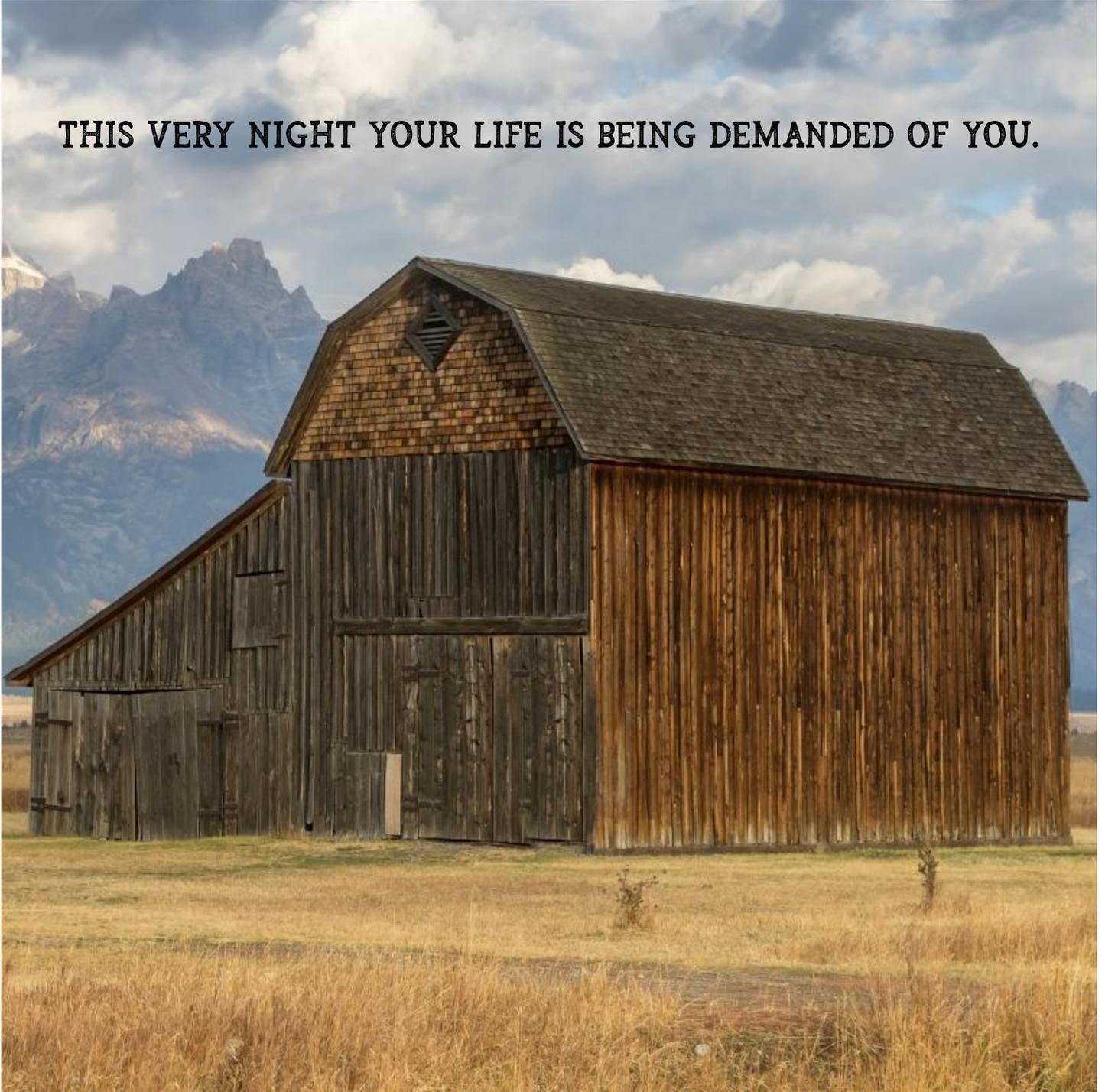




THIS VERY NIGHT YOUR LIFE IS BEING DEMANDED OF YOU.



In the order of service,

words spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the congregation are in boldface type.

Out of the Wilderness to Bath and Table

GREED AND POWER

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

GATHERING

The congregation gathers at the baptismal font.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we pray to you
because you were tempted like us.

You were offered everything
in the wilderness,
yet you did not submit.

**In the wilderness of life,
we are tempted
by riches,
by power,
by material idols,
yet, unlike you,
we often succumb to temptation.**

In the wilderness,
you saw the lies of a material world
and you stood firm against the deceiver.

You put your trust in God
to guide you through the danger.

**In the wilderness of life,
we yield to temptation.**

**We think we have to have
more and more
riches,
power,
things.**

We put our trust in idols that deceive.

Help us to see that true riches
are not material things or power.

True riches are God's love and grace.

True riches are God's forgiveness and eternal life.

**Forgive in us what has gone wrong,
repair in us what is wasted,
reveal in us what is good,
restore in us the grace to forgive
as we are forgiven.**

Lead us from the parched wilderness to the Bath of living water,
lead us from the wilderness of want to your Table of Grace.

Nourish us with your body and blood
that we could ever embrace
your word,
your love,
your forgiveness.

From Wilderness to Bath to Table:
our life's journey
in the company of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The congregation returns to their seats,
while singing "O God, We Call."*

“O GOD, WE CALL”

Sing three times.

O God, we call, O God, we call, from

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a melody with notes for 'O', 'God,', 'we', 'call,', 'O', 'God,', 'we', 'call,', and 'from'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has notes for 'deep in - side we yearn,', 'from deep in - side we yearn,', and 'from'. The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

deep in - side we yearn for you.

The third system of music concludes the phrase. The treble staff has notes for 'deep in - side we yearn for you.' with a long note for 'you.' The bass staff continues with harmonic support.

PRAYER OF THE EVENING

Let us pray.

A brief silence.

Eternal God,

**your kingdom has broken into our troubled world
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.**

**Yet, in the wilderness of sin we turn from the treasures
of your kingdom to follow the worldly riches of greed and power.**

**Help us to know that true riches are grace and love
for you and our neighbor.**

**Lead us out of the wilderness that we may bring
the treasure of your saving love to fruition in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

“TO THE BATH AND TABLE”

Sing three times.

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains two phrases, labeled 'A' and 'B'. The second staff contains a phrase labeled 'C'. The lyrics are: 'To the bath and the ta - ble, to the prayers and the word, come, ev - ery seek - ing soul.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final long note on 'soul.' followed by a horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 17:5-11

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. Like the partridge hatching what it did not lay, so are all who amass wealth unjustly; in mid-life it will leave them, and at their end they will prove to be fools.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

GOSPEL DRAMA

“The Rich Fool”

“WAIT FOR THE LORD”

Sing three times.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Wait for the Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The piano accompaniment features chords and single notes, with a final chord marked with a double bar line and a fermata.

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

MESSAGE

Pastor Briana Merkle.

A TIME OF SILENCE

“WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER”



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

OFFERING

Our offering tonight is given to the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) "Crisis in Ukraine" fund. All gifts given this evening will be matched by LWR up to \$422,000.

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OFFERTORY • "O LORD, I WORSHIP YOU"



1. O Lord, I wor-ship you, and hon - or you; my emp - ty hands I
2. You are the one who came and dared for me. When I was down, you
3. O Lord, I wor-ship you, and hon - or you; my emp - ty hands I



lift to you. I speak your prais - es all the day _____ be - cause I
cared for me. You made an en - e - my a friend _____ be - cause you
lift to you. I speak your prais - es all the day _____ be - cause I



love you. With just my sim - ple song just I
love me. So I will make my life an
love you. With just my sim - ple song just I



sing to you, my sim - ple life I bring to you. I will
of - fer - ing and share your love, that more may sing sim - ple
sing to you, my sim - ple life I bring to you. I will



stay with you al - ways. _____ You are my Lord. _____
songs of grate - ful joy: _____ "You are my Lord." _____
stay with you a - ways. _____ You are my Lord. _____

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On our Lenten journey through the wilderness to Bath and Table,
returning to the Lord with all our heart,
let us pray for the whole people of God, the earth,
and all who cry out for healing.

A brief silence.

At the conclusion of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear us, according to your steadfast love, O God,
and in your great compassion
bring us out of the wilderness to Bath and Table
that we may walk with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING • “GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN”



God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



put un-fail - ing arms a - round you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

“FROM THE WATER TO WILDERNESS”

1. From the wa - ter to wild - er - ness,
2. Je - sus' tri - al is but our own.
3. Give us cour - age to walk this path.

4
from the wa - ter to wild - er - ness,
Je - sus' tri - al is but our own.
Give us cour - age to walk this path.

8
goes our Sa - vior to be tempt - ed,
Ho - ly Spi - rit, ne - ver leave us.
We are pil - grims on a jour - ney.

12
from the wa - ter to wild - er - ness.
Je - sus' tri - al is but our own.
Give us cour - age to walk this path.

SENDING

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

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4/10 • Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

We begin our Holy Week journey toward the Cross and Resurrection.

4/14 • Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday worship at 7:00 p.m.

Absolution, foot washing, Holy Communion, Last Supper of our Lord.

4/15 • Good Friday

Good Friday worship at 7:00 p.m.

Meditations upon the Cross and Christ crucified.

4/16 • Easter Vigil

Easter Vigil worship at 7:00 p.m.

From darkness to light in stories of God's presence in salvation history.

4/17 • Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday worship at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Proclamation of the joy-filled hope of the Resurrection.