#### **ROCK Prayer Responsive Reading** (Psalm 62:2, 46:1-2)

(L) For all our blessings, we give thanks to the Lord.(C) God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of plenty.

(L) With all our burdens, we pray to the Lord.

(C)God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of need.

(L)In all our celebrations, we sing praise to the Lord.

(C)God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of joy. (L) With all our grief, we cry to the Lord.

(C) God is our rock and salvation, a help in times of sorrow.

(L) We will not fear, though the earth should change.

(C)God is our rock and salvation; thanks be to God!

(L) O God our rock and salvation, step by step, you walk with us through all the ups and downs of life. Whatever our circumstances, bring us closer to you.

(C) Teach us to rejoice in the good times, find hope through the bad times, and always place our trust in you.
God you are our rock and salvation; thanks be to God!
(L) In Jesus' name we pray. (C) Amen!

## **SENDING**

#### Luther's Evening Blessing

(L) I give thanks to you, heavenly Father,

(All) through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

#### SENDING SONG

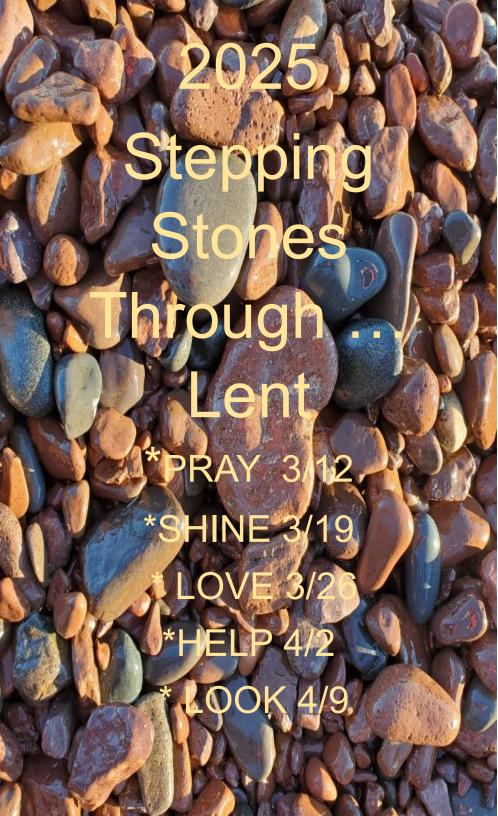
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## On Christ the Solid Rock Stand"

#### Dismissal

(L) Go in peace- step by step- God goes with you! (C) Thanks be to God!



### \*\*\*Meal served 5:45pm- 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall \*\*\* \*\*\*6:30pm Worship begins in Fellowship Hall\*\*\*

#### STEP BY STEP WE ARE ON A JOURNEY

(L) Get ready for our Lenten journey to the cross and the tomb! Let's go- trusting- God goes before us... step by step!

Sing and Process to Sanctuary "STEP BY STEP"

*Oh, God you are my God, and I will ever praise you Oh, God you are my God, and I will ever praise you* 

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways, And step by step, you'll lead me and I will follow you all of my days.

*Oh, God you are my God, and I will ever praise you Oh, God you are my God, and I will ever praise you* 

*I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways, And step by step, you'll lead me and I will follow you all of my days.* 

And I will follow you all of my days. And I will follow you all of my days.

And, step by step, you'll lead me and I will follow you all of my days. (Words by David Strasser and song by Rich Mullins)

# **Responsive Reading:**

(L) For these forty days, we journey with Jesus, step by step, down the Lenten path toward the cross. As we gather each week, we seek to learn about God's love, grace and mercy.

# (C) We come with hearts open to learn, to wonder and to be curious!

(L) We will listen to stories of Jesus' life and of God's people, because they teach us how God calls us to live in the world.

(C)We come to learn from the stories of God's ancient people, Christ's life, and the church.

## **STEPPING STONES... SCRIPTURES AND STORIES**

Sing: "I Love to Tell the Story" ELW #661

#### Stepping Stones Reading by Lucinda Malm

(ALL) Pray always-God's love is free. Shine Jesus' light for all to see. Love God, love others, love yourself.
When someone's in trouble step up and help. Look at the cross-see God's own son.
Step up to the tomb, where victory was won. In our lives, we work and play.
Step-by-step God leads us every day.

March 12- PRAY Hymn #752 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying March 19- SHINE Hymn #677 This Little Light of Mine March 26-LOVE Hymn # 595 Jesus Loves Me April 2- HELP Hymn # 708 Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love April 9- LOOK Hymn # 764 Have No Fear, Little Flock

# **PRAYER**

(L) We come to God in prayer... each may come forward to light a candle ... pause for prayer and silence.

## **Prayer Around the Cross**

(L)Thank you for hearing our prayers. Lord, Step by step, help us daily to walk with you and to learn how to reflect the light of Christ in all that we do and say. Step by step, Lord, help us trust you as you lead and guide us every day. We will pray as Jesus taught us and send each other back into daily life with a deeper connection to the life and love of Jesus. Let us pray the Lord's Prayer together...

(All) 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, deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.