



*Welcome to Worship at
Zion Lutheran Church*

*Wednesday, March 18, 2026
6:15 pm*

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Welcome and Announcements

Near the Cross

Witnessing the Passion of Jesus

Lenten Worship Series

Wednesdays, February 25 - March 25

5:00 pm- Light meal
6:15 pm- Worship



The March 25 meal served by Youth and Family alongside the Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation classes will be sloppy joes.



Prayers for the HEART^h

Throughout the season of Lent, we have the opportunity to practice intentional prayer together in a new visual way.

There is a clear jar in the entrance to the Sanctuary with blank paper hearts for you to write a name, a situation, or anything else you would like to pray for. Prayers placed in the jar will stay in the jar **unread** - but are certainly heard by our faithful God of hope and love.

On Maundy Thursday, as an act of worship, we will burn these prayers, taking to heart Psalm 141:2 "Let my prayer be counted as incense before you and the lifting up my hands as an evening sacrifice."

Would you like to support your friends, neighbors, and coworkers when they're struggling, but don't know how?



FREE 2-hour training at Zion

Tuesday, April 14

6:00 pm

A light supper will be provided by the
Congregational Care Committee at 5:30 pm.

**Pre-registration
is required.
Space is limited.**

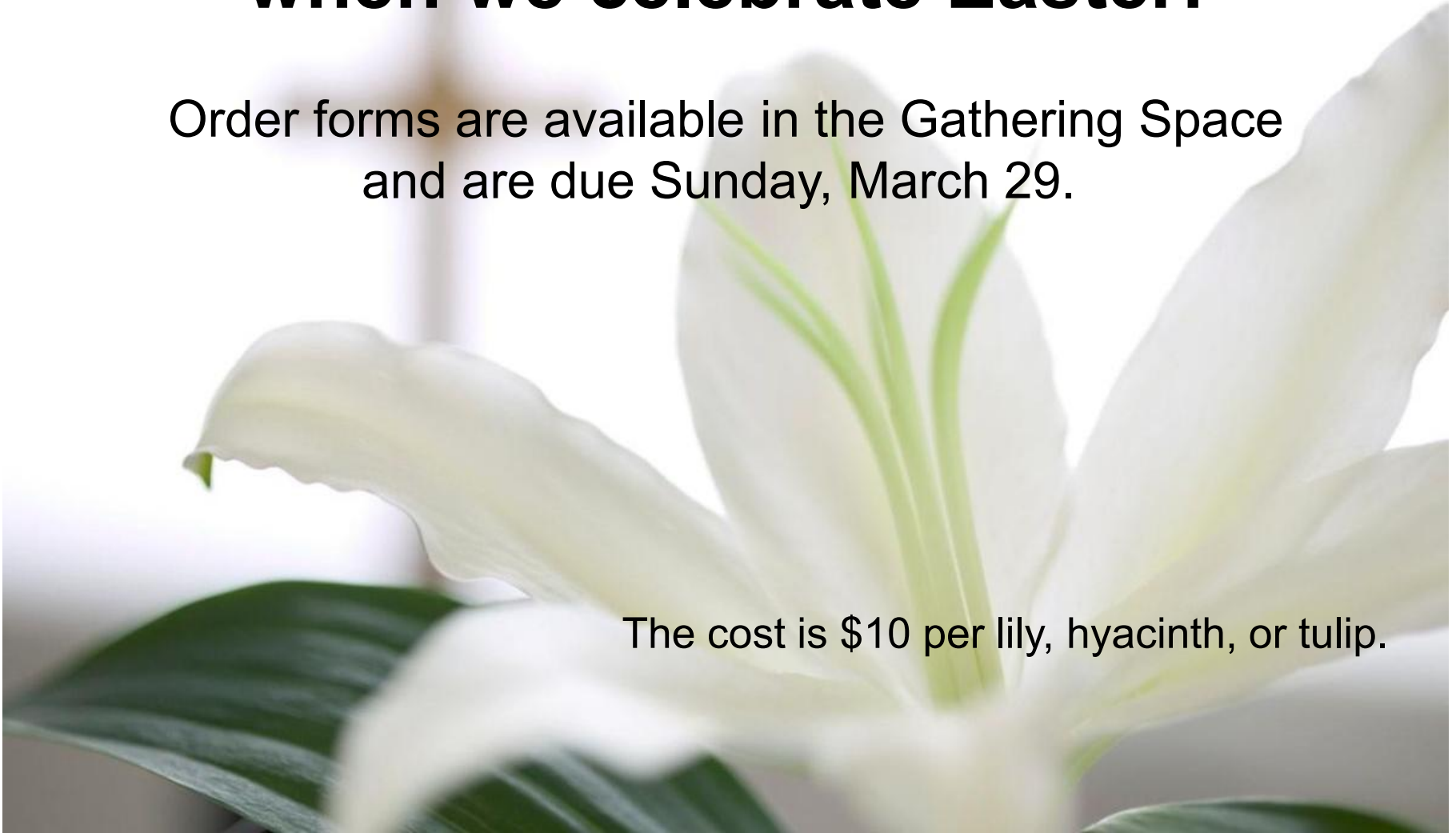
COMET helps people take the next step after noticing someone might be struggling. This training teaches simple tools to reach out to help someone to shift their mental health path to a place of wellness and away from mental health crisis. This training doesn't expect community members to "fix it," but instead trains people to feel comfortable initiating a supportive conversation.

Register by April 9 by emailing **OFFICE@ZLCW.ORG** or calling 218-386-1733.

Help to beautify our sanctuary when we celebrate Easter!

Order forms are available in the Gathering Space
and are due Sunday, March 29.

The cost is \$10 per lily, hyacinth, or tulip.





Easter **BREAKFAST**

Serving from 8:00 to 8:45 am

Egg bakes, muffins, fruit, milk/juice/coffee

← Volunteer opportunities →
Help serve and/or bring food

Sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Space.



Early bird deadline for
Summer Camp Programs
at Camp Emmaus is March 30!

**Early Bird Registration
is almost over!**

Sharing the Peace

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW #659

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1.

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

2.

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

3.

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

4.

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.**

**I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

5.

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

Greeting

L: The love of God poured into our hearts,
the saving grace of Jesus Christ,
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Noisy Offering!!!

**Drop your change in the buckets
and make some noise!**

**Proceeds will go towards the
Warroad Community Childcare Center.**



Word of God, Come Down on Earth

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- 3. Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John,
the thirteenth, eighteenth, twentieth, and
twenty-first chapters.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Please be seated for the reading of the gospel.

Gospel:

John 13:36-38; 18:1-11, 25-27; 20:1-7; 21:1-8

³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.” ³⁷ Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” ³⁸ Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

18:1 After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron Valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. ² Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place because Jesus often met there with his disciples. ³ So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?”

⁵ They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. ⁶ When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. ⁷ Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these people go.” ⁹ This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” ¹⁰ Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus.

¹¹ Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?”

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, “You are not also one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

^{21:1} After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way.

² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Peter

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

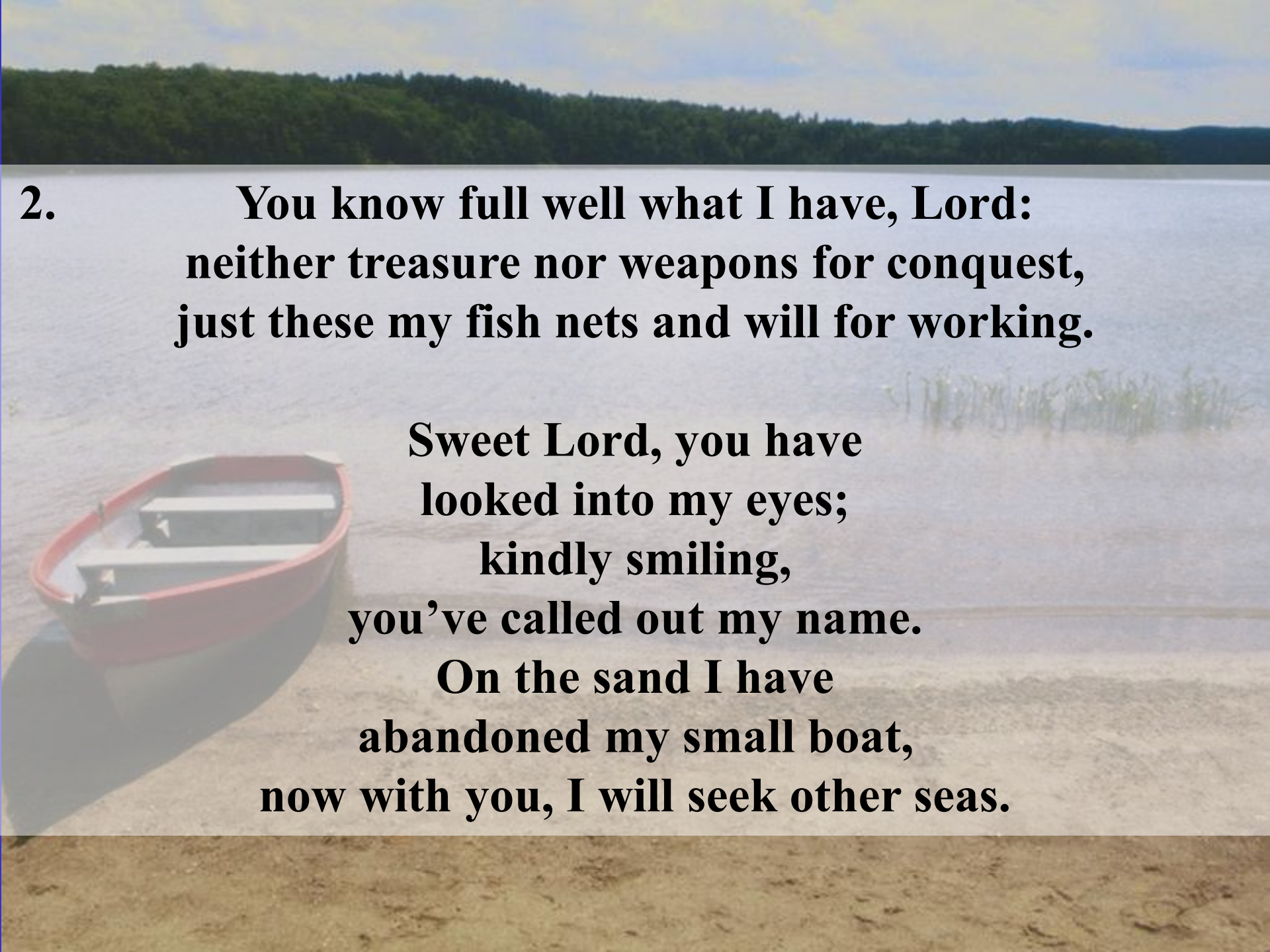
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- 1. You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

**Sweet Lord, you have
looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling,
you've called out my name.**

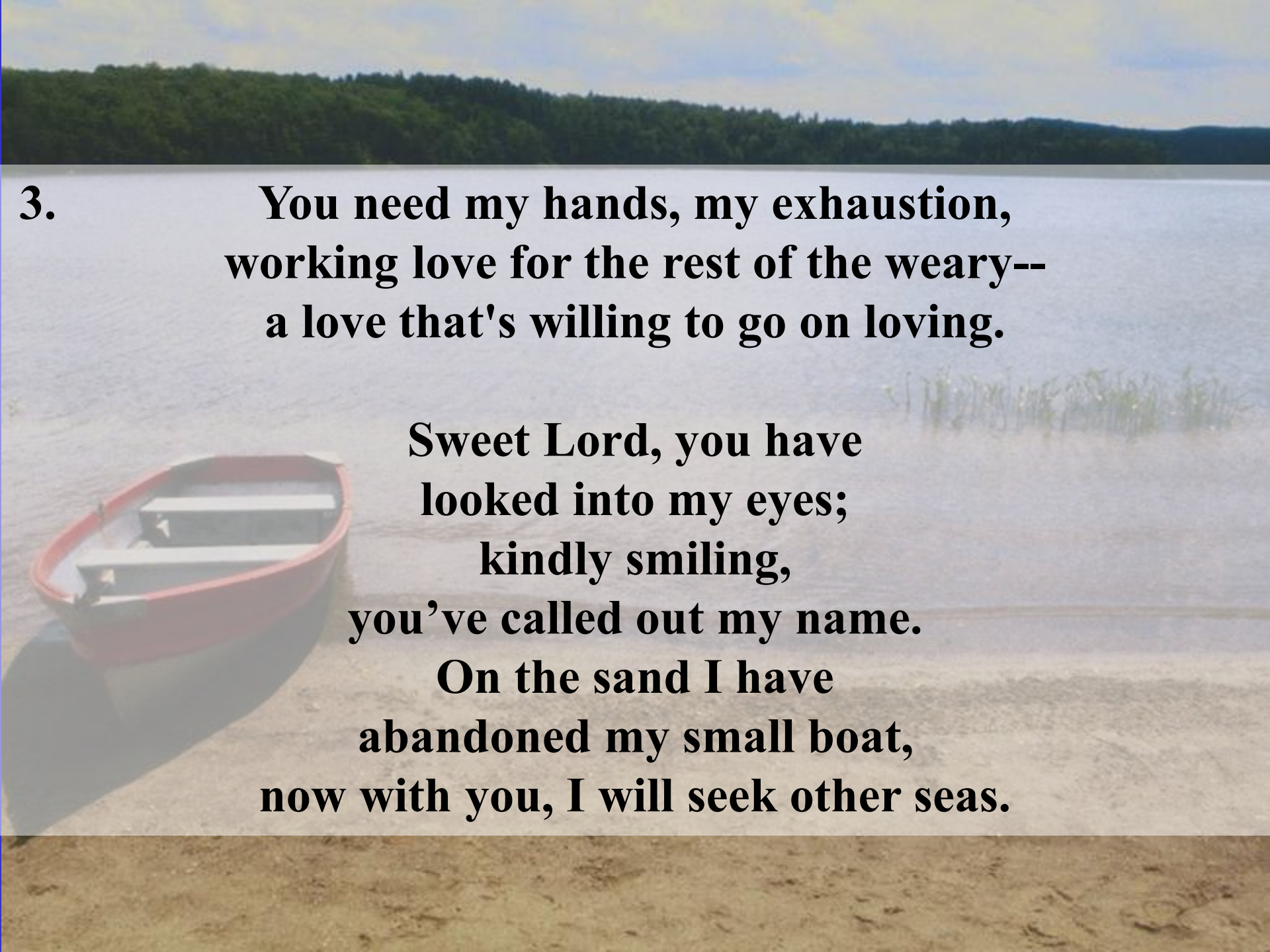
**On the sand I have
abandoned my small boat,
now with you, I will seek other seas.**



**2. You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working.**

**Sweet Lord, you have
looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling,
you've called out my name.**

**On the sand I have
abandoned my small boat,
now with you, I will seek other seas.**



**3. You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving.**

**Sweet Lord, you have
looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling,
you've called out my name.**

**On the sand I have
abandoned my small boat,
now with you, I will seek other seas.**



4.

**You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

**Sweet Lord, you have
looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling,
you've called out my name.**

**On the sand I have
abandoned my small boat,
now with you, I will seek other seas.**

Prayers of Intercession

Response after each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Receive our prayers and grant us your mercy, O God, in the name of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering



Take My Life, That I May Be

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- 5. Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.**

Offering Prayer

L: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Words of Institution



The 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.**

**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.**

Holy Communion

An usher will guide you forward. Wafers or gluten-free bread and wine or juice will be offered. You will be served a wafer unless you indicate otherwise. Please take the wine or juice from the tray yourself.



All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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- 1. All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

**2. All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

**3. All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

L: God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that
restores our souls, reconciles us to
you, and strengthens us for the
journey. Through the body and blood
of your Son, may we become Christ's
body in the world, bearing witness to
your love for all creation, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

L: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

ELW #564

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- 1. God, who made the earth and heaven,
darkness and light:
you the day for work have given,
for rest the night.
May your angel guards defend us,
slumber sweet your mercy send us,
holy dreams and hopes attend us
all through the night.**

**2. And when morn again shall call us
 to run life's way,
 may we still, whate'er befall us,
 your will obey.
 From the pow'r of evil hide us,
 in the narrow pathway guide us,
 never be your smile denied us
 all through the day.**

**3. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and, when we die,
may we in your mighty keeping
all peaceful lie.**

**When the last dread call shall wake us,
then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
but to reign in glory take us
with you on high.**

**4. Holy Father, throned in heaven,
all-holy Son,
Holy Spirit, freely given,
blest Three in One:
grant us grace, we now implore you,
till we lay our crowns before you
and in worthier strains adore you
while ages run.**

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God!

The background of the image is a landscape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with soft, golden light, with some clouds catching the low sun. The horizon is dark, showing the silhouettes of trees and a field. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*Thank you
for worshipping
with us!*

God bless you!