

St. Paul Lutheran Church
2026 Midweek Lenten Evening Vespers
6:30 p.m.



Prelude

Welcome

A Prayer for Renewal and Mercy

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, holy and immortal, you created us, as frail as dust and shifting as sand. Yet in your tender compassion, you are the steadfast foundation beneath us. Be present with us now, as we breathe. Be present with us now, as we rest. Be present with us now as we place our feet upon your word as our rock. The God of grace and mercy, who gave us Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Song "Peace, Be Still"

Peace, be still. Peace, be still. The storm rages. Peace, be still.

Prayer to Meet the Spirit

Together we pray:

O Lord, I seek to be faithful. I try to look for your Spirit in and among me throughout the day, but too often I let the noise of the world fill my thoughts, and I hold the stress of the world in my body. Open me to your Spirit in the music, in the words, and in the spaces between it all. Come, Holy Spirit, dwell with me tonight and give me rest.

Amen.

Service of Light *Holden Evening Prayer Book* pages 2-3
Psalm 141 *Holden Evening Prayer Book* pages 3-6

Scripture Reading

The Annunciation and The Magnificat

Holden Evening Prayer Book

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Reflection

Song "Hold On"

Hold on. Hold on. My dear ones, here comes the dawn.

Blessing and Prayer

May the God who rested on the seventh day grant you holy pause. May Christ, who withdrew to quiet places to pray, meet you in stillness. May the Spirit who moves over the waters hush every restless voice within you.

God of holy rest, teach us to stop and remember who we are and whose we are. When life grows loud, lead us into quiet trust. When we are burdened, help us lay our striving down. When we are anxious, steady us in your presence. When we are weary, renew us with your mercy. Form in us a Sabbath heart that listens, receives, and lives from your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany and Prayers *Holden Evening Prayer Book* page 8

Lord's Prayer *Holden Evening Prayer Book* page 9

Final Blessing *Holden Evening Prayer Book* page 9

Postlude

