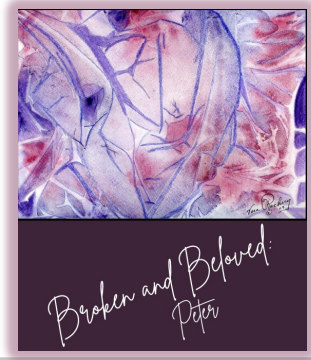


*Together in Christ, Empowered to be and Make Disciples.*



*Broken and Beloved:  
Stories of God's Steadfast  
Love*

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and  
saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18*



**Lent 2025 at Calvary**

## Weekly Lenten Services 2025 BROKEN and BELOVED

Ash Wednesday, March 5th, 6:15pm  
David-Broken by Sin  
Psalm 51, Create in Me a Clean Heart

Wednesday, March 12th, 6:15pm  
Week 2: Naomi-Broken by Grief  
Ruth 1: 19b-21a, Call Me Mara

Wednesday, March 19th, 6:15pm  
Week 3: Elijah-Broken by Fear  
I Kings 19:1-15a, He was Afraid

Wednesday, March 26th, 6:15pm  
Week 4: The Syrophenician Woman-  
Broken by Desperation  
Mark 7:24-30, She Begged Him

Wednesday, April 2nd, 6:15pm  
Week 5: Mary Magdalene-  
Broken by Demons  
Luke 8:1-3, Mary, Called Magdalene

Wednesday, April 9th, 6:15pm  
Week 6: Peter-Broken by Failure  
Luke 22: 54-62, He Denied It

Maundy Thursday, April 17th, 6:15pm  
He took a Towel  
John 13:3-15; 34,35

Good Friday, April 18th, 6:15pm  
Torn in Two  
Mark 15:21-41

### Vocare Basics

**Vocare** is an ongoing spiritual practice designed to help you discern & embrace your multiple vocations so that you can more intentionally live life on purpose for the common good.

**Vocare** invites regular reflection upon values, openness, call, attentiveness, regret, & the experience of God's presence.

**Vocare** can be used by individuals, small groups, & whole congregations.

- V Values:** What do I value, and how am I living my values?
- O Openness:** To what am I being asked to be open? How do I respond?
- C Call:** What voices are calling to me? Which ones do I listen to, & why?
- A Attentiveness:** Where am I giving my attention?  
Does my attention align with my values?
- R Regret:** What are my regrets? What insight do I gain from them?
- E Experience** God's presence: When, where, and how have I encountered the presence of the holy in my everyday life?

#### What do I need?

In light of your reflection today, name what you need to lean into your vocations in the future.

The Vocare Spiritual Practice is designed by Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox as part of the Nourishing Vocation Project through the Lutheran Center for Faith, Values, and Community at St. Olaf College.

## **Reflection**

*Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted you from your task, your mission, your vision. Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.*

*We too live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time, that leave so little for the important things of life. We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread, leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth. We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so.*

*Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all men, and fail to be anything to anyone.* (faithandworship.com, prayers for Lent)



\*Note-You may place your offering in boxes at the back of the sanctuary as you leave\*

## **Welcome**

### **Gathering Song**

### **Call to Worship**

Christ is with you.

**And also with you.**

We come together at the eve of the day, trusting that God is near to the broken-hearted and brings shalom to those whose spirits are crushed. We carry with us all the seasons of our lives – lives marked by joy and sorrow, peace and conflict, ease and distress, brokenness and beloved-ness.

**Meet us here, Oh Christ. Strengthen us, renew us, nourish us in your call for our lives, and bring us shalom.**

We come to reflect on our values and consider how they inform our actions and decisions.

**May we be mindful of what we truly value in life and how our values are reflected in our choices.**

We come to be open to the ways in which God is calling us, and how we can respond with faith and courage.

**May we be open to the movements of the Spirit and ready to follow where God leads.**

We come to be aware of the many and varied voices that call to us each day, listening especially for those voices that are life giving and life-sustaining.

**May we be discerning in the voices that form and shape us, heeding those that build up and turning away from those that tear down.**

We come to practice attentiveness, focusing our minds on God's presence in our lives, and seeking divine guidance and wisdom.

**May we be attentive to the holy and receptive to the wisdom and guidance of God.**

We come to name any regrets we may have, seeking forgiveness and renewal as we move forward.

**May we find healing and renewed purpose as we seek and receive God's forgiveness.**

We come to be mindful of experiences of God's presence in new and profound ways.

**May we be receptive to the ways in which the divine is revealed to us, and may we be transformed by these encounters.**

We come to worship together, opening ourselves fully to the love and presence of God. **Amen.**

### **Values** (Scripture)

As we prepare to hear the Word of God, we reflect on our values. Our values are what we hold dear and what we prioritize in life. They inform our actions and decisions, and shape who we are and who we are becoming.

*(silence for reflection)*

We now turn our hearts and minds to the reading of the Word, asking God to speak to us through the Holy Scriptures.

### **Openness** (Centering)

As the seasons rise and fall in our lives and in the life of the whole world, we open our hearts to God's leading, and ask God to help us be receptive and responsive to God's calling in our lives. We sing together:

## Centering Song

### Song of the Seasons

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

In your hands\_\_\_ you hold the sun and moon and stars\_\_\_  
They rise and fall Be - cause of who you are.\_\_\_  
Sea - sons will change. And they al - ways will.  
Sea - sons will change. But your faith - ful - ness ne-ver will;  
Spring or sum - mer win - ter or fall  
you are there with us through it all.  
Ev' - ry sea - son Ev' - ry day You are with us  
all - the way! Sea - sons will change.

### Call (Reflection Monologue)

Through the sharing of the Word, you have called us, O God.

**Lead us by your Spirit to live out this call.**

## **Attentiveness (Prayer)**

Ever watchful Lord,  
Your steadfast love never ceases, and your mercies are new every morning. As we gather this evening under your watchful presence, we pray for the grace to be more attentive to your presence in our lives. For the church universal, that our leaders and members may be attuned to the whispers of your Spirit, we pray:  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the world and its leaders, that they may be attentive to the needs of the marginalized and act with justice and compassion, we pray:  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our community, that we may notice those in need and respond with kindness and empathy, we pray:  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that we may be fully present in each moment, aware of your persistent love and guidance, we pray:  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are suffering, that they may feel your comforting presence and know they are not alone, we pray:  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
*(Other petitions may be added)*

Lord, grant us the grace to be attentive to your voice amidst the noise of the world. Help us to be present, to notice, and to respond to your call in our lives. **Amen.**

## **Regrets (Confession)**

Gracious God, we gather before you, acknowledging our human frailty and our need for your grace. We bring our full selves to you – in all our brokenness and beloved-ness, seeking your shalom. In this moment of confession, we bring our regrets, the actions we wish we could undo, the words we wish we could unsay.

We confess that we have not always lived in accordance with your will. We have chosen our own way over yours, and we have caused harm to ourselves and others. **We carry the weight of these regrets, Lord.**



We confess the times we have closed our hearts to your love, the times we have turned away from our neighbor in need, the times we have neglected the care of your creation. **For these, and all our regrets, known and unknown, we seek your forgiveness.**

In your great mercy, Lord, forgive us. Heal the wounds of our past mistakes and free us from the burden of regret. Grant us the courage to seek reconciliation, and the wisdom to learn from our past. **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

In the mercy of Almighty God, Father +Son, and Holy Spirit, Beloved Ones, your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Prayer Mosaic**

When you arrived at worship this evening, you were invited to pick up pieces of felt. Each piece represents a prayer. Take a few moments now to reflect on this evening's service. With each piece of felt, offer your prayers to God by trusting that God who is near to the broken-hearted hears our prayers in whatever way they are offered-even as sighs too deep for words. When you are ready, bring your prayer fabric to the table at the foot of the "Broken and Beloved" prayer mosaic. Your prayers will be added to the mosaic after worship.

### **Benediction**

As God's Beloved Ones, covered by God's promise of shalom, we practice *VOCARE* as we prepare to end this day and look toward tomorrow.

**We acknowledge our values, and seek to live in accordance with them, following the example of Christ.**

We strive to be open to the new ideas and opportunities for growth that the Holy Spirit may bring.

**Grant us the grace to be receptive to your guidance and to step boldly into the unknown.**

We listen for the call of our deepest selves and respond with courage and faith, trusting in God.

**Help us to discern your voice amidst the noise of the world, and to be your faithful disciples.**

We cultivate attentiveness to the present moment, where we encounter the divine in our daily lives.

**May we find you in unexpected places and moments, and be mindful of your presence around us.**

We face our regrets with compassion, seeking the insight they offer and the grace of forgiveness.

**Give us the strength to learn from our mistakes and to reconcile with those we have wronged.**

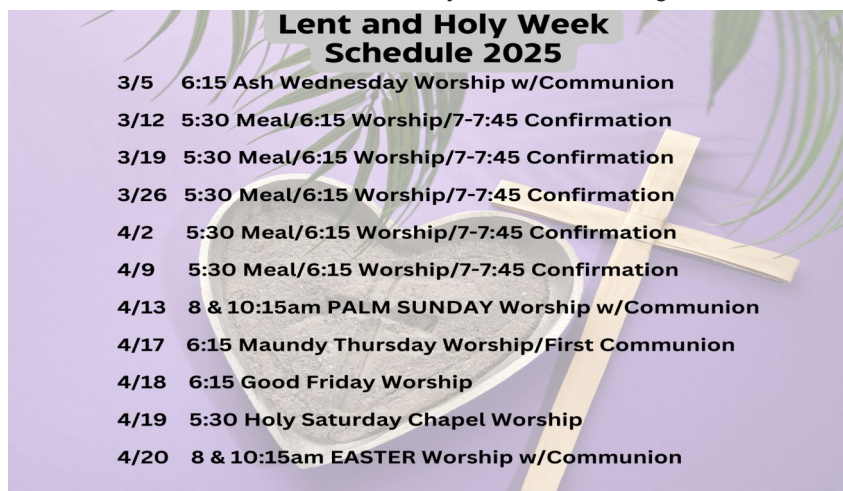
And we give thanks for the ways we have experienced God's presence in our lives today and every day.

**For your constant love and provision, we give you thanks and praise. In the name of +Jesus, Amen.**

## Sending Song

**\*\*\*As you leave worship, you may place your offering & bulletin on the table in the back of the sanctuary. We will reuse the bulletins each week. However, if you wish to bring your bulletin home for reflection, that is wonderful! \*\*\***

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<b>Lent and Holy Week Schedule 2025</b>	
3/5	6:15 Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion
3/12	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
3/19	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
3/26	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
4/2	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
4/9	5:30 Meal/6:15 Worship/7-7:45 Confirmation
4/13	8 & 10:15am PALM SUNDAY Worship w/Communion
4/17	6:15 Maundy Thursday Worship/First Communion
4/18	6:15 Good Friday Worship
4/19	5:30 Holy Saturday Chapel Worship
4/20	8 & 10:15am EASTER Worship w/Communion