

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "In Christ Alone" (Screens)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN HYMN: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" (427)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God in faith and repentance, confessing our sins. We confess together:

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

SONG OF PRAISE: "As the Deer" (Screens)

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PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning and 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30)

"He Left the Music of Heaven"

Michael Sharp

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Psalm is **Psalm 142**. In this Psalm, we hear David's cry of desperation and his declaration of hope and trust in the Lord. **We will speak this Psalm together.**

Today's Gospel is from **John 9.1-38**. In this reading, we hear of Jesus' healing of a man born blind and his subsequent confession of faith in Jesus.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness" (849)

SERMON: John 9.1-38

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each petition is: "Hear our prayer"

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus" (919)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let us remember who we are and what we do:

C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus."

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another! Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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