✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠

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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM

Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you,"* as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, but He does not forsake them. Instead, He promises to turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground (Isaiah 42:16). The Lord does not give up on His servant, Israel, but sends another Servant who is the light of the world (John 9:5). Jesus' light comes to us in His Word, His water, and His Supper. These are His means for opening our eyes to see and to live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8). Baptized into Christ, we look forward to the day when these words will come pass: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14).

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. ***Grape juice*** is in the outer ring and ***is lighter*** in color than the wine. The ***wine is darker*** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

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Members and Visitors*: Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.*

Prelude **"Nocturne on Be Thou My Vision"** **by Heather Sorenson**

Welcome / Temple Talk **Youth**

Stand

Hymn (8:15) **"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"** **LSB 849, vss. 1–3**

Opening Song (10:45) ..... **"My Worth Is Not in What I Own"**

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone,
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

My worth is not in skill or name, in win or lose, in pride or shame,
But in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

Chorus

I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers, we fade and die. Fame, youth and beauty hurry by,
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light,
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Chorus*

Two wonders here that I confess—my worth and my unworthiness.
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross.

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Invocation

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

Memory Verse **John 3:14-15**

C **14 And as Moses _____ up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be _____ up, 15 that whoever _____ in Him may have eternal life.**

Confession and Absolution **Psalm 142:1**

P With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
C **with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we were born in utter sin. To this day and by nature, we have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear. We have trusted in the things we have made rather than You. Our thoughts, words, and actions have been unfruitful and dark. We have been blind to our sin, but You have seen it. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes. 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. Jesus is the light of the world and your salvation. He has enlightened you with His gifts and given you ears to hear Jesus' words. It is He who is speaking to you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Salutation

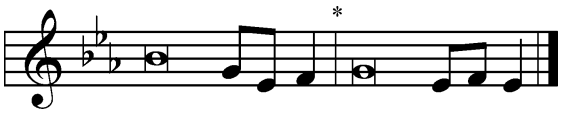
P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**



Psalm: Psalm 142

P [1]With my voice I cry out | to the LORD;* with my voice I plead for mercy | to the LORD.

C **[2]I pour out my complaint be- | fore him;* I tell my trouble be- | fore him.**

P [3]When my spirit faints within me, you | know my way!* In the path where I walk they have hidden a | trap for me.

C **[4]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.**

P [5]I cry to you, | O LORD;* I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the | living."

C **[6]Attend to my cry, for I am brought | very low!* Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too | strong for me!**

P [7]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.

C **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.**

Sit

First Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

14For 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. 15I will lay waste
mountains and hills, and dry up all their
vegetation; I will turn the rivers into
islands, and dry up the pools. 16And 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. 17They are
turned back and utterly put to shame, who
trust in carved idols, who say to metal
images, "You are our gods."
18Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that
you may see! 19Who 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? 20He
sees many things, but does not observe
them; his ears are open, but he does not
hear. 21The 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.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8–14

8For at one time you were darkness, but
now you are light in the Lord. Walk as
children of light 9(for the fruit of light is
found in all that is good and right and
true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing
to the Lord. 11Take no part in the
unfruitful works of darkness, but instead
expose them. 12For it is shameful even to
speak of the things that they do in secret.
13But when anything is exposed by the
light, it becomes visible, 14for 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.**

Vocal Solo **"God of the Deep"** **by Eileen Berry and Dan Forrest**
Milly Myers, soprano

Each time I stand and wonder at the vastness of the sea,
I know that there are mysteries too great and deep for me.
The wide expanse of water reaches far beyond my sight,
And yet I know the One to whom its depths are full of light.

The mighty waves roll in to shore and break upon the sand,
Compelled by unseen forces that I cannot understand.
The currents run beneath the waves in perfect, charted paths;
A skillful hand directs their courses as it ever has.

The ocean teems with living things who never see the sun,
And yet there is an eye who sees and knows them, every one.
And that same eye has fathomed all the mysteries of my days.
When tears have dimmed my sight, a heart of Love still charts my ways.

When simple explanations lie too deep for me to find,
I rest in God, who holds the whole creation in His mind.
I hope in Him whose skill and wisdom far exceed my own.
The secrets of the hidden depths belong to God alone.

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Stand

Holy Gospel: John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

1As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind
from birth. 2And His disciples asked Him,
"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his
parents, that he was born blind?" 3Jesus
answered, "It was not that this man
sinned, or his parents, but that the works
of God might be displayed 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."
6Having said these things, He spat on the
ground and made mud with the saliva.
Then He anointed the man's eyes with the
mud 7and said to him, "Go, wash in the
pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he
went and washed and came back seeing.
…
13They brought to the Pharisees the man
who had formerly been blind. 14Now it
was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the
mud and opened his eyes. 15So 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." 16Some 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.
17So 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." …
34They answered him, "You were born in
utter sin, and would you teach us?" And
they cast him out.
35Jesus heard that they had cast him out,
and having found him He said, "Do you
believe in the Son of Man?" 36He
answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may
believe in Him?" 37Jesus said to him, "You
have seen Him, and it is He who is
speaking to you." 38He said, "Lord, I
believe," and he worshiped Him. 39Jesus
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

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

Apostles' Creed

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

Sit

Children's Message Bob Brantsch, DCE

Hymn (8:15) "Hope of the World" LSB 690, vss. 1–4

Sermon Song (10:45)..... "Jesus, You Have Called Us"

Jesus, You have called us: "Come, follow me.
Take up your cross, deny yourself and live."
Jesus, I am willing, though I am weak.
I'll trust You and I'll go where You lead.

Chorus

I will follow. I will follow. I will follow where You lead.

Jesus, You have shown us how we should live—
In sacrifice, humility and love.
Jesus, I am willing though I am weak.
I'll follow You with Your Spirit in me. *Chorus 2X*

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Sermon Blind

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Offertory "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" arr. Sorenson

Stand

Pastoral Prayers

The Prayers of the Church

A As children of light, we cry out to the Lord who sees us and hears us, and deals bountifully with us in our time of need:

Lord of Light, in Your Son You brought light into this dark world. Bless all pastors and church workers, especially those who minister to those who are deaf and blind, that they faithfully point us to all that is good and right and true, and that we discern what is pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, bringing us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to walk as children of light, that Your works be displayed in us while it is still day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Patient Lord, in the face of deep darkness, You remain slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Give us Your patience in our encounters with the darkness, that we graciously and fearlessly lead those who are blinded by sin back to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sovereign Lord, You are our refuge and portion in the land of the living. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us. Open their eyes to see the needs of Your people and Your creation. Help them to establish laws that are good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Merciful Lord, You deliver those who cry to You from the darkness of pain, sickness, and grief. Visit all who are in need and struggling to see beyond what is before them. Bring them Your light and Your peace. Hide them in Your shelter and restore to them the joy of being Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Believing that Jesus truly is the light who overcomes all darkness, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Peace

P The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Sit

Hymn (8:15) **"Amazing Grace"** **LSB 744, vss. 1–5**

Hymn (8:15) **"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"** **LSB 423, vss. 1–3**

Communion Song (10:45) ..... **"God Who Bleeds"**

Oh, my soul, who could ever know how deep my sins go? Oh, my soul.
All the gold on the earth could never pay for the debt that I have made on my soul.

Chorus

Now I see just how great my need, in His hands and in His feet.
Lamb of God, oh my soul shall sing, "All glory to the God who bleeds."

Oh what love. Knew I'd never have enough,
So He chose to pay in blood. Oh what love.
I'm in awe—Every earthly gain is lost at the wonder of the cross. Oh what love. *Chorus*

Bridge—2X

See from His head, His hands, His feet.
Sorrow and love flow down for me.
Forever all my praise will be, "Glory to the God who bleeds." *Chorus*

Tag

All glory to the God who bleeds.

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Communion Song (10:45) ..... "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me;
And like a flood His mercy rains. Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Chorus*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

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Stand

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.** *—Numbers 6:24–26*

Memory Verse — John 3:14-15

C **14 And as Moses _____ up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be _____ up, 15 that whoever _____ in Him may have eternal life.**

Hymn (8:15) "Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing" LSB 421, vss. 1–2, 5

Closing Song (10:45)..... **"The Lord Is My Salvation"**

The grace of God has reached for me and pulled me from the raging sea,
And I am safe on this solid ground. The Lord is my salvation.
I will not fear when darkness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun. The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God—strong to save, faithful in love?
My debt is paid and the victory won. The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord. He flow'rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come. The Lord is my salvation
In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace will renew these days. The Lord is my salvation. *Chorus*

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave;
But I will rise. He will call me home. The Lord is my salvation.

Bridge-2X

Glory be to God the Father. Glory be to God the Son.
Glory be to God the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation.

The Lord is our salvation. The Lord is our salvation.

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Postlude **"To Walk in God's Ways"** **by Lani Smith**

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