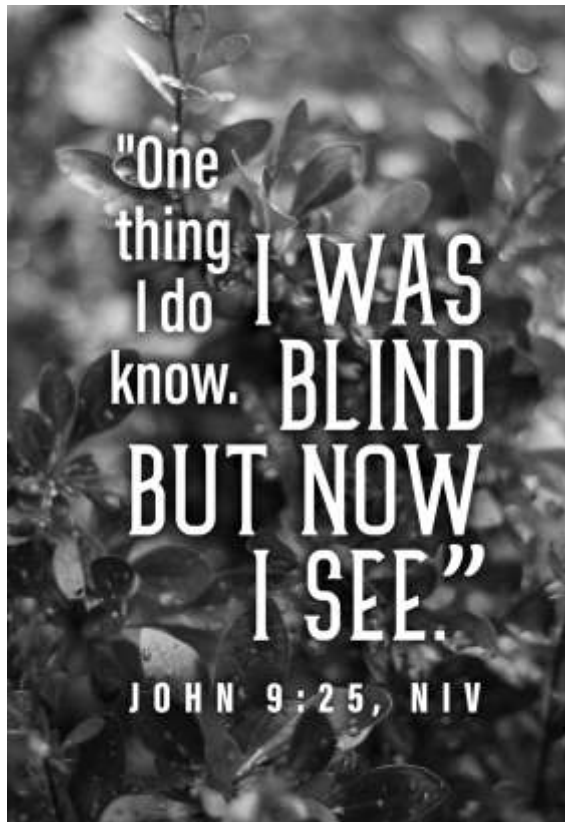


**THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023 ~ 7:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**DIVINE SERVICE 1 LSB 151**  
***Non-Communion Service***



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## WE WELCOME YOU IN THE NAME OF JESUS

For your convenience personal hearing assistance units are available. Large Print Bulletins, Newsletters, and Portals of Prayers are also available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

As you are entering the sanctuary, you are entering the house of God. Prepare yourselves for worship by silently meditating on God's love. Please refrain from loud conversation before the service that would distract those for whom a preparatory meditation is important.

To those who may be visiting us today, your presence here today is a delight to us! With joy we welcome you in the name of Jesus. Please complete the guest card found in the pew pocket and turn it in to an elder or usher.

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**(10:30 AM) PRESERVICE ANTHEM** *"The Old Rugged Cross"*

### WELCOME

**HYMN**      **God Loved the World So That He Gave**      **LSB 571, sts. 1-5**

*(Please rise)*

### INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SINS and ABSOLUTION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,**

**renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**KYRIE**

*LSB 152*

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**HYMN**            **O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

**LSB 418**

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠**

### **PSALM**

*Psalm 142*

*(Congregation speaks the lines in **bold** responsively)*

With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

**with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.**

I pour out my complaint before him;

**I tell my trouble before him.**

When my spirit faints within me,

**you know my way!**

In the path where I walk

**they have hidden a trap for me.**

Look to the right and see:

**there is none who takes notice of me;**

no refuge remains to me;

**no one cares for my soul.**

I cry to you, O LORD;

**I say, "You are my refuge,**

**my portion in the land of the living."**

Attend to my cry,

**for I am brought very low!**

Deliver me from my persecutors,

**for they are too strong for me!**

Bring me out of prison,

**that I may give thanks to your name!**

The righteous will surround me,

**for you will deal bountifully with me.**

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

**(10:30 AM ANTHEM)**

*"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

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.

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.

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.  
They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
"You are our gods."

Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
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?  
He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

## LENTEN VERSE

LSB 157



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–25

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



**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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." 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 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

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?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 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." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 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." 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. 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."

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 sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 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." (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.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*(Please be seated)*



**HYMN**

**Amazing Grace**

**LSB 744**

**SERMON**

**“SO THAT I MAY BELIEVE”**

*Text: John 9:1-25*

*(Please rise)*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)*

**☩ 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.**

amazing  
GRACE

## PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

(As our offerings are brought forward, we sing the Offertory)

LSB 159

### OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(At the conclusion of each petition, congregation responds "**hear our prayer**")

### LORD'S PRAYER

(Hymnal – Inside Back Cover)

- ☐ **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.**

## **COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **HYMN**

### **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**LSB 425**

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## **SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY**

**Preacher:** Rev. Gregg Stanton

**Organist/Music Director:** Kim Woller

**Choir:** (10:30 AM) Choir

**Lay Readers:** (7:00 PM) Andy Adams  
(8:00 AM) Sandy Olsen  
(10:30 AM) Athena Malone

**Elders:** (7:00 PM) Chuck Boie, Jeff Driessen & Lee Roloff  
(8:00 AM) Dennis Kutz  
(10:30 AM) Sean Malone

**Ushers:** (7:00 PM) Team 7 – Jeff Driessen Team  
(8:00 AM) Team 1 – Scott Saeger Team  
(10:30 AM) Team 2 – Jerry Sutton Team

**Acolytes:** (8:00 AM) Max Blair  
(10:30 AM)

**Fellowship Snacks provided by:**

**Mark your calendars and join us this Wednesday!**

**Lenten Midweek Service ~ March 22nd ~ 11:00 AM & 6:30 PM**

**Chronicles of the King ~ KNOW THYSELF: UZZIAH**

*Lunch is served following the 11:00 AM service*

*Supper is available prior to the evening service, beginning at 5:30 PM*

*(Meals - free-will offering)*