

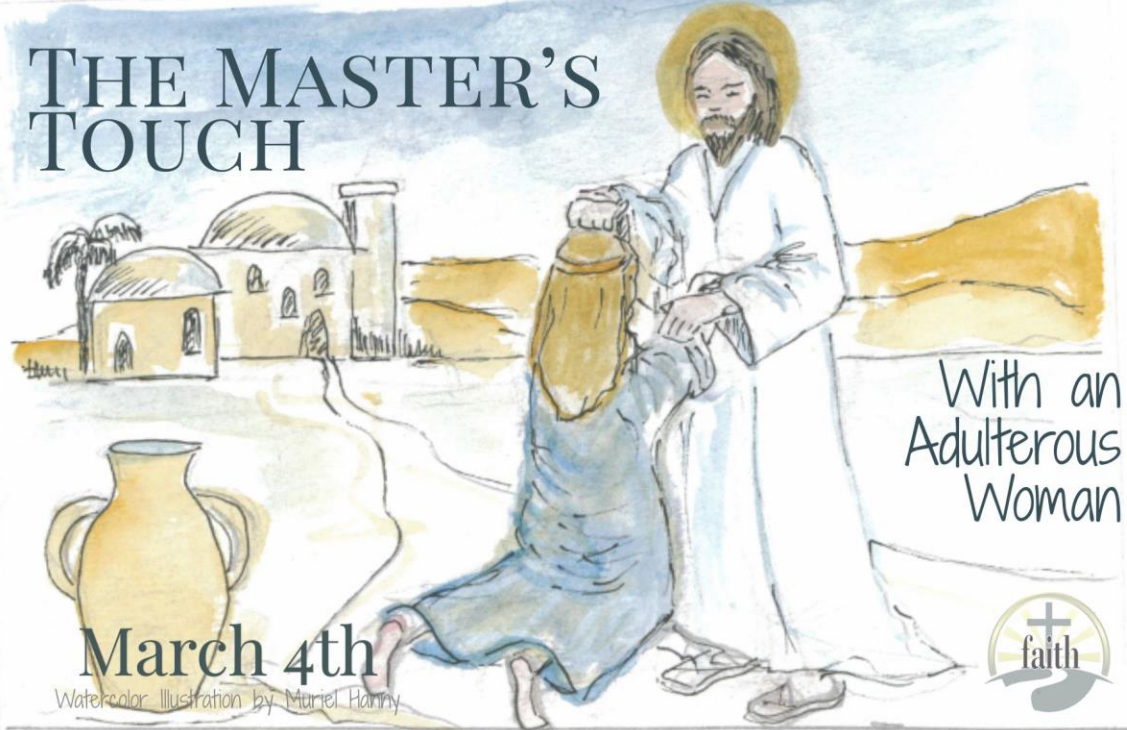


FAITH

Lutheran Church

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THE MASTER'S TOUCH



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With an
Adulterous
Woman



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AS WE GATHER

The Law of the Lord is given for the good of His people. When we follow the Law of the Lord, as we see in the Scriptures, things go well for us - not perfectly, but better. When we choose not to follow the Law of the Lord, there are both natural consequences and punishments prescribed by the Lord in the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 17:5). Again, it is for this reason that the Master, Jesus, was sent to us. When those who serve the Lord pay no attention to His Law, they shame themselves, and the truth is not in them. We must be certain to first examine ourselves before we think to judge others.

WALK THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Throughout this holy season of Lent, we gather as a church family to follow our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the road to the cross and the empty tomb. In both our Weekend and Wednesday worship, we fix our eyes on Christ - who calls, heals, forgives and saves. We invite you to take part in both series, making worship part of your Lenten discipline this year and bringing a neighbor or friend to walk this journey with you, as together we prepare our hearts to rejoice in the victory of Easter.

THE MASTER'S TOUCH

Wednesday Lenten Worship Series • 5:00 PM

In this midweek series, we follow Christ as He meets people in mercy and truth, bringing healing, forgiveness, and life through His Word.

Following worship, join us in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and fellowship.

2026 Lenten Wednesday Worship Schedule

With a Religious Leader • With a Widow • With the Blind

With the Disciples • With the World

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ... ?

Weekend Lenten Worship Series • Saturdays 5:00 PM | Sundays 9:30 AM

Our weekend Lenten series explores powerful themes in Christ's saving work, revealing His obedience, suffering and victory over sin and death for us.

2026 Lenten Weekend Worship Schedule

Thirst • Light • Life • Triumph • Darkness • Joy • Power

✠ WORSHIP SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

Children of the Heavenly Father

LUYH 12

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: O LORD my God,

C: I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: and forget not all his benefits,

P: who forgives all your iniquity,

C: who heals all your diseases,

P: who redeems your life from the pit,

C: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: who satisfies you with good

C: so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P: O LORD my God,

C: I will give thanks to you forever!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: While we would like to think of ourselves as grateful, joyful and blessed, we admit that our lives do not live up to the perfect standard God expects. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him, confessing our shortcomings and sins.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we have committed sins of greed, jealousy and selfishness. We have coveted the things of others, money, position, health,

and even family and friends. We have sinned against them and You in thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us, Lord. Forgive us, renew our gratefulness, and lead us out of greedy selfishness. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation.

P: Almighty God, in His generous mercy, has given His Son to die and rise for you. On account of Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the grave, God has forgiven us all. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We are generously forgiven and joyfully restored.

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 17:2-7, 22:22

"If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant, and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden, and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones. On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness. The hand of the witnesses shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So you shall purge the evil from your midst."

"If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel."

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John 8:1-11

They went each to his own house, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat

down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

P: *O Lord, have mercy on us.*

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea

LSB 570

SERMON

The Master's Touch - With an Adulterous Woman

OFFERING

KYRIE

P: *Lord, have mercy.*

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: *Lord, have mercy.*

PRAYERS

P: *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

P: *Lord Jesus Christ, by Your death on the cross, You forgive the sins of all people. Help us to have compassion on others and reflect Your generous love to them, for all people are created in Your image. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,*

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, give us the strength to forgive others as You have forgiven us. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, embolden us to be generous with all the good gifts You have given us. Prevent us from any greed or dishonesty that would harm others and be a poor reflection upon You. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, instill in us a love for the poor that is not rooted in our superiority over them or in some vain hope of making ourselves feel better. Rather, teach us how to love in true humility and service. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, we pray for the leaders of this nation and of all the nations throughout the world, that Your wisdom would be upon them for the health and welfare of all people. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, we pray for all Christians throughout the world. As we all follow You on whatever journeys You send us, remind us that we are united with You and with all who follow You by Baptism into Your death and resurrection. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, be near to all those who are sick, injured, and recovering, in our family and the community we serve. Give them Your healing and patience. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord, send comfort and hope to all those who grieve. Grant that the power of Your resurrection to eternal life shines through the darkness of grief. O Master, let Your hand be upon us,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528



JESUS SHOWS MERCY In the Bible, some people brought a woman to Jesus. They wanted Him to punish her for doing something wrong. They were ready to point fingers and say, "She messed up!"

But Jesus did something surprising.

He told the crowd, "Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone." One by one, they walked away. Jesus reminded them that everyone makes mistakes.

Then Jesus spoke kindly to the woman. He did not ignore her sin, but He showed her mercy. He told her to go and live a better life.

This story teaches us something important: Before we judge others, we should look at our own hearts. We all need forgiveness. And Jesus gives that forgiveness freely.

AT THE CROSS In today's Bible story, people picked up stones because they wanted to judge someone else. But Jesus reminded them that everyone has sinned.

On one of the stones, write or draw something you want Jesus to forgive. Then color the cross above the stones. The cross reminds us that Jesus takes away our sin and gives us mercy instead of punishment.

LET'S PRAY Dear Jesus, Help me to look at my own heart first. Thank You for forgiving me and giving me a fresh start. Amen.

ONE SENTENCE TO REMEMBER

Jesus forgives me, so I can forgive others.

