

**Order of Worship
for
Lenten Mid-Week Worship and Prayer
March 29, 2023**

PRELUDE

**HYMN
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
ELW 632**

LENTEN DIALOG

*Lord God, we come into Your special presence in this worship service.
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, and the day is almost over.*

*We are thankful for the Passion and the Prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Help us get closer to Jesus through this year’s series of Wednesday Lenten
services.*

*Help us to deepen our discipleship this Lent as we come to understand the model
prayer our Lord shared with us.*
**Guide us this evening to learn to follow Jesus not only as our human friend, but
as God in the flesh as well. Give us Jesus!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all
just works: give to us, Your servants, a deeper understanding of Your Son’s most
important prayer, both through these worship services and in the power of Your
Spirit. In the Name of Jesus, we pray
Amen.*

LESSON

Matthew 12:22-29

²² Then they brought to him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see. ²³ All the crowds were amazed and were saying, "Can this be the Son of David?" ²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons, that this man casts out the demons." ²⁵ He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. ²⁶ If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how, then, will his kingdom stand? ²⁷ If I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁸ But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹ Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man? Then indeed the house can be plundered.

MESSAGE

From our series "The Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Plan"
"Save Us from the Time of Trial, and Deliver Us from Evil"
Rev. David Hewitt

THE PRAYERS

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.**

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN

**“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”
ELW 504**

*please depart in silence
you may also use this time for silent meditation*

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