge:

**For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours,  
Now and forever, forevermore. x3**

Refrain:

**Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.  
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.  
Let your kingdom come, let your will be done.**

**“God Our Father, King of Heaven”**

\* **Opening**

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 Canticale**

“Beautiful Things”

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**

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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

Matthew 6:7-12

*Jesus said ...*

7 "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 "Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

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

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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