# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH March 22, 2020 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

"I am the light of the world."

[John 9:5]



## **WELCOME**

We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning.

9:30 A.M. Evangelical Lutheran Worship

#### **PRELUDE**

Baptism is sometimes called "enlightenment". The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind and 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. Just 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.

#### **BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please sign the attendance book at the end of the pew.)

## Stand as you are able

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God
who is always present,
who gives life,
who calls all things into existence. **Amen.** 

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

#### Silence for reflection

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

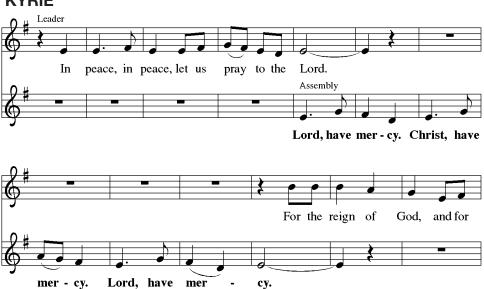
Receive good news: God turns to us in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All our sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for us. **Amen.** 



#### **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.** 

#### **KYRIE**







## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse. "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah

## A The word of the LordC Thanks be to God.

## Stand as you are able

**VERSE** (Sung Twice)



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



GOSPEL John 9:1-12

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The 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?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He 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." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

- A The grass withers and the flower fades but the word of God endures forever.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Sit

## TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

### PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

#### **SERMON**

Walking with God

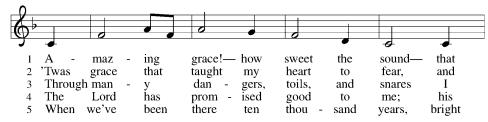
Time for reflection

## Stand as you are able

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 779** 

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (1,4,5)







#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

#### **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

## Stand as you are able

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION [Celebrate Insert]

## Stand as you are able

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God 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.

- O God, Creator of our wilderness world,
- O God, Savior of the lost,
- O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,

we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.
For forty days you taught Moses the words of your law.

For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

We praise you, O God.

Grant us, in this season of Lent,
forty days of repentance.

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.

At the last, lead all your pilgrim people
through our deserts to your Easter garden.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Sit

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### DISMISSAL FROM THE TABLE

#### Stand

#### SENDING PRAYERS

We thank you, living God for your Son, who sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.

Let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick from the coronavirus. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. **May**God console them and grant them healing and peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

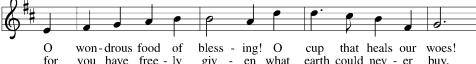
## O Living Bread from Heaven (1,2,4)



- how well you feed your guest! liv - ing Bread from heav en,
- My Sav ior, you have led with - in your ho - liest place, me You gave me all I want - ed;
- this food can death de stroy. Oh, grant me then, well-strength-ened with heav'n-ly food, while here



gifts that you have The giv - en have filled my heart with and here your-self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace; And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy. course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



giv - en what mer - it the for you have free - ly earth could nev - er fa - vor you have shown, My do not bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



gift Mv heart, this pos - sess - ing, in thank-ful song o'er - flows! life shall not the bread of from heav - en, that now I die. all soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne. my you glad will raise songs in end-less ev - er

## DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go out to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**