

April 26, 2026

*This is the day that the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Psalm 118:24

**Prelude**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

No. 283

**Announcements**

**Introit**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

No. 417

**\*Call to Worship**

John 12:31–32

“Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*We Gather Together*

No. 415

**\*Prayer of Invocation & Adoration**

**Reading of the Law**

Ex. 20:3

(Pew pg. 61/LP pg. 76)

## **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and most merciful Father, we come before you with humble and contrite hearts, for we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We confess the sins of commission — the pride, the anger, the envy, the faithless words, and the disordered loves that have ruled our hearts this week — for we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. We confess also the sins of omission — the mercies we withheld, the truths we did not speak, the neighbors we did not love, the poor we did not remember, and Christ's kingdom we did not seek first — for whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. We have not loved you with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Yet we do not despair, O Lord, for you have laid on Him the iniquity of us all, and the blood of Jesus your Son cleanses us from all sin. We flee to Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow; create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; and grant that we may walk henceforth in the newness of life, to the glory of your holy name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## **\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

*Lamb, Precious Lamb*

No. 353

## **Scripture Reading**

Ex. 2:11-25

(Pew pg. 45/LP pg. 57)

**Q. 91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?**

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

**Prayer of Intercession**

**Offering**

**\*Doxology**

No. 567

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 245

## Sermon

*Man of Sorrows: From Depths to Dawn*  
Lamentations 3 (Pew pg. 688/LP pg. 864)

1. Total Darkness (vv. 1-20)
2. Turning Toward Hope (21-33)
3. Sovereign Reminders (34-39)
4. Repentant Return (40-66)

## Questions:

1. What does the word 'geber' mean? How is it used in the context of Lamentations 3? Where does it point us and how?
2. How does a 'theology of waiting' shape our Christian character? Is it always unpleasant? Explain.
3. What does it look like when one moves from simply saying that God is sovereign to actually believing it? Can you share an example of this from your own life?
4. The fruits of repentance look different for all of us. Zaccheus for example expressed it by repaying everyone 7x what he had stolen, but this is not prescriptive for all, but unique to him. What does corporate repentance look like as a church, practically speaking? Are there right ways and wrong ways of approaching it? Be ready to explain your answers.



**Weekly Calendar**

<b>SUN 4/26</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5 PM	<b>Sunday School Worship AM Service Worship PM Service</b>
<b>WED 4/29</b>	1-3 PM 6-8 PM	<b>ANEW Packing Party ANEW Packing Party</b>
<b>THURS 4/30</b>	9:30 AM 11 AM	<b>Women's Morning Study Viking Luncheon (All Welcome)</b>
<b>FRI 5/1</b>	6PM	<b>Youth Event</b>
<b>SAT 5/2</b>		<b>Spring Cleaning Day</b>
<b>SUN 5/3</b>	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5 PM	<b>Sunday School Worship AM Service Worship PM Service</b>

**Serving the Lord**

	4/26/26	5/3/26	5/10/26
Nursery During Sunday School	Karen Carleton	Curtis Family	Kelli Stagl
Nursery During AM Service	Nick Bako & Calla Bailey	Kathleen Gretzinger & Cassy Erickson	Lorrie Martin & Nora Jones
Nursery During PM Service	Kathleen Gretzinger	Grace Martin	Kathleen Gretzinger
Greeters	Judy Rogers	Charmaine McEwan	Robbin Kern
Treats/ Clean	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk	Welcome Desk
Audio	Joel Tummond	Ed Ross	Ben Armstrong
Elder	Yon Lindborg	Andrew Gretzinger	Yon Lindborg
Deacon	Jason Lash	Ed Ross	Nick Jones
Communion Prep	N/A	Jim Martin	N/A

## Announcements

\* **Local Ministry Service Opportunity:** On Wednesday April 29, ANEW Ministries will be hosting two "packing parties" at Good Shepherd where we help pack boxes with small gifts and encouraging notes for pregnant women/new young mothers. There will be an afternoon party for the April PM Care Group meeting and an evening party - you can choose which time to attend. Please sign up on the welcome desk or talk to Deanna Curtis.

\* **Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called for the annual meeting of the congregation to be held Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the church building. The purpose of this meeting is to receive, review, and discuss committee reports, to (re)elect church officers, to discuss the general health and future of our church, and to promote the ministries of the church carried out through committees.

\* **Baseball Game:** Friday, May 29th we are going to head up to a Chicago White Sox game. Limited transportation is provided, but if you want to drive separately that is okay too. Be sure to sign up by May 10 in the foyer. Tix are only \$10/per person.

\* **Potluck Dinner:** Potluck Dinner May 17 after church. We will be having a potluck dinner, Sunday, May 17 after church. There will be a short presentation about the summer mission trip to Joni & Friends during this meal. We will provide the made course, but would ask that you bring a side dish and/or a dessert. Sign up for your side dish at the welcome desk.

\* **Summer Mission Trip:** Joni & Friends Family Camps minister to people with disabilities and their families every year. We have a small group of older teenagers and parents embarking this summer to serve for a week in August. Please pray for them.

# EVENING WORSHIP

5:00 p.m.

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**Prelude**

**Call to Worship**

+Hymn 496 ..... “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

+Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading.....Psalm 57

+Hymn ..... “Psalm 57”

Prayer of Intercession.....Elder led

Reading of God’s Word ..... Col. 4:7-18

Preaching of God’s Word.....Andrew Gretzinger

+Hymn 456 ..... “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

+Benediction

\*Doxology..... No. 567

**Postlude**

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+The congregation will stand at these time