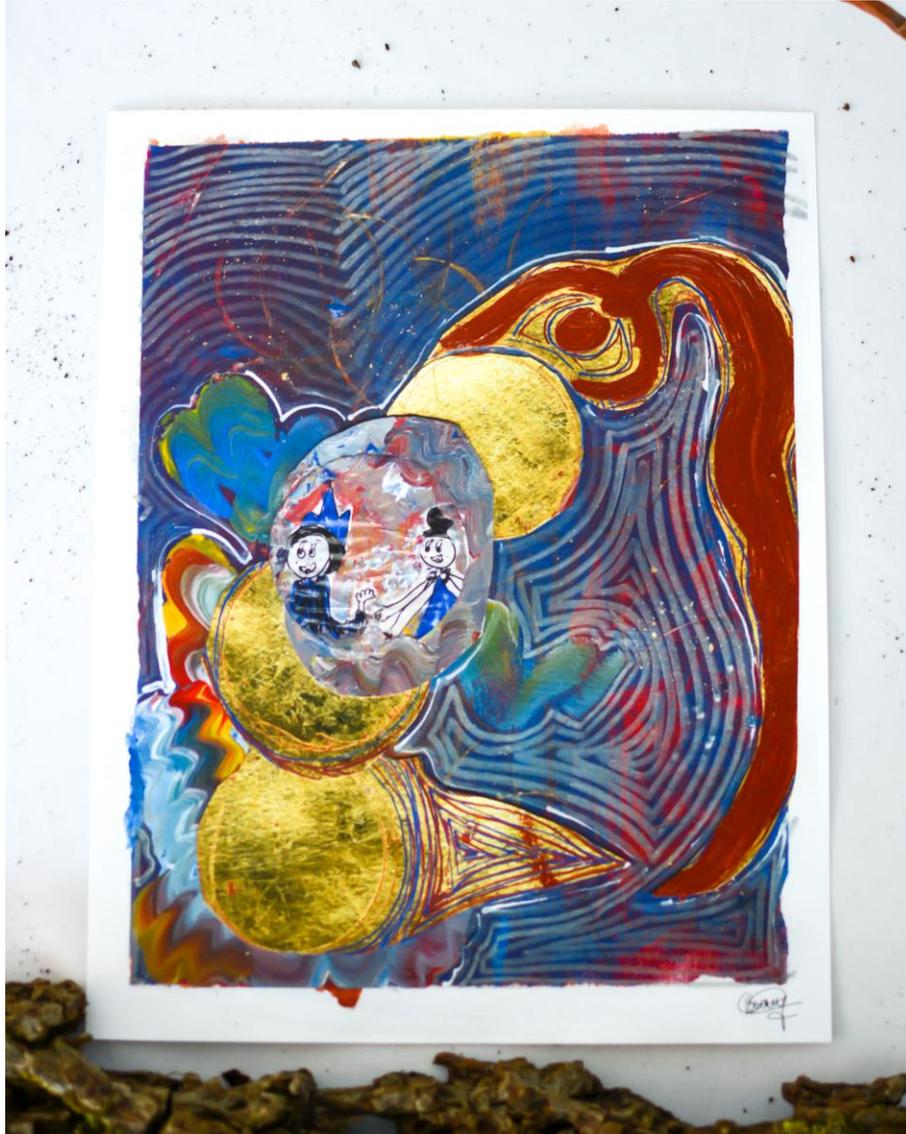


Our Savior's Lutheran Church – Cleveland, MN

Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 18, 2026

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.



Let the Little Children Come

by Carmelle Beaugelin Caldwell

Inspired by Matthew 19:13-15

11"x14" Acrylic, gold leaf, pen on paper

**The good news is...protection and care for the vulnerable
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Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

Song

Hear Our Prayer

(repeated)



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

Text and music: Paul Andress, b. 1956
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Prayer of the Day

Holy One, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, Amen.

Song

Hear Our Prayer

(repeated)

Reading

Care for the vulnerable

Matthew 19:13-15

Artist's Reflection

Song

Hear Our Prayer

(repeated)

Prayer Around the Cross

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

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Concluding Prayer

God of all compassion, gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and the peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation.

Amen.

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; 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.

Song

You Are Mine

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1. I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me.

Refrain

**Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.**

3. I am strength for all the despairing,
healing from the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
all will know my name. ***Refrain***

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give,
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! ***Refrain***

Blessing

As you leave this place,
when you meet anger, **speak with love.**
When you meet fear, **speak with hope.**
When you meet pain, **speak with gentleness.**
But no matter what, **speak this good news.**
For the good news of the gospel is
love and justice for all.
It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.
The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so we go forth speaking.
For if you won't, then who will?
Thanks be to God for this good, good news.
Amen.

Sending

Go in peace. Share the Good News.
Thanks be to God.

A greeting of peace may be shared by all.

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