



Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church

✠ Fourth Sunday in Lent ✠

March 22, 2020

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.

Today, we also celebrate the birth anniversary of J.S. Bach

✠ Gathering ✠

Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*Please stand as
you are able.*

Prelude in C, BWV 846

from The Well-Tempered Clavier

J.S. Bach

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul, he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over..

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Gathering Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness ELW #765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
 Text © Oxford University Press 1931.

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Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Throughout this season we embrace the discipline of Lent including self-examination and repentance. Therefore, let us come before God with open hearts.

Kyrie

(To be sung by the Assisting Minister and repeated by the Congregation.)



Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sing to the music above.

Christe, christe eleison Christe, christe eleison

Confession

P: Most merciful God,
C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Please sing to the music above.

Kyrie, kyrie eleison Kyrie, kyrie eleison

Words of Absolution

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



Children's Message

✂ Word ✂

The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.



Lenten Verse

Refrain

Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the
dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 9:1-41
*Jesus heals a man
born blind,
provoking a
hostile reaction
that he regards as
spiritual blindness
to the things of
God.*

Gospel

¹As [Jesus] 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 the man.” 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.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

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. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since

the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

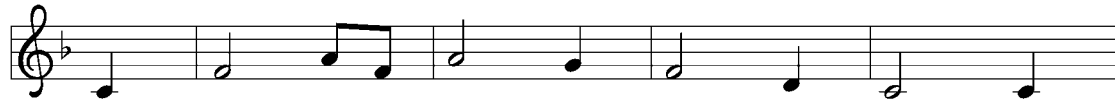
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today’s gospel message.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

✠ Offering ✠

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Offering

Blute nur, du liebes Herz!

From J.S. Bach's "St. Matthew Passion"

Blute nur, du liebes Herz! Ach! Ein Kind, das du erzogen, Das an deiner Brust gesogen, Droht den Pfleger zu ermorder, Denn es ist zur Schlange worden.

Bleed on, dear heart. Ah, a child that thou raised, That sucked at thy breast, Threatens to murder its guardian, For it has become a serpent.

Offertory

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.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12
Music: FRANCKE, J.A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

Offertory Prayer

A: Holy and generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of insight, open the hearts of the church ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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.

✠ SENDING ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Print Thine Image Pure and Holy

Print thine im - age pure and ho - ly On my heart, O
So that noth - ing high or low - ly Thy blest like - ness

Lord of Grace; Let the clear in - scrip - tion be:
can ef - face.

Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, And the Lord of all cre - a -

tion, Be my ref - uge and sal - va - tion. A - men.

*Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703
Tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-*

**Sending
Hymn**



Benediction

The Lord Bless You

J.S. Bach Cantata 196

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *In dir ist Freude (In Thee is Gladness), BWV 615* *Fugue in E-Flat Major (St. Anne), BWV 552*

*Please enjoy the extended postlude on line. It is approximately
15 minutes in length.*

J.S. Bach

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WELCOME

We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Wednesday and Saturday services online. We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

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PRAYER LIST



Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of

thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:

Shirley Carlson, Gary Olson, father of Lars Olson; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Sam Brown**, relative of Liz and Mike Brown; **Mary McCarthy**, friend of Nancy McCutcheon; **Lynn Williamson**, family of

Bruce and Carol Kuehn; **Heluza Ramos**, grandmother of Rebecca Morell, **Deb Benson**, mother of Kayla Hoel; **Trevor Daniel**, prayer request by Cheri Moe.

Loved Ones In The Military
Please keep all the members and families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Henry Arent 3.26 John Fitch 3.26
Charles Jacoby 3.27 Spencer Reisberg 3.27

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES

On Sunday, March 15th, we heard from Mike Lloyd during the "Serving Outside the Church" series. Mike is the director of Community Emergency Services (CES), located on Franklin Ave, just a few blocks east of Chicago Ave. CES is currently looking for volunteers to help with the food shelf and to deliver groceries and/or meals to those who are homebound or in quarantine. If you are interested, please check out the website at cesmn.org or call volunteer coordinator Melanie LaPointe at 612-870-1125, #128. Financial contributions to the food shelf are welcome as well. Also, if you encounter someone on the street who appears to be homeless or in need of assistance, Mike said to give them the CES phone number (612-870-

1125) or website (cesmn.org). CES is located at 1900 11th Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

A SEASON OF HOPE PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

During this season of Lent, our congregation will be participating in collecting and assembling personal care kits for struggling families in fragile corners of the world. You can contribute in one of two ways—you can make a cash donation and we will purchase the items in bulk or your family can purchase the items for a single kit (or more if you wish) and bring those items to the church. If you decide to purchase items yourself, please following the guidelines on the information sheet. We would like to include at least 3-4 bars of soap with each kit so they have soap for several months. Please contact Linda Nelson in the church office if you have any questions or would like to help.

We welcome your donations but ask that you hang onto them until we are able to gather again at church.

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