



# Fourth Sunday in Lent

Trinity Lutheran Church + McPherson, Kansas

19 March 2023

10:15 AM

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

## GATHERING

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME

#### KYRIE CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**We confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

**Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have**  
*continued*

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

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word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

### ABSOLUTION

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

### GREETING

From our God who loves us with an everlasting love, who brings forth a new creation in Christ, who leads us by the Spirit in the wilderness: Grace and abundant mercy be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.**

## WORD

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

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*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the Lord, designating David as the Lord's chosen successor to Saul.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

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*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

☩ 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.

### GOSPEL READING

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

The Gospel According to St. John, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**John 9:1-41**

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The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

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**APOSTLES’ CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Sustained by God’s abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*(sung 3 times)*

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***When I call, answer me.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***O Lord, hear my prayer.***

***Come and listen to me.***

*in bulletin*

*Prayer petitions follow—after each petition the response will be:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**MEAL**

**GREETING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace, saying these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING HYMN**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the



joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

God, our provider,

**You have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

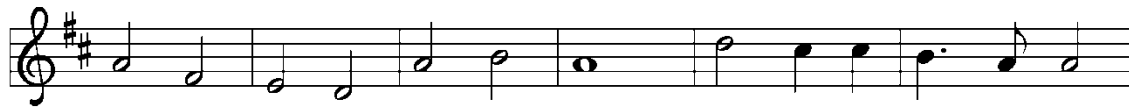


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*(chanted)* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Jesus Christ your only Son, our Lord and Savior. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so with the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

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Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### LAMB OF GOD



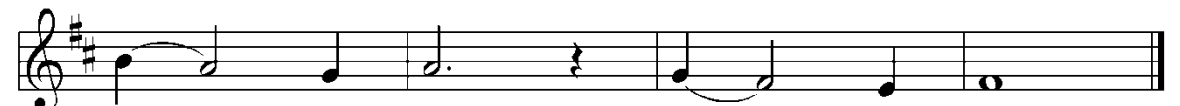
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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, grant us peace.**

### COMMUNION

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*“Jesus, Remember Me”*

*in bulletin*

*(sing repeatedly throughout holy communion)*

*Jesus, remember me  
When you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me  
When you come into your kingdom.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God, the giver of love, ☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

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**DISMISSAL**

God is here!  
**Spread the word!**  
Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SENDING MUSIC**



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**JESUS, REMEMBER ME**

Musical score for 'Jesus, Remember Me' in G minor, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.'

**O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER**

Musical score for 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The lyrics are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.' and 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.'