

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

### Blessing

Go into the world with eyes open to the transforming light of Christ, hands open to serve those you meet, ears open to the call of the Spirit, hearts open to the bountiful love of God, and lives open to follow Christ to the cross.

The God who opened for us the way of everlasting life ✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

God, Whose Almighty Word ELW 673

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS004341.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

## Lenten Food Pantry Focus

Through Lent, we are collecting monetary donations and nonperishable food donations for five local food pantries. There is a display in the Narthex for donations. Let's work together to help hungry families in our community!

## Open My Life, Lord Midweek Lenten Series



Open my eyes, Lord.  
Open my hands, Lord.  
Open my ears, Lord.  
Open my heart, Lord.  
Open my life, Lord.

**Amen.**

### Second Week of Lent **Open My Hands, Lord**

*We use our hands to pick up a child, to serve a meal, to play an instrument, to wipe away a tear. Jesus used his hands for healing and for deeds of great power, and the psalmist reminds us that we are always held fast in God's hands. In Deuteronomy, Moses encourages us to open our hands in service to others.*

## Opening Dialogue

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

**our minds to know you, our hearts to love you,  
our wills to serve you, for we are yours.**

Into your hands, incarnate Savior, we place ourselves:

**receive us and draw us after you,  
that we may follow your steps.**

Into your hands, O hovering Spirit, we place ourselves:

**take us and fashion us after your image;  
let your comfort strengthen us and your fire cleanse us.**

Into your hands, almighty God, we place ourselves:

**gather us in your light eternal.**

*(Based on the commitment prayer, ELW, p. 86)*

Gathering Song      God, Whose Giving Knows      ELW 678

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer

Open our hands, Lord, to reach out to a world in need. May our  
arms enfold those who sorrow, our palms bear mercy and grace,  
and our fingers point to your love. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Reading                      Deuteronomy 15:7-11              Pew Bible p. 150

## Psalm 139:1-10

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my | rising up;**

**you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my | resting-places

and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind | and before,  
and lay your | hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go then | from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee | from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**

<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings | of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>**even there your | hand will lead me  
and your right hand | hold me fast.**

Reading                      Mark 6:1-5                      Pew Bible p. 817

Reflection (Anointing Hands)

Hymn of the Day      Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty      ELW 777

## Prayers

Lord of all life,  
when we cannot see the beauty of your creation,  
**open our eyes, that all living things thrive and grow.**

When we neglect the poor, the sick, and the grieving,  
**open our hands to do your work in the world.**

When we ignore the cries of injustice in our midst,  
**open our ears, that all will know your love.**

When we are hardened against our neighbor,  
**open our hearts and heal our resentment.**

When we are closed to the grace you long to give us,  
**open our lives and turn us to follow in the way of the cross.**

*Here other prayers may be offered.*