

## **Introduction to This Year's Lenten Experience**

"A Lenten Love Letter" is a worship series that invites us to experience Lent as a sacred time that moves through us. Each week, worship will feature a short video of a letter being read, written by someone who has shared with Jefferson Prairie why Lent is their favorite season of the church year. This letter offers personal and honest reflections, inviting us to see Lent as a gift to be received.

As the weeks unfold, each worship service will explore a different aspect of the Lenten journey, guiding us through the emotions, questions, and deeper reflections that arise as we walk toward the cross. Lent makes space for repentance and honesty, but also for grace, renewal, and hope. Along the way, you may find yourself growing curious about who wrote the letter and why Lent holds such meaning for them, a question that will gently linger with us throughout the season.

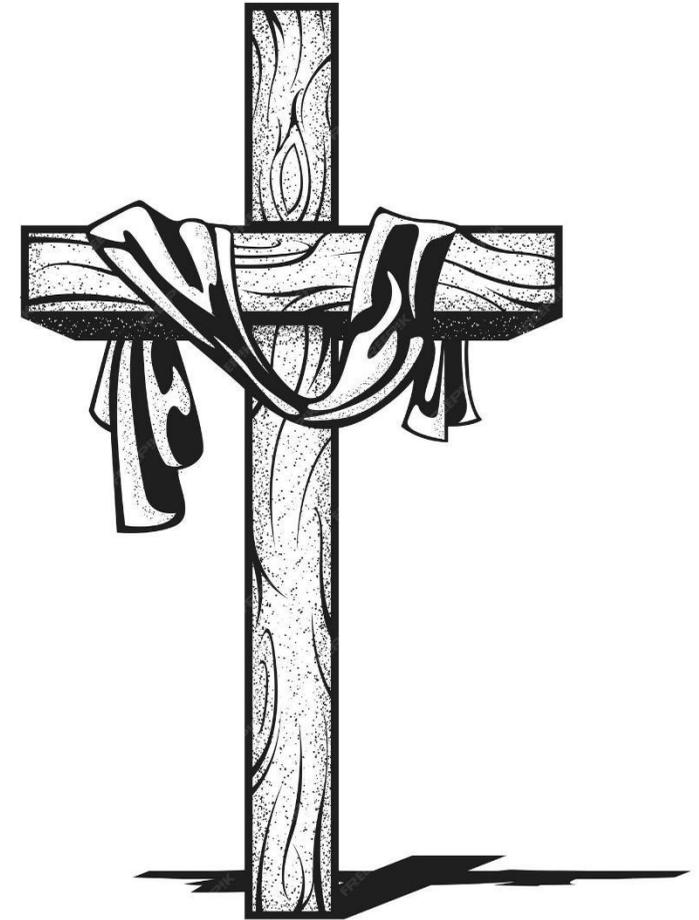
This series will also intentionally engage our senses, what we hear, see, touch, taste, and even smell, as a way of fully immersing ourselves in the Lenten experience. By slowing down and paying attention to how Lent feels in our bodies and hearts, we are invited to encounter God in tangible and meaningful ways. The identity of the letter writer will be revealed during the final midweek service, offering a closing moment of reflection as we gather all that we have experienced and carry it with us toward Holy Week.

## **Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church**

*As a community called by Christ,  
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

## **Holden Evening Prayer**

February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25; 2026 7:00 pm



**"A Lenten Love Letter"**

Welcome. Please take a moment to prepare yourself for worship.

*Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App.*

*Please stand as you are able*

**GATHERING** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**Service of Light** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 2

**Evening Hymn** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 3

**Evening Thanksgiving** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 4

**Psalm 141** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 4

*Please be seated*

*Silence for meditation*

**Prayer** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 8

**WORD** *God speaks to us*

**Readings**

February 25 Isaiah 43:1-7  
March 4 Matthew 4:1-11  
March 11 Genesis 2:4-9  
March 18 John 12:1-8  
March 25 Matthew 27:45-54

**Video Series**

February 25 **"A Lenten Love Letter"**  
Hearing – "You Are Mine"  
March 4 Taste – "Bread of Life"  
March 11 Touch – "In God's Hands"  
March 18 Smell – "Fragrance of Sacrifice"  
March 25 Sight – "Behold the Cross"

**Sermonette**

**Pr. Wade Crevier**

**Reading Response**

The Light shines in the darkness

**And the darkness has not overcome it.**

*Please stand as you are able*

**The Annunciation** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 8

**Magnificat** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 8

**Litany and Prayers** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 10

**Lord's Prayer** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 11

**SENDING** *We prepare to go forth in Jesus' name*

**Blessing** Holden Evening Prayer pg. 12

**Dismissal**

Go in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

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Thank you for worshipping with us this evening.

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