

Seedlings 🌱 : "When what was made has been unmade
The Maker comes to His work..." ---Wendell Berry



*At start of spring I open a trench
in the ground. I put into it
the winter's accumulation of paper,
pages I do not want to read
again, useless words, fragments,
errors. And I put into it
the contents of the outhouse:
light of the sun, growth of the ground,
finished with one of their journeys.
To the sky, to the wind, then,
and to the faithful trees, I confess
my sins: that I have not been happy
enough, considering my good luck;
have listened to too much noise;
have been inattentive to wonders;
have lusted after praise.
And then upon the gathered refuse
of mind and body, I close the trench,
folding shut again the dark,
the deathless earth. Beneath that seal
the old escapes into the new.*

"A Purification" by Wendell Berry. Text as published in *New Collected Poems*
(Counterpoint, 2012).



**Ash Wednesday and the Forty Days of Lent
begin tomorrow, March 5th, 7:15 p.m.**

There Will Come Soft Rains

**by Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds;
poem by Sarah Teasdale.**

**You may listen by clicking on the link above or
[HERE](#) .**



There Will Come Soft Rains

Sara Teasdale 1884 – 1933 (War Time)

***There will come soft rains and the smell of the ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;***

***And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild plum trees in tremulous white,***

***Robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;***

***And not one will know of the war, not one
Will care at last when it is done.***

***Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree
If mankind perished utterly;***

***And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn,
Would scarcely know that we were gone.***

From *The Language of Spring*, edited by Robert Atwan, published by Beacon Press, 2003.

**Lenten Vespers, Holden Setting
will be sung every Wednesday
evening at 7:15 p.m.
during the weeks of Lent
preceded by a supper of soup and
bread
beginning at 6:30 p.m.**



**Midweek Evening Prayer in Lent
2025
“Holden Vespers”**

Sensing the Gospel: Meditations for Lent

First Week, Wednesday, March 12th

“Touch”: Luke 7:11-15

Touch That Soothes and Heals (ACS 939)

Second Week, Wednesday, March 19th

“Sight”: Mark 8:22-25

Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

Third Week, Wednesday, March 26th

“Taste”: John 2:1-10

Taste and See (ELW 493)

Fourth Week, Wednesday, April 2nd

“Hearing”: John 5:25-29

Listen, God Is Calling (ELW 513)

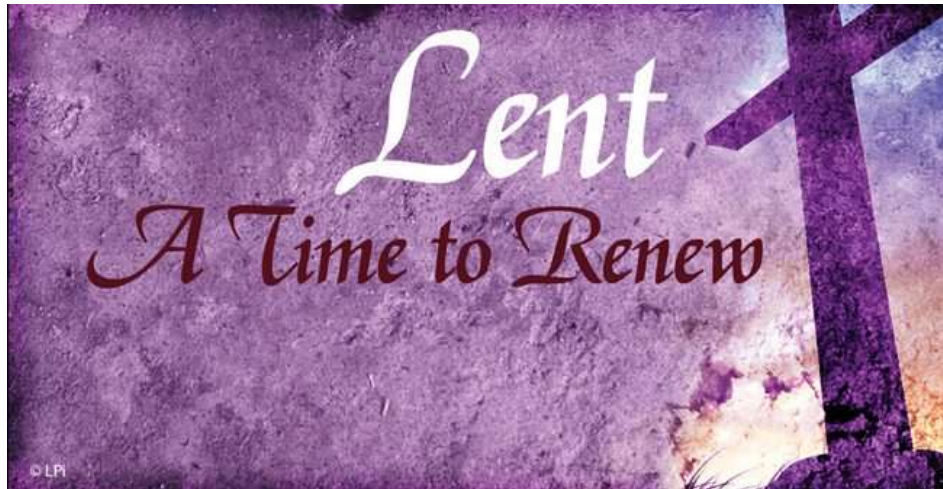
Fifth Week, Wednesday, April 9th

“Smell”: John 12:1-3

O Spirit All-Embracing (ACS 944)

The readings for the Evening Prayer liturgies are entitled Sensing the Gospel: Meditations for Lent by Matthew L. Skinner who is Professor of New Testament at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA), he also serves as the Scholar for Adult Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.

The offerings received during evening prayer are given in the spirit of the Lenten discipline of almsgiving for people in need through Lutheran World Relief.



**Supper hosts may sign up on the list
posted at the lower west entrance to
the dining hall
or please leave a voicemail message
in the church office box at 708-442-
5250
or send an email message to the
office.**



**Stevenson High School Baroque Ensemble
and Viol Consort**

**in concert at Sts. Peter and Paul
on Sunday, March 9th, 2 p.m.**

*CORRECTION: The time of the concert was incorrectly
publicized in the previous issue of the "Seedlings"
newsletter. **The concert time is 2 p.m.** and not 3 p.m.*



You may read more about the Consort [HERE](#) .

Piano and Violin Studios Recital



**Sunday, March 16th, 1 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Students of Jane Lauritsen and Kristine Boike**

Call Process, Stage 2 of 5



The Congregation Council is now compiling the "assessment" materials for Stage 2 of the five-stage call process for a pastor. If at any time during these stages you are willing to assist in any way or you are called upon to serve, please be open to these opportunities to care for the congregation with your prayerful openness and willingness to say "Yes!" to the requests which may come from council members and officers. For more information about this process you may click on the link [HERE](#) . To see where the Council is in Stage 2, as well as what needs to be done by the middle of March, you may open the following file:



In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

"You have heard that it was said..."

A reading used in worship on the Seventh Sunday of Epiphany, February 23rd:



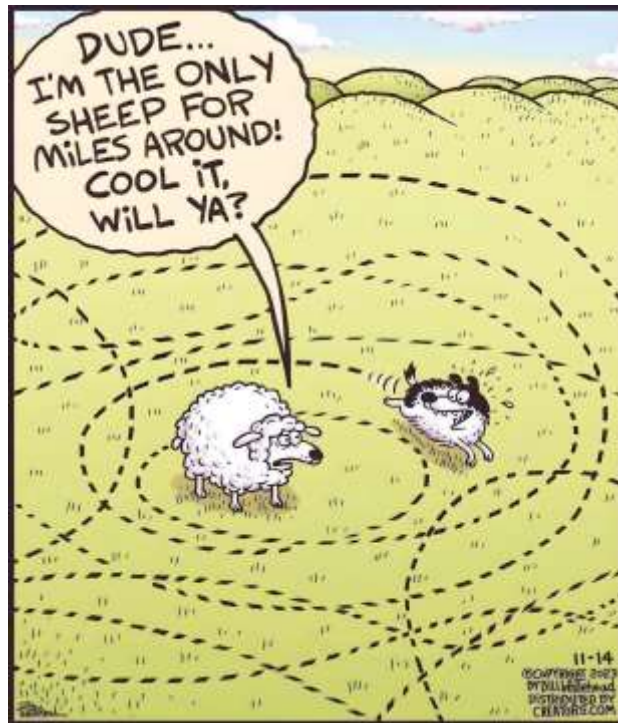
A Lenten Poem

by Wendell Berry, 1985

*A gracious Sabbath stood here while they stood
Who gave our rest a haven.
Now fallen, they are given
To labor and distress.
These times we know much evil, little good*

*To steady us in faith
And comfort when our losses press
Hard on us, and we choose,
In panic or despair or both,
To keep what we will lose.*

*For we are fallen like the trees, our peace
Broken, and so we must
Love where we cannot trust,
Trust where we cannot know,
And must await the wayward-coming grace
That joins living and dead,
Taking us where we would not go—
Into the boundless dark.
When what was made has been unmade
The Maker comes to His work.*





*For waters break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water...
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).*

Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

**For continuing live streaming of the
liturgy
please click [HERE](#).**

**Recordings of the services are uploaded to the same site for
viewing at a later date.**



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**Church office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. -
Noon**