

LENT 2025

# AWAKEN OUR SENSES

ABIDING SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **Mid-Week Lenten Worship**

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Wednesday, April 9, 2025

4 PM & 6:30 PM

*Touch*

*Jesus' Outstretched Hands of Love*

Pastor Lisa Engen

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Wake Now My Senses and Hear the Earth Call, verse 1*  
(tune of *Be Thou My Vision, ELW 793*)

**Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;  
feel the deep power of being in all;  
keep, with the web of creation your vow,  
giving, receiving as love shows us how.**

P Come, let us gather together to experience the fullness of God's creation through our senses.

**C We come ready to embrace the wonders of God through taste, sound, sight, smell, and touch.**

P With our mouths, we taste the goodness of creation and we come to be fed by God. Let us open our mouths to taste and see that God is good.

**C We come to taste and be nourished by God.**

P With our ears, we hear the sounds of life—the melodies of nature, the harmony of voices raised in praise. Let us open our ears to hear God's voice.

**C We come to listen and be heard by God.**

P With our eyes, we see the beauty of the world around us. Let us open our eyes to see God's work in every corner of the earth.

**C We come to see and be seen by God.**

P With our noses, we breathe in the scents of God's creation. Let us open our senses to the sweet smell of God's presence.

**C We come to smell and be refreshed by God.**

P With our hands, we touch the variety of textures that connect us to God and one another. Let us open our hands to feel God's love in every touch.

C **We come to touch and be touched by God.**

P Come, let us worship together using our senses to experience the boundless love of God.

C **Thanks be to God! Amen**

*Wake Now My Senses and Hear the Earth Call*  
**Wake, now, my senses, and hear the earth call;  
feel the deep power of being in all;  
keep, with the web of creation your vow,  
giving, receiving as love shows us how.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God incarnate,

C **You have given us a sense of touch to experience the world you made with such creative diversity, and to give and receive care. Open our minds and our hearts to receive the gifts you have for us, and teach us to share these gifts with the world. Amen.**

### **SENSING THE WORD OF GOD** *(please be seated)*

*Open Our Eyes*  
**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

### **Matthew 8:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him; <sup>2</sup>and there was a leper who came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup>He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

## **MEDITATION**

*Jesus' Outstretched Hands of Love*

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*Open Our Eyes (please remain seated)*

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

**To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus**

## **\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

*Ushers will come around and collect your offering today. During the offering time, children are invited to bring forward an offering of dollar bills and loose change to the globe on the front of the altar area. All the offerings received in the globe go to support our Companion Congregation in Makungu, Tanzania. Adults are encouraged to give their spare change to the children around them to be brought forward.*

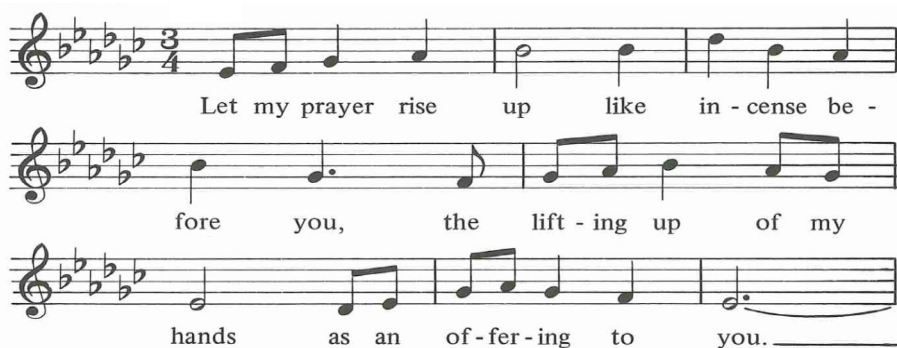
## **\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray,

**C** God of great abundance, As we bring our gifts before you, we offer not just our material blessings but our whole selves. May these offerings reflect the fullness of our gratitude and devotion for your greatness. Bless these offerings, O Lord, and bless the hearts of those who give, that through our senses and our service, we may experience your glory as well as glorify you by reflecting your grace and generosity with the world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

## \*PRAYERS

*After each prayer petition and the Lord's Prayer the refrain will be repeated.*



**THE 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. *(Repeat refrain above)*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*CLOSING SONG

*God, We Sense Your Peace and Power (Touch)*  
Written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
(tune of *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*, ELW 807)  
*Verses 1 & 3*

**God, we sense your peace and power  
In this place we love so much.  
We are moved by gentle fragrance;  
We are blessed by healing touch.  
In these pews we hear the gospel;  
We see life beyond compare.  
Here we gather at your table,  
Tasting love in meals we share.**

God, your gift of touch can heal us  
Through a hug or kind embrace.  
When we share the peace you give us,  
It can change us, by your grace.  
When we offer prayers for healing,  
Laying hands on those in need,  
By your loving, gentle caring,  
Those who hurt are blessed and freed.

**\*SENDING**

P Go in peace, open to the presence of Christ all around you.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

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*Tune: John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813*

*("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing") [\(MIDI\)](#)*

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*Holden Evening Prayer*

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## THIS WEEK IN THE LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION

### WEDNESDAY | 04/09

Lenten worship // 4pm  
Soup supper // 4:45—6:15pm  
POWER Up // 5:30-6:35 pm  
Lenten worship // 6:30pm  
Adult choir // 7:15pm

### FRIDAY | 04/11

OFFICE CLOSED

Jim Martin visitation // 1:30pm  
Jim Martin funeral // 2:30pm

### THURSDAY | 04/10

Work crew // 9am  
Women's Bible study // 10am  
Jane Dierks visitation // 10am  
Jane Dierks funeral // 11am  
Jubilation ringers // 7pm

### SATURDAY | 04/12

### SUNDAY | 04/13 | Palm Sunday

Sunday school and fellowship // 9am  
Palm Sunday worship with drama "Watch the Lamb" // 10am  
Easter brass ensemble practice // following worship  
Service event and lunch // following worship

## NOTES & REFLECTIONS

*Please use this space to take notes and reflect on the worship service and the sermon.*

Questions for possible reflection:

- What message of faith did you hear today in worship today?
- How can you live out that message of faith in your daily life this week?

## Pastoral and Musical Staff

*Pastor*

Rev. Dr. Ryan D. Brodin

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*Organist*

Janelle Schauer

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If you are in need of a church home, we invite you to  
worship at Abiding Savior Lutheran Church.

*You Are Welcome Here!*

### **Lenten Worship Service Schedule**

Wednesdays | Weekly Lenten Services | 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

April 17th | Maundy Thursday | 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

April 18th | Good Friday | 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

*6:30 PM services will be available “Live”  
via our Facebook page and*



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