

Midweek Lenten Services 2025



Martin's (& Katie's) Table

a reimagining of Luther's famous "Table Talks"
by Kathleen Keating

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PRELUDE

SINGING BOWL

WELCOME

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER: pages 2 – 6

SINGING BOWL

READING

REFLECTION: Martin's (& Katie's) Table

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Mar. 12: “*A Prayer Lifted Is a Prayer Heard*”

Mar. 19: “*Not a Conqueror, but a Companion*”

Mar. 26: “*Love Is Service*”

Apr. 2: “*The Only Consolation*”

Apr. 9: “*The Miracle of Grace*”

Silence for Meditation

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SINGING BOWL

POSTLUDE

You are invited to come to the altar rail
for prayer and meditation.

Please leave this insert and the Holden booklet
on the table in the narthex as you leave.

The Lord's Prayer

(March 12)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Apostle's Creed from Luther's Small Catechism

(April 9)

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him;

but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.



About Martin's (& Katie's) Table

Martin's (& Katie's) Table is Kathleen Keating's reimagining of Luther's famous "Table Talks." The themes of the season of Lent, and especially Holy Week, will be discussed in modern terms, but with the flavor of the Luthers' writings. The intent is to immerse the congregation in the lively, yet scholarly, atmosphere at the Luthers' home, and to bring to life the theology and personality that inadvertently shaped the modern world through his powerful rhetoric and deeply rooted belief in the astounding grace of God.

Author's Note:

Luther was complex (as any human), and very much a man of his era; I have chosen not to focus on his more controversial positions in favor of themes of Lent, while still trying to construct a faithful portrait. Reference to God the Father will be masculine throughout the dramas for consistency with the thought process of the period.