

✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠  
March 14–15, 2026  
5:00 p.m.; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

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**Silent Prayer Before Worship**

Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. As we follow in His steps, give us wisdom, patience, and courage to minister in His name to all who suffer and are in need; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ Divine Service – Setting One ✠

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” *LSB* 545

(5:00) Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*See page 12*

✠ Carson Gunnar Pope ✠

Son of Robert and Kelli Pope

Sponsors Jamie McGrath and Austin Chamberlain

**Confession and Absolution**

Invocation

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

Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

- 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.

*Silence for reflection on God’s Word and self-examination..*

Confession of Sins and Absolution

*LSB, p. 151*

- 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.

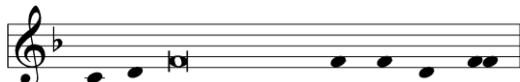
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19–23*

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Kyrie

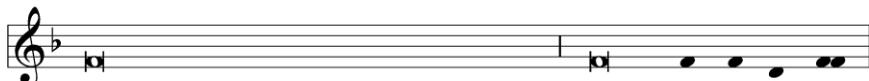
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



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



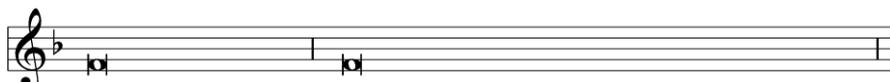
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



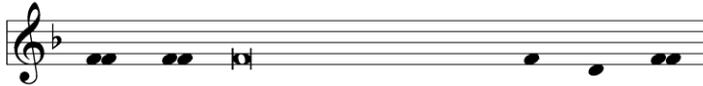
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect

**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.

### 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



With my voice I cry out | to the Lord;\*  
 with my voice I plead for mercy | to the Lord.

I pour out my complaint be- | fore Him;\*  
 I tell my trouble be- | fore 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 to the Holy | Spirit  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,  
 is now and will be forever. | Amen.

**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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Verse for Lent**



**C** 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 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

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

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

As [Jesus] 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. . . .

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.” . . .

They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone” *LSB 972*

1 I trust, O Christ, in You a - lone; No earth - ly hope a -  
 2 My sin and guilt are plagu - ing me; O grant me true con -  
 3 Con - firm in us Your Gos - pel, Lord, Your prom - ise of sal -

vails me. You will not see me o - ver - thrown  
 tri - tion And by Your death up - on the tree  
 va - tion. And make us long to hear Your Word

When Sa - tan's host as - sails me. No hu - man strength, no  
 Your par - don and re - mis - sion. Be - fore the Fa - ther's  
 And fol - low our vo - ca - tion: To spend our lives in

earth - ly pow'r Can see me through the e - vil hour,  
 throne a - bove Re - call Your match - less deed of love  
 love for You And show Your love in all we do.



For You a - lone my strength re - new. I cry to You!  
 That He may lift my dread - ful load, O Son of God!  
 And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Sav - ior, come  
 I trust, O Lord, Your prom - ise true.  
 I plead the grace Your death be - stowed.  
 And bear Your loved ones safe - ly home.

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(5:00, 8:00, 9:30) **Sermon**

**“Adopted”** *Ephesians 5:8–14*

### Prayer of the Church

- † Judy Ostermann upcoming surgery.
- † Harold Hageman who is hospitalized.
- † Thanksgiving for the 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Aaron and Jackie Weber (March 18).

### Offering

**“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”** *LSB 426*

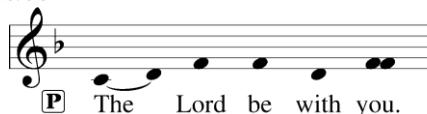
(11:00) **Sermon**

**“Adopted”** *Ephesians 5:8–14*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

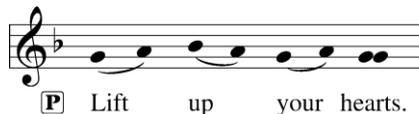
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**P** The Lord be with you.



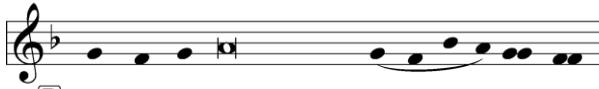
**G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

*LSB, p. 161*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB, p. 162

### Pax Domini – “Peace of the Lord”

John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei – “Lamb of God”

LSB, p. 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns

“Christ, the Life of All the Living” *LSB* 420

“O Living Bread from Heaven” *LSB* 642

“Nunc Dimittis” *LSB*, p. 165

**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-

filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

### Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

### Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.  
 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

- 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.

Closing Hymn

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” *LSB* 697

Postlude

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**Preaching**

**Liturgist**

**Assisting Seminarians**

**Organist**

**Pastor Schudde**

*(8:00, 11:00)* **Pastor Wade**

*(9:30)* **Paul Blessing**

*(11:00)* **Jordan Fasnacht**

*(Saturday)* **Nancy Peterson**

*(Sunday)* **Kantor Gerhardt**

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# The Service of Holy Baptism

## The Invocation

## The Scripture and Holy Gospel

## The Address to Parents and Sponsors

## The Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?
- C** **I do renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe 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.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, 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.**



## The Baptism

## The Gift of the Candle

*The candle given to the child is a visible reminder that Christians are to be the “light of the world.” Even newborn Christians are reminded that they are to grow up to let their “light shine before men that they may glorify our Father in heaven.”*

## The Prayer

## The Welcome

- C** **We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father and an heir with us of the Kingdom of God.**

## The Blessing

- C** **Amen.**

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