

Seedlings 🌱 : "Taste and see that the Lord is good..."  
(Psalm 34)

## **Taste and See**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship #493  
Sung at Vespers on March 26th**



**Join us for restful quietness at...  
Lenten Vespers, Holden Setting  
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)**

Rev. Tim Krick, Senior Advisor for Congregational  
Engagement  
at **Lutheran World Relief**  
will be joining us for supper and vespers on April 9th.



*Today where sun rises on hills of fresh sorrow  
tomorrow where stars set upon fields of old pain  
we will do the day's work to bring comfort and healing  
for this is Christ's labour, fulfilled the third day*

*Today where souls suffer, despairing and fearful  
tomorrow where whole lives are crushed under strain  
we will do the day's work to bring peace, to bring courage  
for this is Christ's labour, fulfilled the third day*

*Today where the parched and scarred earth yields no bounty  
tomorrow where war-weary ground gives no grain  
we will do the day's work to bring hope to the hungry  
for this is Christ's labour, fulfilled the third day*

*Today where the foxes of evil still threaten  
tomorrow where tenderness so often is maimed  
we will do the day's work to bring love and compassion  
for this is Christ's labour, fulfilled the third day*

*Today where the forces of greed rule the kingdoms  
tomorrow where powers of death hold their sway  
we will do the day's work to bring justice and caring  
for we are Christ's labour, fulfilled the third day*

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## **Festive Palm Sunday "Coffee and..."**



**Please plan to bring side dishes, bakery items, appetizers, eggs or other Easter foods to accompany the luncheon on Palm Sunday, April 13th.**





## Call Process for a Pastor, Stages 2 and 3



**Thank you to each of you who have submitted the questionnaire and survey with such thoughtful, prayerful and candid responses. Your answers to the questions will be used for what we hope will be a fairly complete and collective profile for pastoral candidates who may be interested in entering into the call process at Sts. Peter and Paul. If you have not yet completed the form, you may do so at the following link with further instructions:**

**<https://forms.gle/suetKKpoMUVVoCsk9>**

**Most of the questions may be answered with a word or two if you choose. *The deadline for receiving these forms is this Monday, March 31st.* And again, we thank you so very much for your faithfulness and love for our Lord Jesus and the expression of his church in this place.**

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Easter lilies will be available for \$16 per plant for those who wish to place a lily or lilies in the chancel for the upcoming Easter celebrations. To order, please call or email the church office or use the sign-up sheet posted in the usual place in the dining hall (lower west entrance). The final day to order is Thursday, April 10th. You are also welcome to bring your own potted spring plants, including lilies, hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, etc. to decorate the sanctuary.



*Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable:*

*“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.*



*And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”*



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*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**