

Lenten
Midweek
Worship



March 18, 2026
12 noon

Prelude Welcome

Gathering

P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy, ...
... Christ, through whom we pray.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW #635 "We Walk by Faith"

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."**
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"**
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:**
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord, re found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.**
- 5 And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.**

The Gospel Reading: John 9:1-11 *NRSVue*

P: As he 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 he.” 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation: Pastor Craig Brown

Prayers of Intercession: *after each petition, please respond:*

P: ... we pray,

All: ...hear us and have mercy.

Time of Healing & Prayer *Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands or anointing with oil may come forward.*

The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

Closing Song: ELW #815 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.**

*Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.*

**2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.**
Refrain

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Follow in the way of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

You are invited for a light lunch to stay or to go which is offered following worship.
We invite you to participate in noon worship and our final Spring Serenade on March 25
with Hsin-Hui Liu, Piano, and Zongxi Li, Trombone



Our Worship & Study Series during Lent, *Conversations with Jesus*, is bringing us closer to Christ by studying the conversations he had with people throughout the Gospels. Study Guides that follow our Lenten scriptures and worship services are available in print at the church, or can be found on our website, firstlutherancr.org/lent.

Prayer around the Cross

We have a prayer station in the front of the worship space with votive candles around the cross. During Wednesday worship, at noon and at ECHO worship, you are invited to light a candle as a prayer to God. There will be a time of healing and prayer and noon worship. At ECHO, at the time of communion, worshippers can go to the cross and light a candle.

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Spring Serenades

