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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
- The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

Introduction

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Welcome

Prelude *Grace Greater than Our Son/Amazing Grace*

Pastor Paula/Nancy Anderson

Meditation

Psalm 23

You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they
comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt
though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in
your way of life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that
God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you! God embraces you with
divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

***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.

***Hymn of Praise:** *Praise the one who breaks the darkness*

ELW 843 1 & 3

***Prayer of the Day (AM)**

Bend your ear to our prayers, **Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

First Reading: (AM)

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation:**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

***Gospel:** The gospel according to John 9: 1-41

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made

the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do

nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The good news of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Song

Amazing Grace

ELW 779 vs 1

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

ELW 779

Prayers of Intercession (AM)

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Brief Silence

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace (AM)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Message

***Offering Prayer** (AM)

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymn *Take, Oh, Take me as I am* **ELW 814**

Prayer after Communion

Embodied God, **at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. Amen.**

Announcements

***Blessing**

God, the giver of love, † Christ,
 the resurrection and the life,
 and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
 bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Be thou My Vision* **ELW 793 vs 1 & 4**

***Dismissal (AM)**

Go in peace. Serve in Love.
We go, celebrating God’s grace through acts of love and service. Thanks be to God!



OUR PRAYER LIST



Joe D. for strength and healing and he continues with health **Joe D.** for strength and healing and he continues with health issues.
Don A. for strength and healing for his health issues.
Joan O (Lori's Mom) for strength and comfort as she recovers from her health issues.
John O (Lori's Dad) for strength and comfort as he enters hospice.
Vince L. for strength and comfort with health issues.
Katie H. (friend of Fenske's) for strength and healing for her health issues.
Brett S. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.
Jane D. (sister-in-law of Donna M) for strength and healing as she recovers from her health issues.
Mary B. (friend of Kathy B) for strength and comfort as she deals with her health issues.
Heather H (granddaughter of Bill and Donna M) for strength and healing with health issues.
Steve H. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.
Alan K. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.
Chuck H. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.
The Family of Joel L. (friend of Carl S) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.
The family of Thea Stecker (Carl S. and Kari D.'s Mother) for comfort and peace as they mourn her passing.
Grace Lutheran Church our prayer partners.

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SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

March 26 Miyo Park April 2 OPEN

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the Kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Mar 20, 9am-11am- Food donation drop-off at WSC

Monday, Mar 20, 7pm Bible Study True Inclusion Last class

Wednesday, Mar 22, 12:30 pm—Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Mar 22, 6:00 pm - Soup/Vespers Service

Wednesday, Mar 22, 7:00 pm-Bible Study—Chronicles 1 & 2

Sunday, Mar 26, 9:30 am—Worship Service

Soup suppers are on Wednesday's at **6:00 pm**. With vespers following. We'll serve a vegetarian soup, and a gluten-free bread each week. Sign up on our kitchen door.

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism: This is the theme of our Soup and Vespers Wednesdays during Lent. There will be special offerings taken at the tables and the Vespers will cover the 5 promises we make at baptism.

Lent Food Drive for WSC - Fun fact #4 Canned foods are the safest form of food packaging and are minimally processed. Pick up some canned veggies or fruit for clients at Westside Cares. Please and thank you!

Faith Formation Ministry Meeting March 30, 7pm- I invite all of you to consider joining our review of the ministry of Faith Formation. We will meet to share ideas and plans for how CTK encourages grow in our faith as children, youth, and adults. The meeting will be in the fellowship hall and on zoom at the Team Ministry link (www.ctkcs.org) or ID 84103735652 PC 041640.

Calling all cooks! Lori's mom, Joan, is back home but still could use some help with meals. Please talk (or text 719-439-8941 or email ja1937cy@hotmail.com) with Joan Corder who has graciously offered to organize this with Lori.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers are needed. Also small individually wrapped candies and small toys, scripture quotes, etc. to be put into plastic eggs. Contact Terri Kelly @ 830-822-6954.

Kids Bake and Easter Service Day on April 8 at 9am.

Easter Brunch is on! Plan on bringing an item and staying after the service on April 9th for food, fellowship and fun! More details next week...Debra and Kathleen..

Annual Audit - will take place on Tuesday, **April 11th from 5 - 9pm**. If you would like to join the team effort, please contact Kathy Blanchard at ikblanch@comcast.net. I am also looking for a volunteer(s) to provide a light dinner for the group

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