

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2020



**“I am the LIGHT
of the world.”**

John 9:5, NRSV

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WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



PRELUDE **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING HYMN *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* **LSB 411**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The night and the day are both a - like.

The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Please stand...

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

INTROIT

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

P One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

C that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

P And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

C I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

C for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14-21

L The Old Testament Reading for the Fourth Sunday in Lent is from Isaiah, chapter fourteen.

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶ And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “*You are our gods.*” ¹⁸ Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹ Who is blind but my

servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹ The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness' sake, to magnify His law and make it glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

L The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter five.

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.



Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from

the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand...

HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

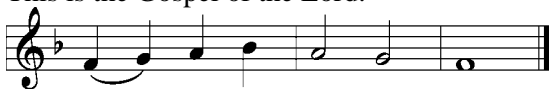


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

As Jesus passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, “*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*” ³ Jesus answered, “*It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.*” ⁴ *We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.* ⁵ *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*” ⁶ Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, “*Go, wash in the pool of Siloam*” (which means *Sent*). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “*Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?*” ⁹ Some said, “*It is he.*” Others said, “*No, but he is like him.*” He kept saying, “*I am the man.*” ¹⁰ So they said to him, “*Then how were your eyes opened?*” ¹¹ He answered, “*The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and*

received my sight.”¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind.¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes.¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”¹⁸ The 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 sight¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.”²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”²⁵ He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”²⁷ He 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?”²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.”²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from.”³⁰ The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes.”³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to Him.³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.³³ If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶ He answered, “And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?”³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.”³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him.³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near Him heard these things, and said to Him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

P We confess our faith together...

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY “When to Our World the Savior Came” **LSB** 551



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for
5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver
pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
soul to soul, “The touch of Christ has made us whole!”
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.
fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

SERMON

SERMON HYMN

"I'm But a Stranger Here"

LSB 748

1 I'm but a strang-er here, Heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home;
3 There-fore I mur-mur not, Heav'n is my home;

Earth is a des-ert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Short is my pil-grim-age, Heav'n is my home;
What-e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home;

Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand;
And time's wild win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;
And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand;

Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
Heav'n is my fa-ther-land, Heav'n is my home.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers: The prayers conclude:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Amen.

C hear our prayer.

We pray for the hospitalized: none known

We pray for those recovering or have an upcoming procedure: Eric Wittmann, Linda Grinestaff, Dennis Jacobs, Betty Schuring, Joanne Johnson, Angie Lucas.

We pray for those with ongoing health concerns: Ruth Burrress, Rosalie Finet, Diana Stage, Bonnie Lazzell, Mary Jane Wilkinson, Tony and Joanne Johnson.

We pray for those on hospice: Betty Farr.

We pray for those with cancer: Lincoln Downing, Shelly Hoit, Sherry Kramer, Darlene McCormick, Linda Borgwald, Bill Fredericks, Cindy DeMoss, Don & Gloria Llewellyn, Owen Smith, Sharon Bonebright, Kathy Howey, Frank Hutnicke.

We pray for strength and healing for: Rebecca Bedinger, Sarah and Patty Calderon, Trisha Howard, Dalton Goble, Jim Souza, John McCormick, Jackie Bland, Heather Bladel & family, Keri Blankenbeckler, Courtney Leemon, Doris Limer, Jason Dawson, and those suffering from mental anguish.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Bless we the Lord.



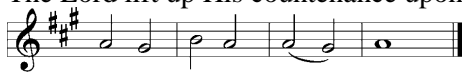
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

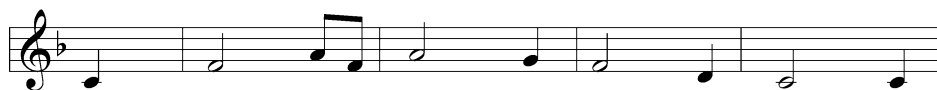
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



CLOSING HYMN*“Amazing Grace”***LSB 744**

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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