

***“1 Corinthians 12:12  
One Body, Many Members”***  
Wednesday March 25, 2026



**MELLINGERS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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† WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP †

\*Please stand if you are able  
Ahava is playing this evening

Welcome / Announcements

Preludes: *"Behold the Lamb"*

*"Thank You Jesus"*

*"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"*

- Spiritual

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING HYMN:** *"By Grace We Have Been Saved"*      Insert page

**\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

**C: now is the day of salvation.**

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

**C: that the light of your face may shine on us.**

P: May your justice shine like the sun;

**C: and may the poor be lifted up.**

**THANKSGIVING OF LIGHT**

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P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night you led your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your

Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† **GOD'S WORD** †

**PSALMODY**

**PSALM 150**

Pastor Craven: A reading of Psalm 150.

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

<sup>4</sup> **praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,**

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord.**

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**READING**

**LUKE 15:11-25**

Pastor Craven: A reading from Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**The Parable of the Lost Son**

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.

<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing.

P: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE: “*Starshine*”**

-Performed by Ahava

A mini Rock Opera written by Pastor Tim Craven & Vickie Kissinger  
Birth Work Crucifixion Resurrection

## \*† Prayers†

P: United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Holy God, giver of life, inspire your church to seek mercy in all things. In times of fear and uncertainty, reveal new possibilities. Grant courage to your people, that they offer their lives in service for the good of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Open our hearts to perceive the signs of your glory, which you lovingly place among us and throughout all creation. Expand our hope and imagination to boldly ask for the life and mercy you so freely give. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Establish your righteousness in courts and halls of power throughout the world. Deter leaders from relying on their own strength, and instruct them in caring for those who are most vulnerable among them. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Carry people who have little strength to face this day (*especially*). Especially in the midst of weakness, uncertainty, and hopelessness, sustain us with the abundance of your strength and your compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## **\*TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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**

## **\*BLESSING**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen**

## **\*SENDING HYMN: "Amazing Grace"**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord with Joy!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Following the service, you are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment in the Narthex and Library.*



## Cluster Midweek Lenten Series 2026

Join in the Evening Worship along with other local Lutherans during Lent as we gather under the theme.

*“Making Change”*

The service begins at 7 pm in person an online sermon will be available. The offering collected will benefit the  
North Lancaster Conference Disaster Relief Fund.

Checks can be made payable to:  
The North Lancaster Conference Dean’s Fund.

If you missed the offering plate on the way in this evening, there will still be one in the back of the sanctuary at the end of worship.

*April 2 Maundy Thursday   April 3 Good Friday  
April 5 Easter Sunday*

**Thursday May 14:** 7 pm at Swamp Lutheran, Reinholds  
Pastor Scott Brubaker preaching Ascension Worship

Spring is here! Creation sings of new beginnings, fresh growth, and God’s renewing power.



