

# Midweek Worship: Wonder

March 11, 2026; 7 p.m.



**St John's**  
Lutheran Church

## Prelude

*(Acolytes light the candles)*

Linda Ranney

## Call to Worship *(please stand)*

God, this is the creation you love.

**You speak stars into being  
and make us family with every created thing.**

God, these are the people you love.

**You follow us out of the garden  
and never fail us on our journey.**

God, this is the church you love.

**You teach us the way of loving kindness  
and lead us with mercy.**

Send your Spirit among us, O God.

**Speak to us now through the wonders of creation  
and the actions of our neighbors  
and the meditations of our hearts.**

## Gathering Hymn

ELW #757; *All My Hope on God is Founded* vs. 1-2

1 All my hope on God is founded  
who will all my trust renew,  
who through change and chance will guide me,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown, God alone,  
call my heart to be thine own.

2 Mortal pride and earthly glory,

sword and crown betray our trust;  
what with care and toil we fashion,  
tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But thy pow'r, hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tow'r.

## Prayer

Let us pray. God of limitless care, **you weave yourself between every thread of our lives' fabric. You dwell deeply in joy and pain, suffering and hope, loss and love. Immanent One, come to us now. Surface all around in the ordinary material of our congregation and our community. Draw us into deeper connections with our neighbors and with one another, for every part of creation reflects a facet of your face. Amen.**

## Scripture: Psalm 95:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection: All in for Wonder

Sophie Ziegler

## Hymn

ELW #856; *How Great Thou Art*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

**Offering** *(please sit)*

*(Ushers collect offering and bring forward to Pastor.)*

Linda Ranney

**Prayers of the People**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*(Confirmation students will offer prayers)*

Petition:

Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

God of infinite love, cradle all for whom we pray in the palm of your hand in the name of Jesus, who pours himself out for the whole world's sake.  
**Amen.**

## **Candle Prayer**

*(Assembly is invited to light a candle and pray at the sand bowls.)*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**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** *(please stand)*

The fullness of God's love  
floods into every corner of our existence.  
God blesses the works of our minds and bodies,  
the words of our hands and lips,  
the reflections of our hearts,  
that all we say and pray and do  
will reflect God's deep care.

God blesses you with creativity and renewal.  
Christ blesses you with wisdom and courage.  
The Spirit blesses you with insight and transformation,  
here and now  
and in every place and time.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*(Acolytes extinguish the candles)*

ELW #757; *All My Hope on God Is Founded* vs. 3-4

- 3 Great thy goodness, e'er enduring;  
 deep thy wisdom, passing thought;  
 splendor, light, and life attend thee,  
 beauty springing out of naught.  
 Evermore from thy store  
 newborn worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Still from earth to God eternal  
 sacrifice of praise be done,  
 high above all praises praising  
 for the gift of God's own Son.  
 Christ doth call one and all:  
 ye who follow shall not fall.

## Sending

Depart now in peace  
 to find Christ in your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Serving at Worship Today

Pastor	Pastor Christine Emerson
Ushers	
Greeters	
Media & Streaming	Lydia Elko
Screen Operator	Lydia Elko
Musicians	Linda Ranney, piano/organ; Mark Lundin, Director of Music; St. John's Choir
Message	Sophie Ziegler

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