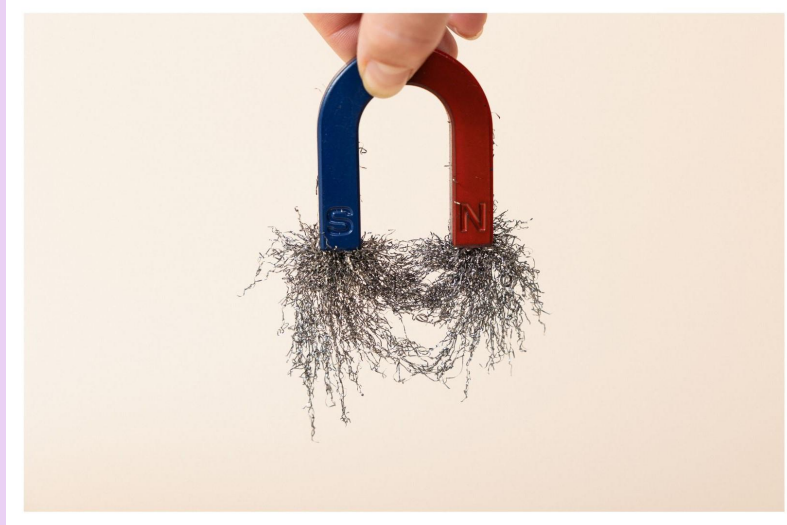


Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday in Lent
11:00 am
Holy Communion

Gathering Music



“In Jesus Name (God of Possible)”

Stacy Bean

“Near The Cross” Arr: Kevin McChesney

Praiser Bells

MARCH 16/17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Rev. Dr. Michelle Holley Carlson,
Presiding



Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson,
Preaching





S.A.F.E. Center

Empower. Support. Educate.



March items needed:

- Hand soap
- Dish Soap
- Bodywash

Please set donated items on the shelf in the Narthex

The S.A.F.E. Center is the Spouse/Sexual abuse family education center. The S.A.F.E. Center's mission is to provide free and confidential services for those affected by dating violence, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and stalking while bringing awareness and prevention efforts to all individuals across South Central Nebraska.

Lenten Mid-Week Services

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

in the Sanctuary

**Take time out of your week to pause,
find refreshment, and start anew with
God as we gather for worship.**

February 21 through March 20

Adult Forum

Sunday, March 24 @ 9:50 am

Centennial Hall

Young Adults in Global Mission

Presented by:

Shelby Riedman

A YAGM Alum who served in the United Kingdom

Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 pm
- Good Friday, March 29 @ 6:30 pm
- Holy Saturday, March 30 @ 6:00 pm



Easter

Sunrise Service
7:00 am
in the North parking lot.

Traditional Service
8:45am
Contemporary Service
11:00 am



Wednesday Evening Youth Activities return April 3.





Purses for a Purpose Auction

Friday, April 5th 6:00pm
Younes Conference Center
Tickets:

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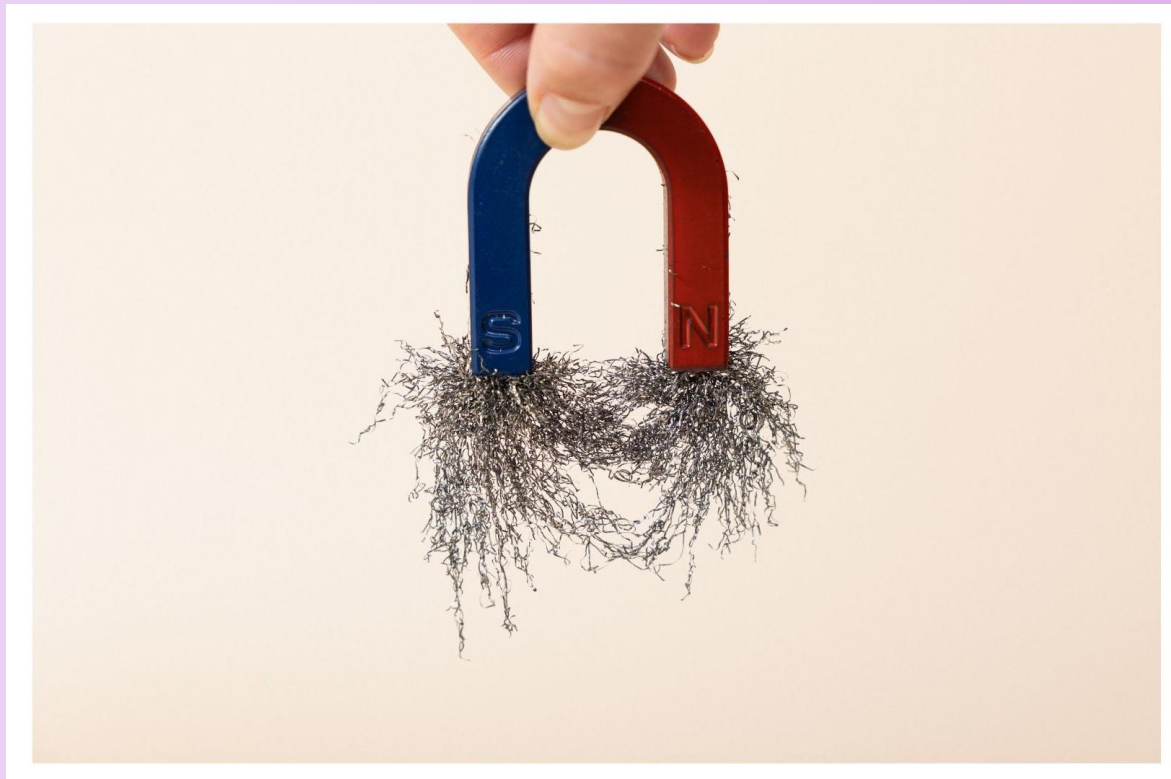
GREETING ONE ANOTHER

*We greet one another in the name of
the Lord using words such as
“Peace be with you.”*



Worship Song

“Goodness of God”



“Goodness of God”

**I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held
in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the
goodness of God.**



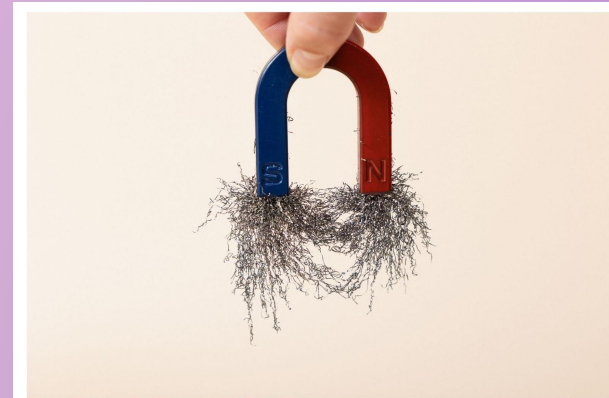
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And all my life You have been faithful.

**And all my life You have been so,
so good.**

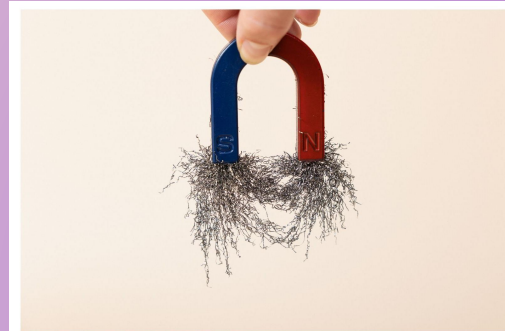
With ev’ry breath that I am able.

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.



“Goodness of God”

**I love your voice.
You have led me through the fire
and in darkest nights.
You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father.
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived
in the goodness of God.**



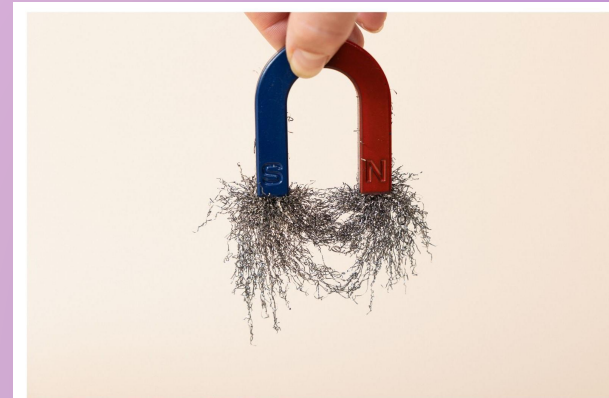
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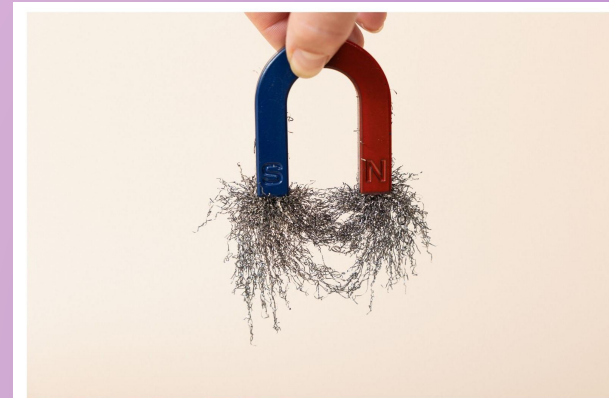
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“Goodness of God”

**‘Cause Your goodness is runnin’ after,
it’s runnin’ after me.**

**Your goodness is runnin’ after,
it’s runnin’ after me.**



“Goodness of God”

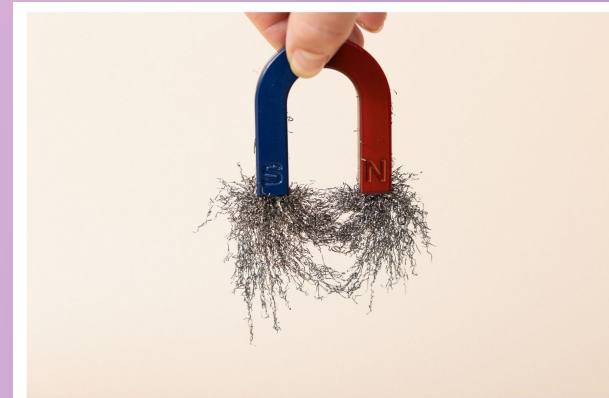
**With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now.
I give You eve'rything
'Cause Your goodness is runnin' after,
it's runnin' after me.**



“Goodness of God”

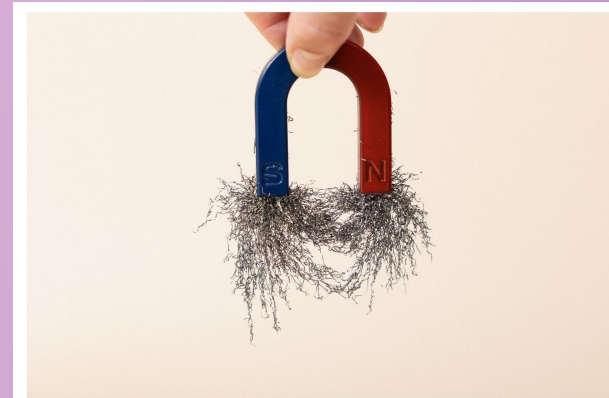
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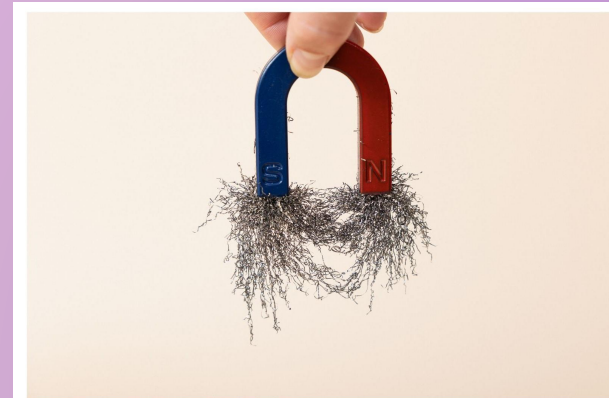
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With ev’ry breath that I am able.

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goodness of God.**



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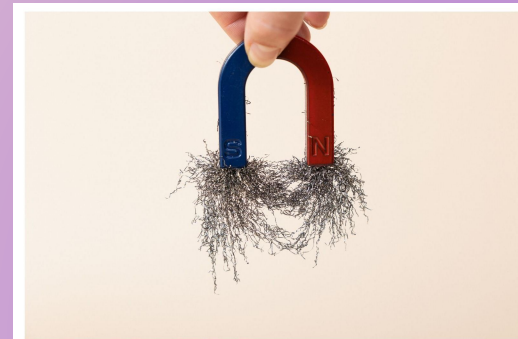
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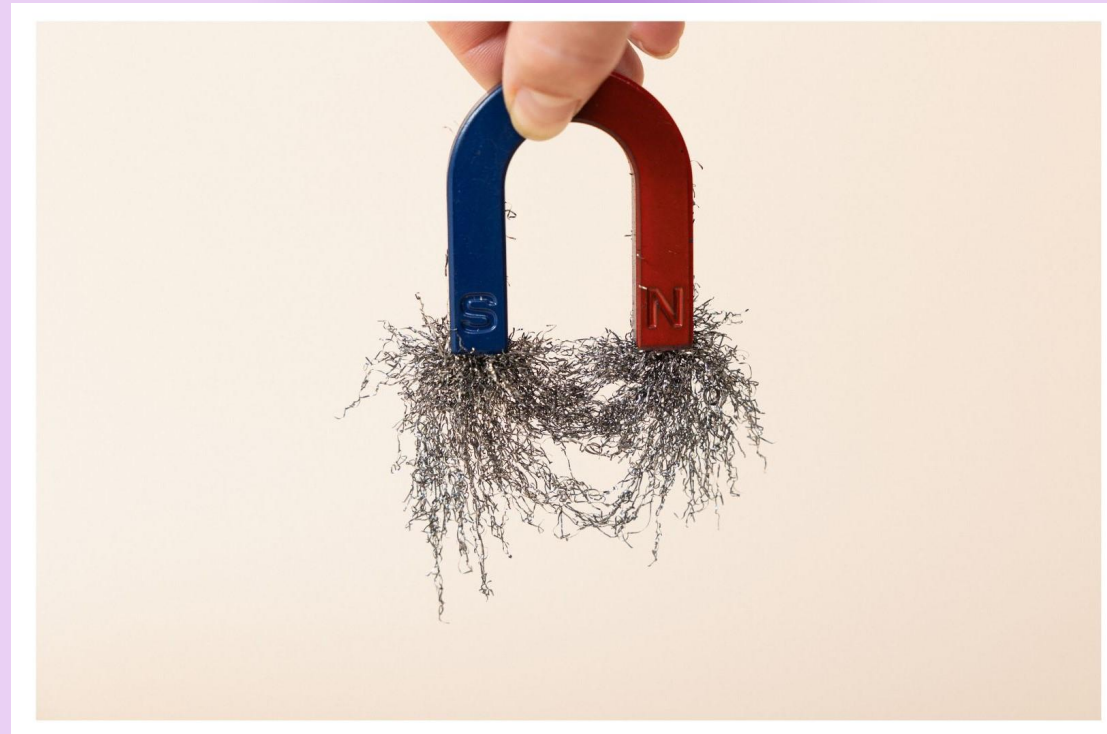
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Worship Song

“You Say”



“You Say”

**I keep fighting voices in my mind
that say I'm not enough,
ev'ry single lie that tells me
I will never measure up.**



“You Say”

**Am I more than just the sum
of ev’ry high and ev’ry low?
Remind me once again
just who I am,
because I need to know.**



“You Say”

**You say I am loved
when I can't feel a thing.**

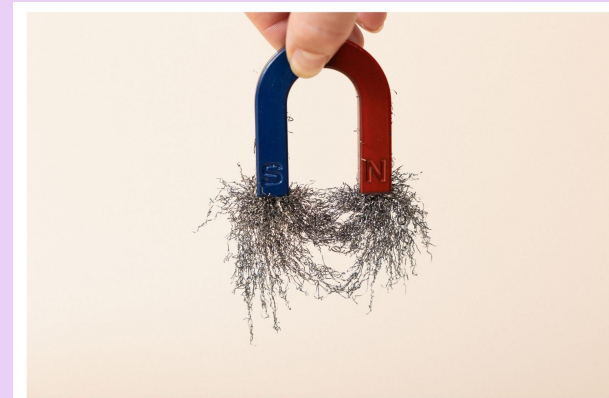
**You say I am strong
when I think I am weak.**

**And You say I am held
when I am falling short.**



“You Say”

**And when I don't belong,
oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe
what You say of me.
I believe.**



“You Say”

**The only thing that matters now
is ev’rything You think of me.
In You I find my worth,
in You I find my identity.**



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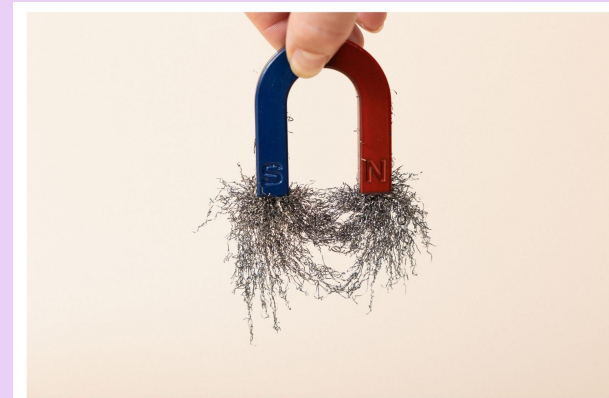
“You Say”

**And when I don't belong,
oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe
what You say of me. I believe.**



“You Say”

**Taking all I have,
and now I'm laying it at Your feet.
You'll have ev'ry failure, God.
You'll have ev'ry victory.**



“You Say”

**You say I am loved
when I can't feel a thing.**

**You say I am strong
when I think I am weak.**

**And You say I am held
when I am falling short.**



“You Say”

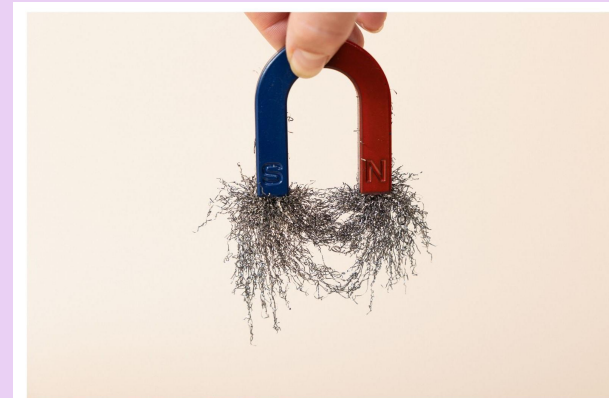
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oh, You say I am Yours,
and I believe, oh, I believe
what You say of me. I believe.**



“You Say”

**Oh, I believe.
Yes, I believe what You say of me.
I believe.**

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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.**



Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

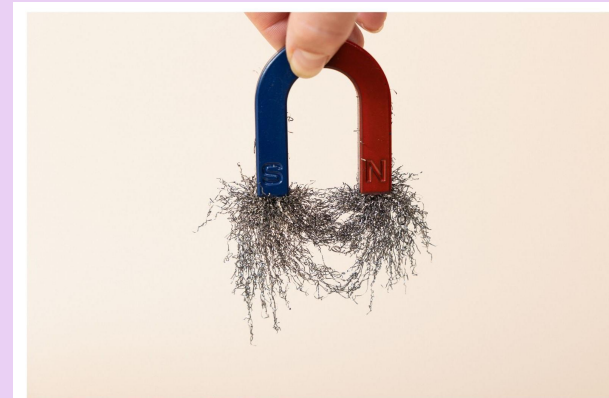
O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.



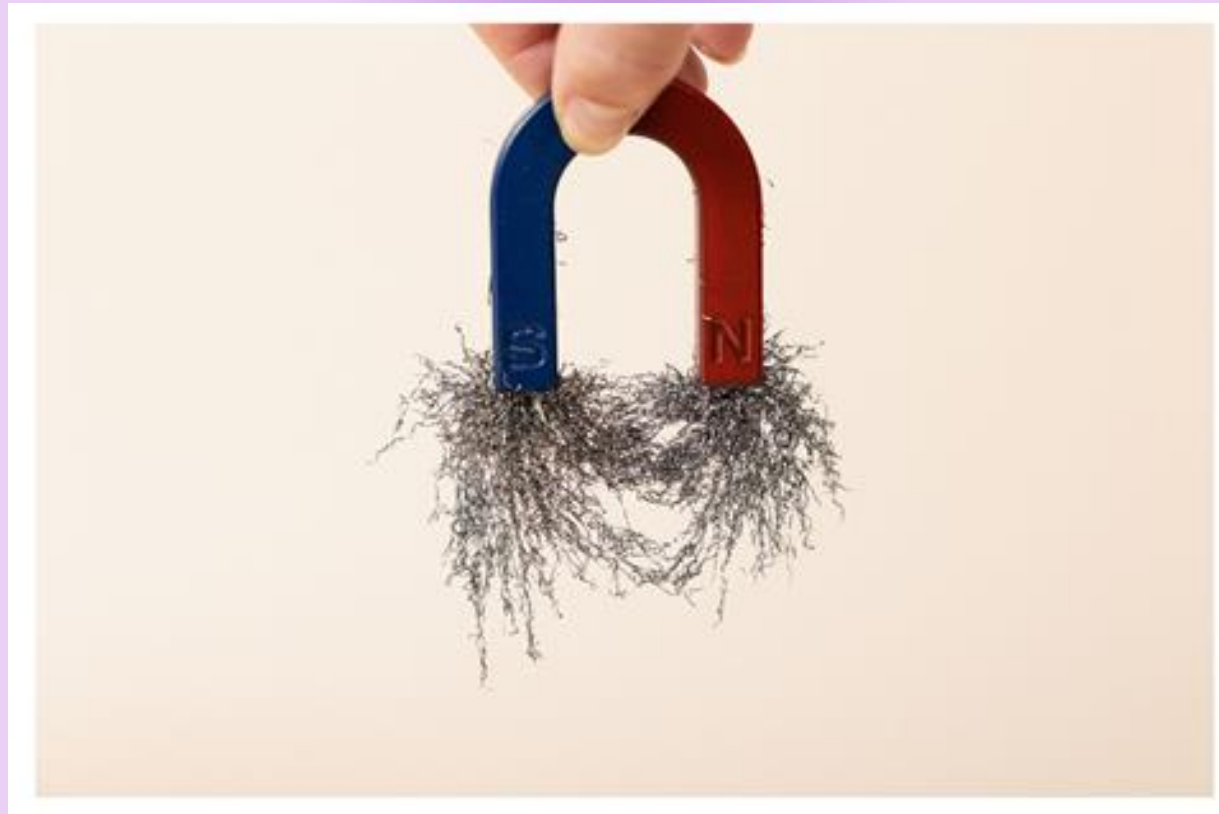
Prayer of the Day

Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

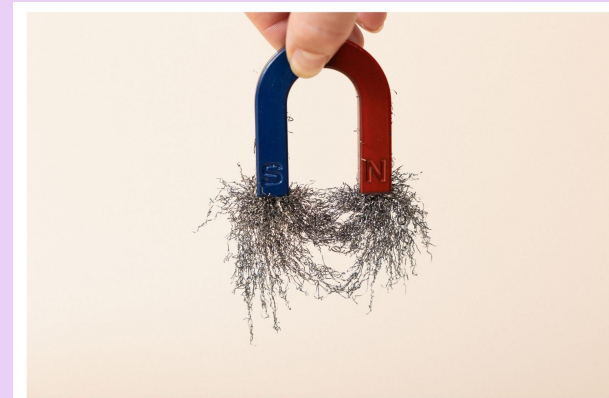


A Reading from Hebrews the fifth chapter.



Word: Hebrews 5:5-10

L: ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you";

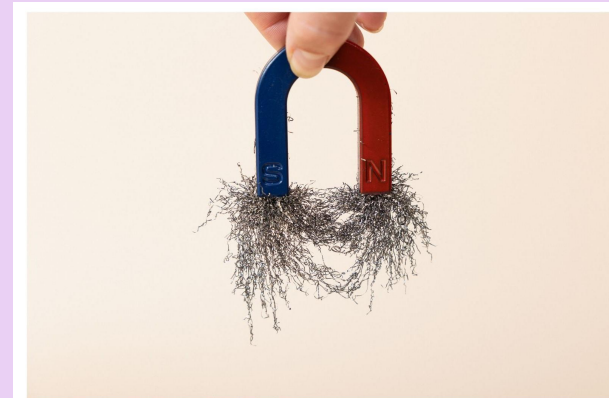


⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.



Word: Hebrews 5:5-10

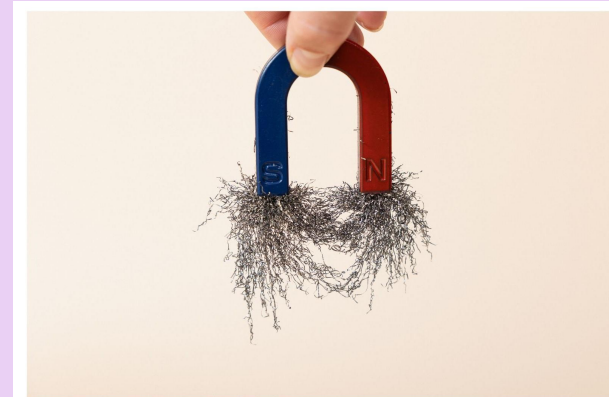
⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. *(Hebrews 5:5-10)*



Word: Hebrews 5:5-10

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel : John 12:20-33

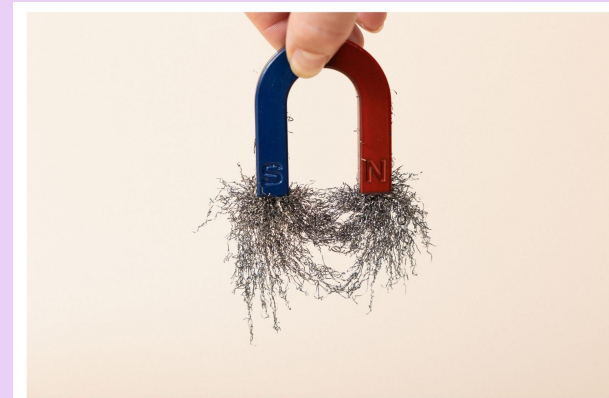
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John
the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.



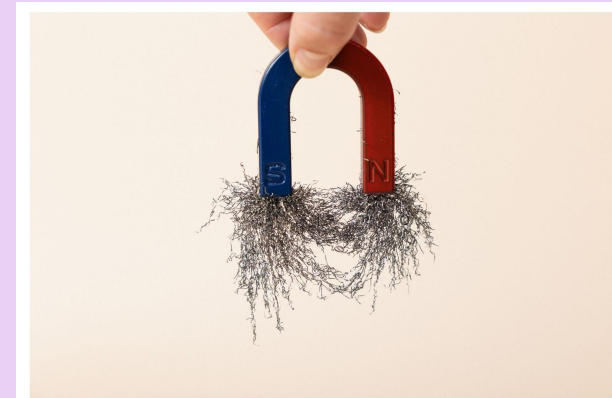
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P: ²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.



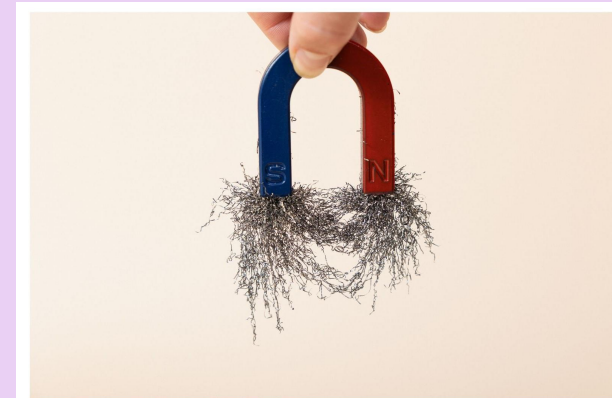
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²³Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.



Gospel : John 12:20-33

²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.



Gospel : John 12:20-33

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again."



Gospel : John 12:20-33

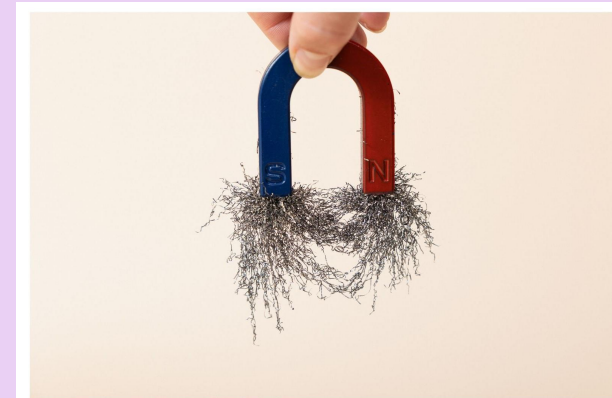
²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.



Gospel : John 12:20-33

³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

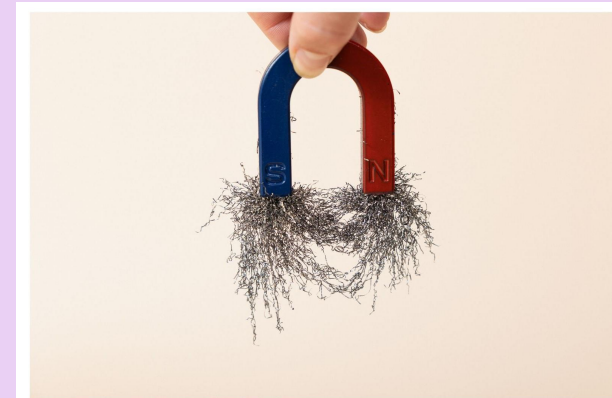
(John 12:20-33)



Gospel : John 12:20-33

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND "NOISY" OFFERING

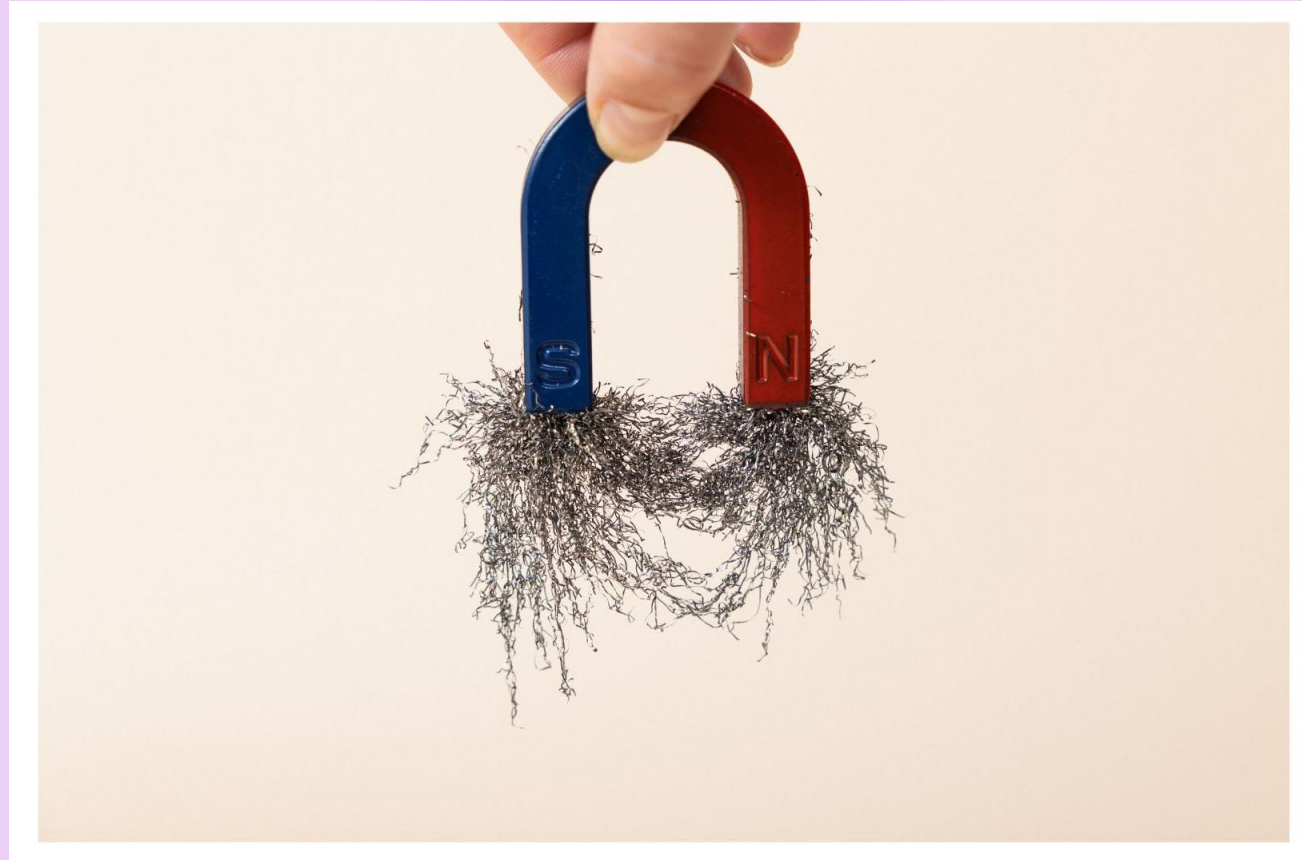
*Children's Offering goes to
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in Kearney*



Sermon

SERMON

Pastor Rick Carlson



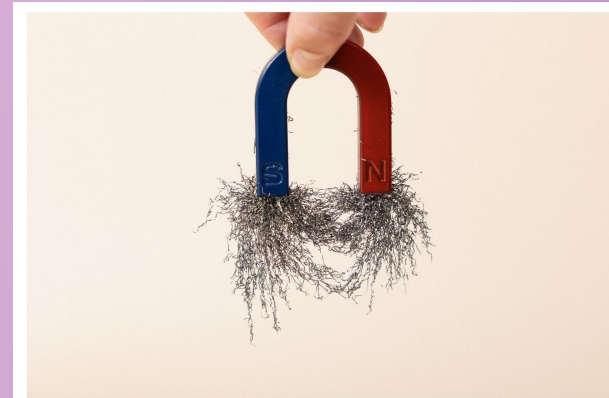
Worship Song

“How Great is Our God”



“How Great is Our God”

**The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
let all the earth rejoice.**



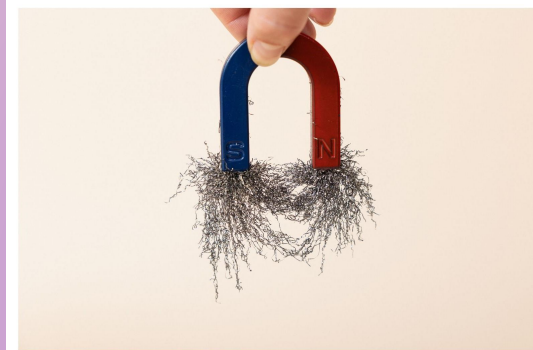
“How Great is Our God”

**He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.**



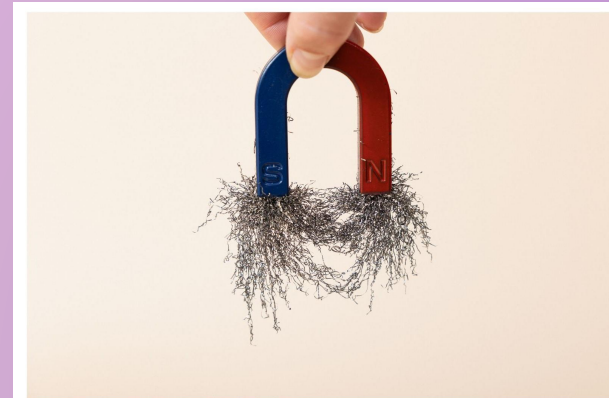
“How Great is Our God”

How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!



“How Great is Our God”

**And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the end,
beginning and the end.**



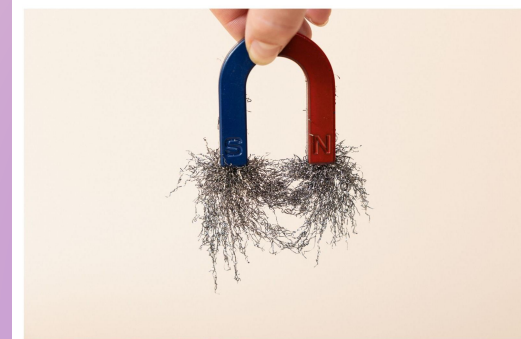
“How Great is Our God”

**The Godhead three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.**



“How Great is Our God”

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Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!



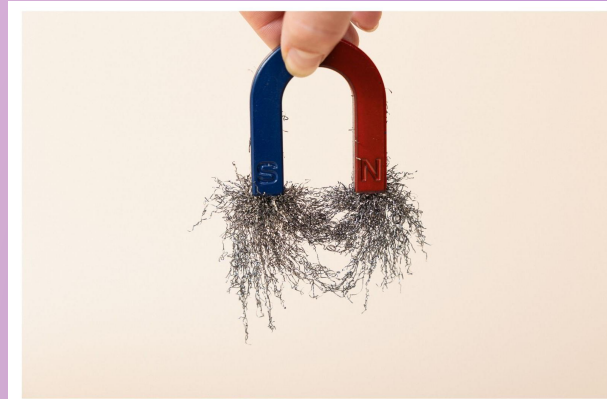
“How Great is Our God”

**Name above all names,
Worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing;
How great is our God!**



“How Great is Our God”

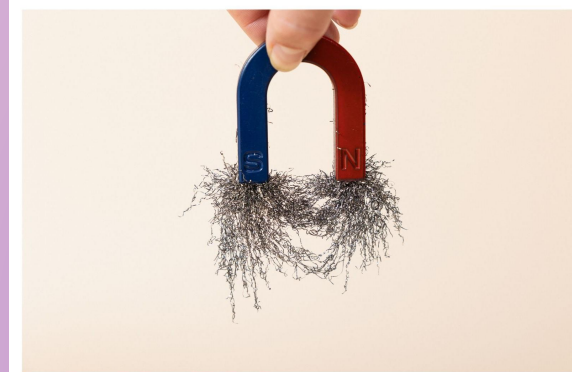
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Creed

L: Let us profess our faith.

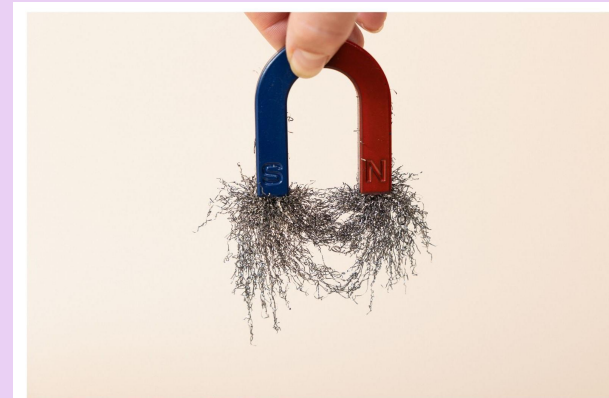
C: I believe in God, the Father almighty.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
our Lord and Savior. I believe in the
Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian church,
the forgiveness of sins and
the life everlasting.
Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

L: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

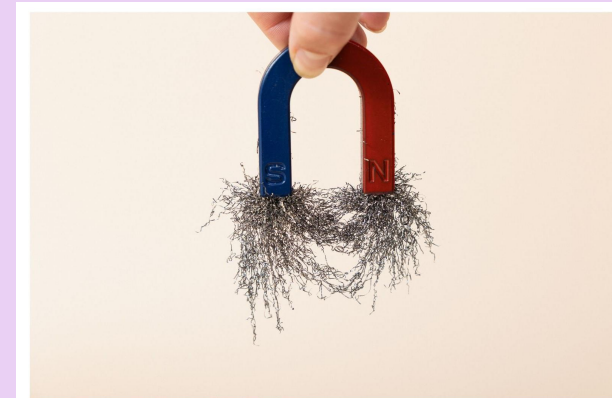
A brief silence for reflection.



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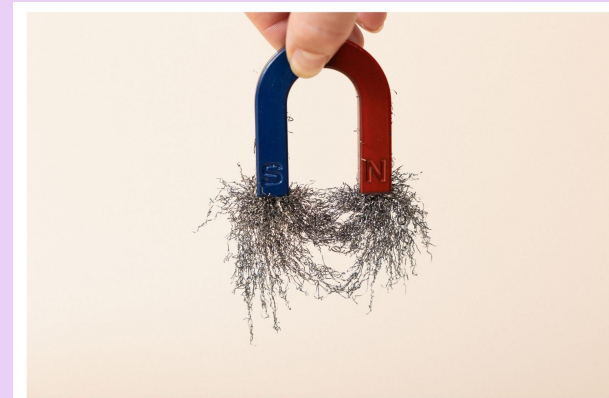
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A brief silence for reflection.



Prayers of Intercession

L: God of the covenant, through the church you draw us into community. We give thanks for the means of grace around which we gather. Inspire writers, musicians, and artists whose creative gifts adorn our worship.



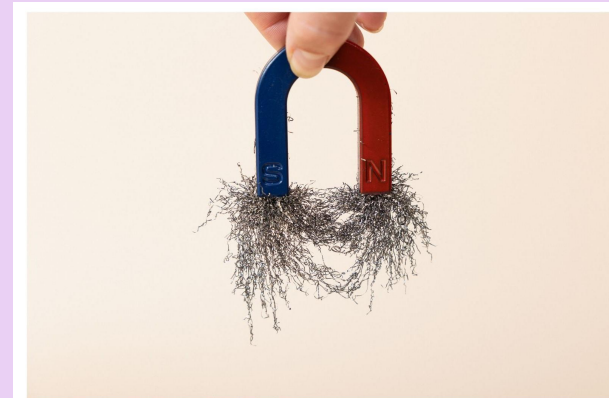
Prayers of Intercession

L: God of all that exists, you lavish the earth with extravagant beauty. Preserve the rich and complex diversity of living things. Support local, national, and international efforts to protect the environment for future generations.



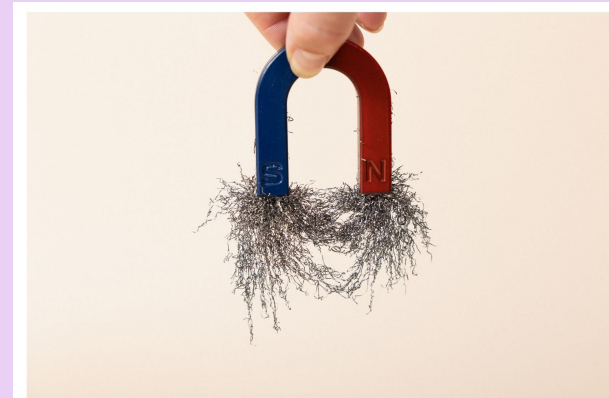
Prayers of Intercession

L: God of the nations, you desire peace and plenty for all people. Defend those who challenge oppression and expose corruption. Support advocates for human rights, social justice, and the welfare of children.



Prayers of Intercession

L: God of good will, you restore what is broken. We pray for any experiencing estrangement, conflict, or abuse in families and intimate relationships. Protect and comfort all who are vulnerable, especially those living in institutions.



Prayers of Intercession

L: God of every time and place, you are with us. Support ministries of prayer and presence in this congregation. Move us to reach out to any who are homebound, lonely, grieving, in treatment, or ill. We pray especially for...



Prayers of Intercession

Jim Anderson
Tom Anderson
Gerda Barbour
Gene Beerbohm
Bertha Boyer

Brent Carlson
Gregory Carrico
Alysha Cholas
Wayne Deterding
Tammy Edwards
Arwyn & Briella Gosnell

Prayers of Intercession

Marlin Heiden
Karen Hiskett
Linda Holsten
Kylie Kotrc
Lu Krueger
Jose Lara

Lil Larson
Tom Meyer
Monty Nelson
Joe Rall
Betty Rickard
Phyllis Sawyer

Prayers of Intercession

Garth Scism

Misty White

Sharon Siegel

Mary Wright

Charlotte Sitorus

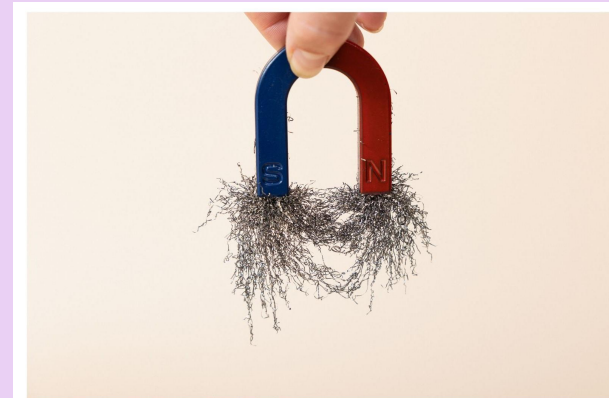
McKenzie Zimmerman

Carl Weber

Prayers of comfort and peace for Sharon Wilson and family on the death of her husband, Stan Wilson.

Prayers of Intercession

L: God of promise, we give thanks for the saints whose faith inspires us. Grant us faith to trust in your everlasting love.



Prayers of Intercession

P: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.



Meal

OFFERTORY

“Interlude Music”

Stacy Bean

*Communion Servers,
please come forward at this time.*

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Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.



Confession and Forgiveness

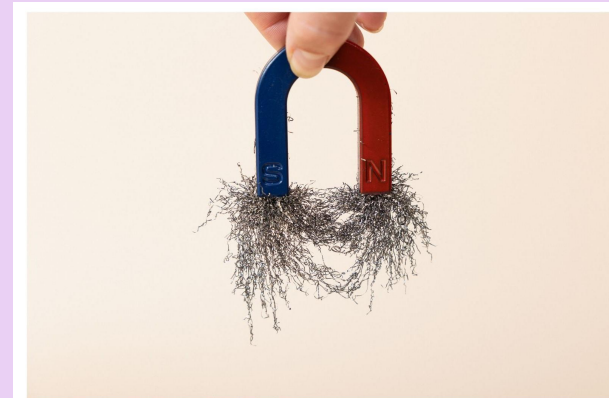
P: Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in
snares of sin and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our
neighbors are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others.**



Confession and Forgiveness

We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.



Confession and Forgiveness

P: Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world,
God draws near to us, breaks every snare
of sin, washes away our wrongs, and
restores the promise of life
through ✝ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.



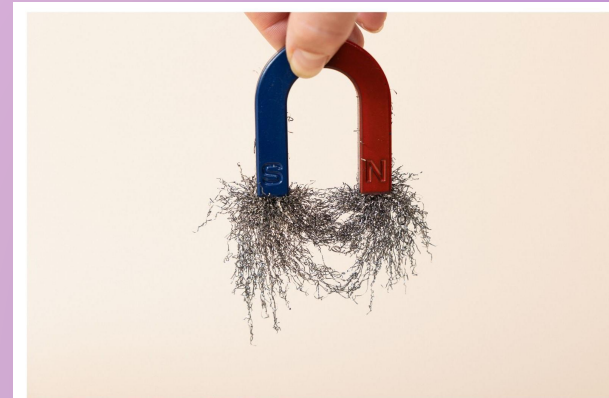
The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

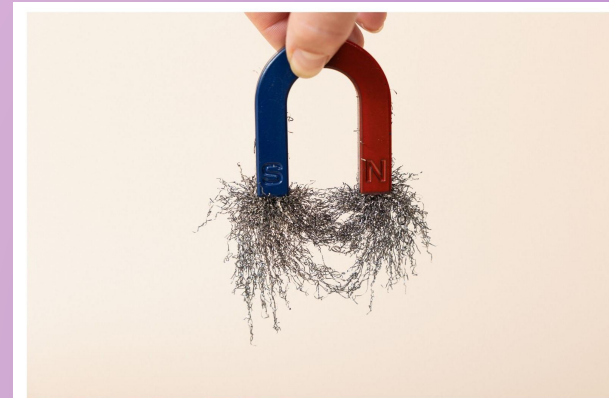
C: We lift them to the Lord.



The Great Thanksgiving

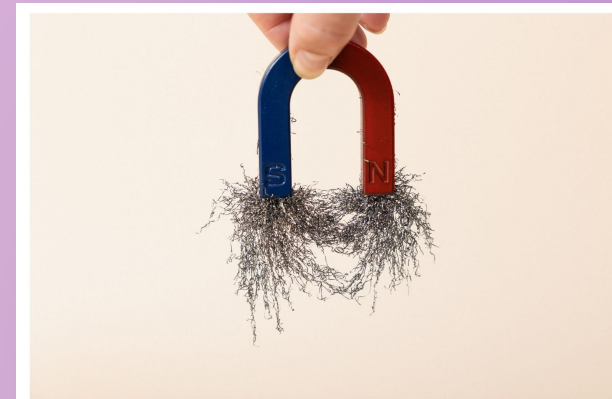
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



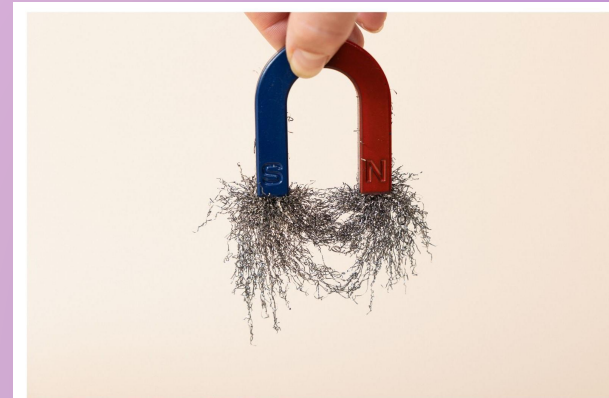
Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Words of Institution

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



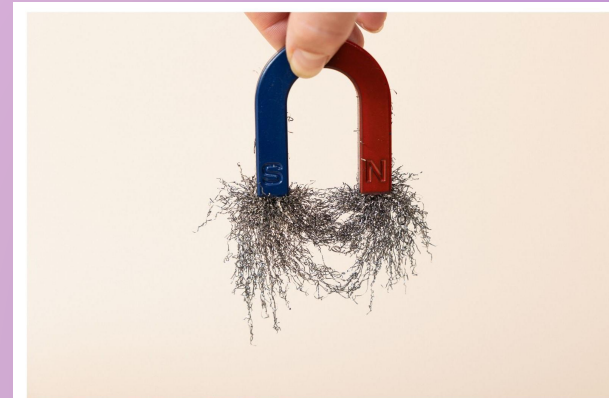
Words of Institution

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

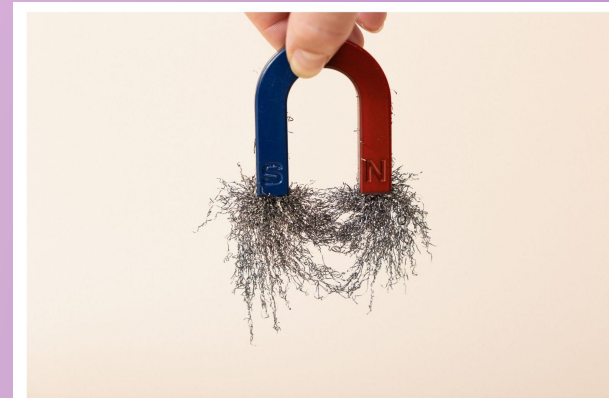
Christ will come again.



The 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.



The Lord's Prayer

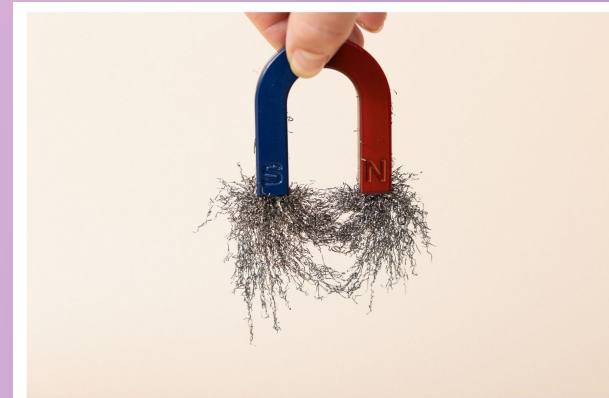
**Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**



Invitation to Communion

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Please be seated.



Communion

*We practice open communion at First Lutheran.
All are welcome to receive the elements. Please let
the Pastor know if you need a gluten-free wafer.
The wine is red, and the grape juice is clear in the trays.*

PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS

*If you would like prayers of healing, join the pastor in the
Narthex after you have received communion.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Thank you Jesus for the Blood”
Stacy Bean

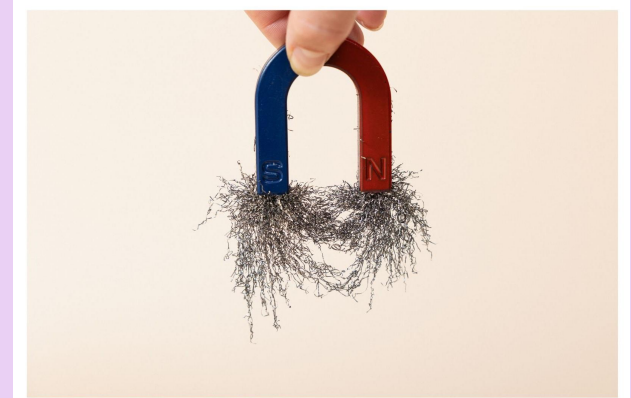
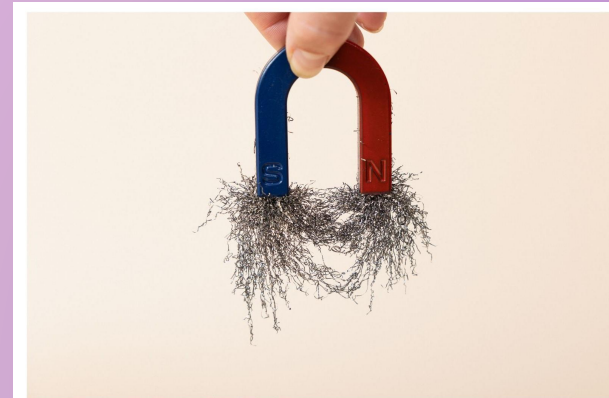


Table Grace

Please stand as you are able.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.



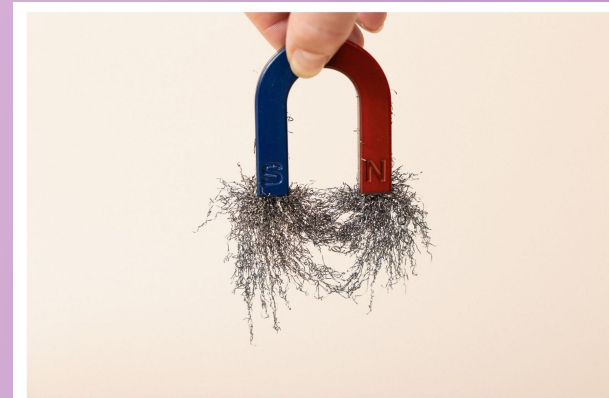
Prayer After Communion

L: Let us pray.

Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.

As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

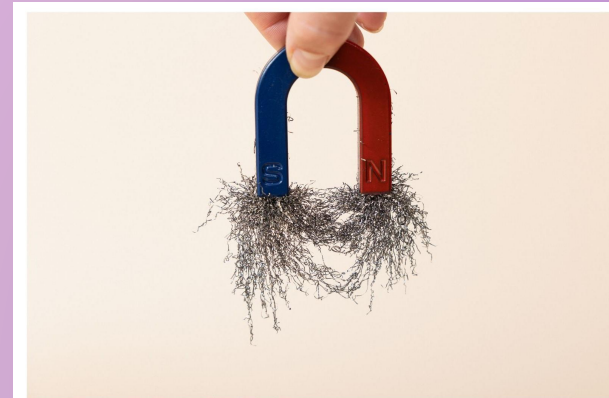
C: Amen.



Blessing

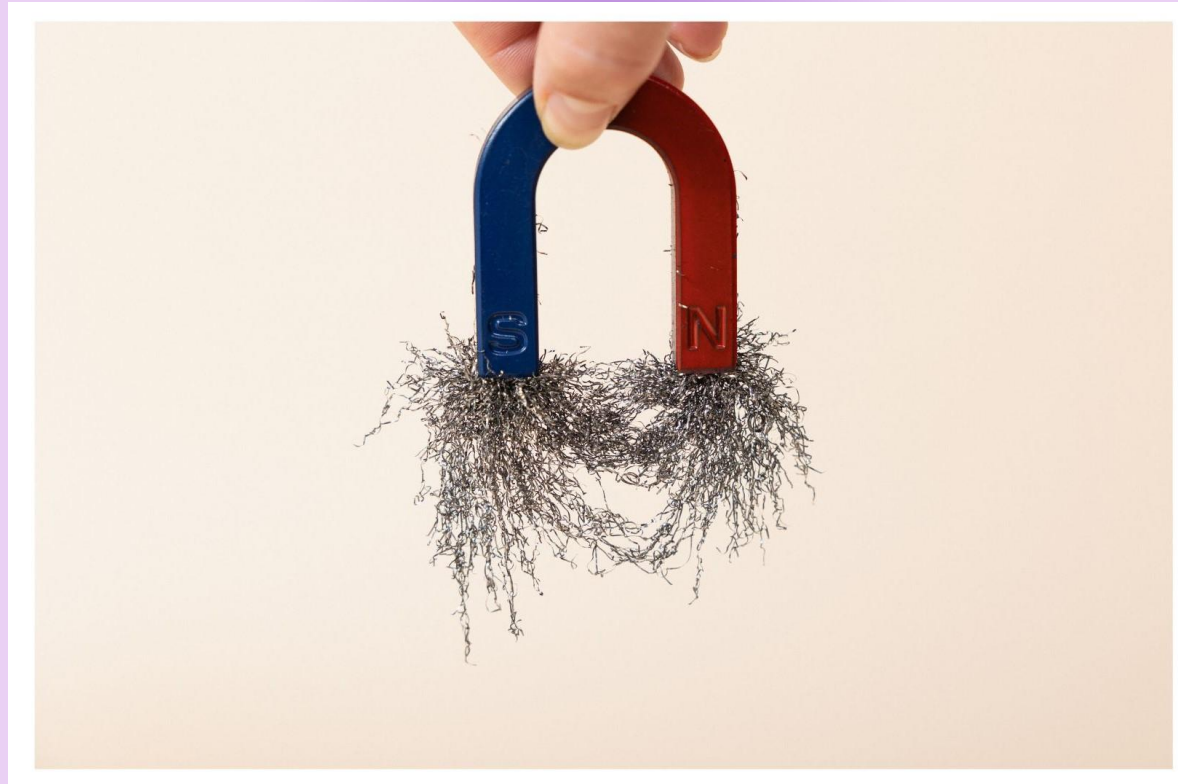
P: Beloved,
we are God's own people, holy, washed,
renewed. God bless you and keep you,
shower you with mercy, fill you with
courage, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.



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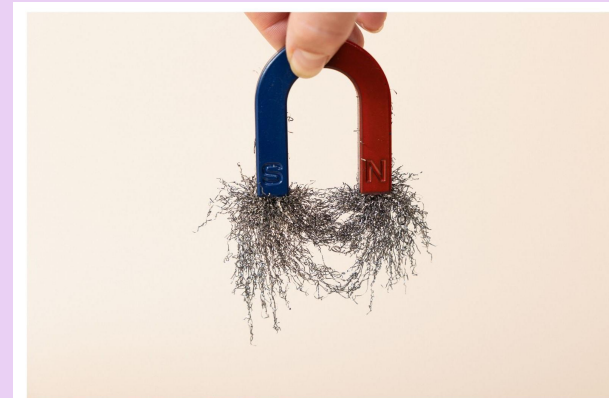
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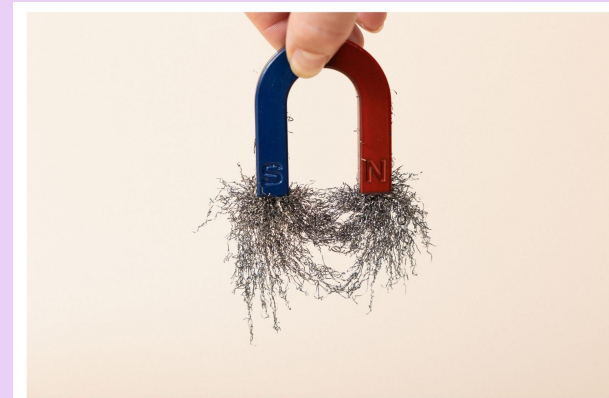
*So shall I be saved from mine
enemies.*

**So shall I be saved from mine
enemies.**



“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

**The Lord liveth and
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and may the God of my salvation be
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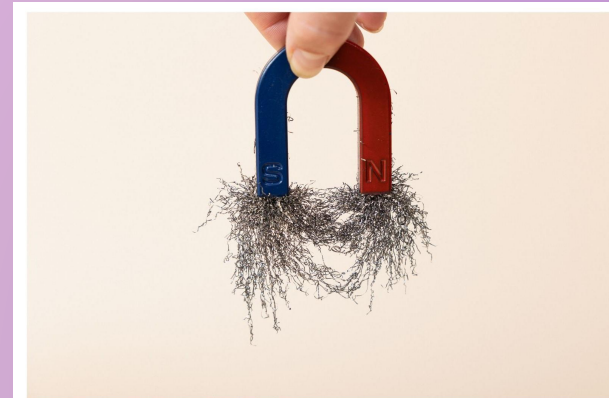
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Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Sending Music

Stacy Bean

