



**Wednesday February 25, 2026**

**As We Gather**

We live in a world where if something breaks, we throw it out. After all who would want something broken? But what if it's a broken person. Who wants someone broken?

## **Jesus, Refuge of the Weary LSB 423**

Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**<sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**<sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

## First Reading

*Matthew 26:30–46*

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." <sup>35</sup>Peter said to

him, "Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!" And all the disciples said the same.

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." <sup>37</sup>And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. <sup>38</sup>Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." <sup>39</sup>And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." <sup>40</sup>And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup>Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." <sup>42</sup>Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." <sup>43</sup>And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup>So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Lord Jesus, Think on Me LSB 610**

Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be  
And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery,  
O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.

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## **Sermon "Broken Heart Psalm 51:17**

### **Offering are Received**

### **Prayers**

#### **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.**

## **Luther's Evening Prayer Choir**

### **Benediction**

**P** - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the  
**C** – **Amen.**

### **Abide with Me LSB 878**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,  
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;  
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

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### **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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