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FOURTH  
*Sunday*  
OF  
LENT



SERVICE OF  
HOLY COMMUNION

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 19, 2023

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Ministers: ALL People of Christ's Church  
Interim Pastor: The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter  
Preaching/Presiding: The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter  
Organist/Music Coordinator: Joanne Vasey  
Faith Formation Coordinator: Charlene Rineer



## WELCOME TO ALL who join with us in worship!

We welcome all guests and visitors. If you are new to us the following information might be helpful:

**Our services are video and audio recorded.** Services are also live streamed on our YouTube channel. **Rest room facilities**, including a unisex handicapped restroom, are located in the hallway south of the Atrium. **Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices** are available during our services. Please ask an Usher for assistance.

We invite you to join us throughout the year. We gather each Sunday for worship at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 am. We hope that you might experience the joy and peace that Jesus Christ can bring into your life! If you are interested in learning more about membership in our congregation please speak to the Pastor or call the Church Office (570.524.0745). Please sign your name and address in our worship attendance folder in order to be placed on our mailing list. Any special requests (prayers, visits, etc.) may be written on the back of these sheets. **Members are encouraged to record your name on the attendance sheets each week.** Extra offering envelopes can be found in the attendance folder.

**If you are new to Lutheran worship**, most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the back section of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)* hymnal.

### Introduction to our worship today:

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.

*\* The congregation please stand as you are able  
Please silence your cell phones or switch them to vibrate*

# **4 LENT**

**MARCH 19, 2023**

## **PRELUDE**

*Be Thou My Vision* – Tune: SLANE Arr. Edward Broughton  
Joanne Vasey, organ

*The Power of the Cross* – Ruth Elaine Schram

*In the Shadow of His Cross* – Michael E. Akers  
Parish Peal Handbell Choir

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INTROIT (10:30 am only)**

*Six Weeks of Lent* – Ann Ker  
Children & Family Choir

### **\* CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

C Amen.

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.

**\* GATHERING HYMN** *O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate* – ELW # 722

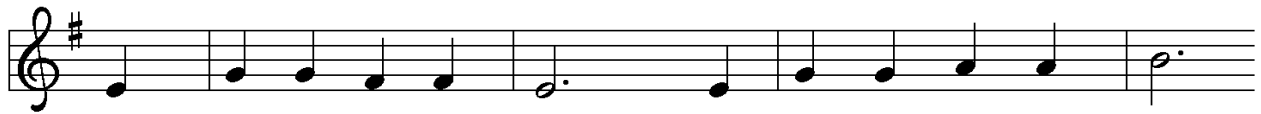
**\* GREETING**

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.

**\* KYRIE**

ELW p. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.

2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.

3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\* SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*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.*

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

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

L The Word of the Lord.

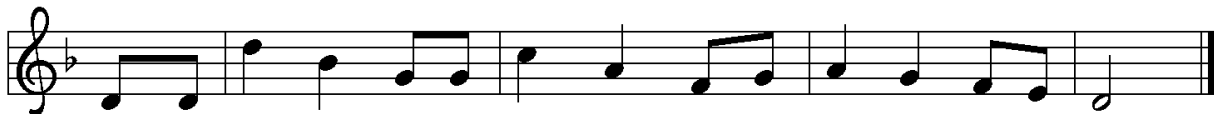
C Thanks be to God.

### \* LENTEN ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

### \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1~41

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter:

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

### SERMON

The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter

### \* CONGREGATIONAL VISION

A In the Great Commission to His Church Jesus sent the disciples forth into the world to baptize and to make His name and teachings known. We are His disciples in this time and this place; and so we go into the world;

C Making Christ known as we worship, serve and grow in faith.

### \* THE NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Leader: Merciful God.

Congregational Response: receive our prayer.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C And also with you.

*(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)*

**OFFERTORY INTERLUDE**

*Chime Interlude* – James Denton  
Joanne Vasey, organ

**\* DOXOLOGY**

*Create in Me a Clean Heart* – ELW #188

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
C Amen.

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.  
C And also with you.

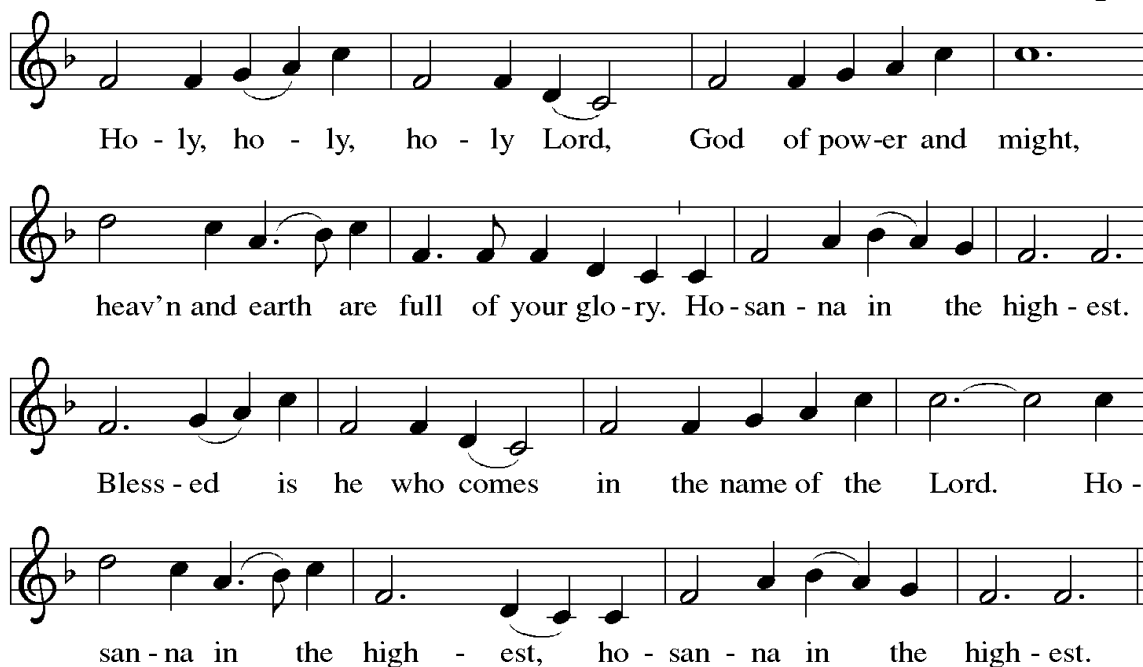
P Lift up your hearts.  
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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 our Savior Jesus Christ. 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

\* SANCTUS

ELW p. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which He was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.*

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.*



## \* THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.  
C Thanks be to God.

## AGNUS DEI

ELW p. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### The Communion of God's Baptized People

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we practice Eucharistic hospitality: all baptized Christians are invited to come forward as ushered to receive this life-giving Sacrament. As a sign of the unity the Sacrament gives, we all share the same elements. If you are unable to receive the bread or wine, be assured that in a single element you do receive the Presence of Christ and all the gifts this Sacrament offers. Non-communing children are invited to receive a blessing.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Text: Rusty Edwards Music: J. Wyeth

Pop-Up Vocal Ensemble

*(All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward and grab a binder.*

*Tune is familiar ~ "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing": NETTLETON.)*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* – ELW # 779

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C Amen.

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A 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.

C Amen.

**\* BENEDICTION**

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

C Amen.

**\* SENDING HYMN**

*Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* – ELW # 452

**\* DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Serve in love

C Thanks be to God.

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Postludium* – Gordon Young

Joanne Vasey, organ

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**THE CROSS FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Jackie Cvik, in honor of daughter Tracy's birthday.

**COFFEE HOUR** after both services the 10:30 am service will be hosted by the Faux family.

**THIS MORNING WE ARE LED IN WORSHIP** in worship by The Rev. Justin Lingenfelter. Pastor Justin grew up in Eastern Pennsylvania, attending Northwestern Lehigh High School. He's a graduate of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Anthropology. Following his undergraduate work, Justin attended The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia where he earned his Master's of Divinity, graduating in May of 2017 after a full year of internship at Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Naples, FL. Justin and his wife, Kelsey, arrived at United In Christ in July of 2017. Currently, Pastor Justin is CELC's Interim Minister.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we'll be lead in worship by Pastor Wayne Muthler who graduated from Penn State and the Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg. He was ordained in 1986 and served at St. Matthew's in Shamokin Dam and St. Paul's "Erdley's" for almost 27 years. He began chaplaincy work at Geisinger and completed a residency in 2016. After residency he served as a chaplain at Frey Village (Now Oak Hill Village) in Middletown. He currently is serving as staff chaplain at Geisinger in Danville and Bloomsburg. He has two grown sons and two grandsons and a special significant other. He lives in Shamokin Dam and enjoy Philadelphia and Penn State sports teams, music, and hiking.

**THANKS** to Parish Peal Handbell Choir, Children & Family Choir and the Pop-Up Vocal Ensemble for providing today's anthems for worship.

**Holden Evening Prayer Continues on Wednesday Evenings During Lent - 7:30 pm - All are welcome!**

**THANKS** to Chad Hershberger, speaker and Tom Booth, cantor for your participation this past Wed. evening. Thanks also to Joseph Martin, speaker and Heather Miller, cantor for your participation on March 8.

## **Choir/Ensemble Update**

**PARISH PEAL HANDBELL CHOIR:** Thanks for providing today's prelude anthems. No rehearsal Monday, March 20. Ringers are asked to check e-mail for info regarding the rehearsal for Easter Sunday. Contact Joanne Vasey.

**CHILDREN & FAMILY CHOIR:** Thanks for providing today's introit for 10:30 am worship. Next date to share an anthem for worship will be Easter Sunday. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

**POP-UP VOCAL ENSEMBLE:** Thanks for providing today's communion anthem. Pop-Up Vocal Ensemble will provide the communion anthem on Palm Sunday, April 2. Contact Brandy Aguirre.

**REHEARSED PARISH CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK/EASTER:** If enough interest and availability of singers, a rehearsed Parish Choir will provide anthems for Maundy Thursday and/or Good Friday as well as Easter Sunday. Rehearsals TBA. Tentative rehearsal at 8:00 pm following Holden Evening Prayer on March 29. Please watch for e-mail and bulletin announcements. Contact Brandy Aguirre if interested. All ages welcome!

**YOUTH ORFF/DRUMMING ENSEMBLE:** Will continue rehearsals during the Sunday school hour in preparation for sharing an anthem on April 30 (tentative). Contact Brandy Aguirre.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Musicians in the congregation are always welcome to provide anthems for worship. Anthems may be vocal and/or instrumental. Choose 8:00 am or 10:30 am worship. Contact Joanne Vasey.

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Asst. Minister 8:00	TBD	Sarah Patte
Asst. Minister 10:30	TBD	Joseph Martin
Lector 8:00	Carole Bollinger	Beverly Harvey
Lector 10:30	Adelyn Elliott	Ethel Snook
Acolytes 8:00	Ella Koontz	Oliver Patte
Acolytes 10:30	Cortland Michaels	Claire Hershberger
Communion Ushers 8:00	Don & Connie May	Diane Miller
Communion Ushers 10:30	Rick Faux Judy Cotner	Gary Parks Bill Borys
Communion Assistants 8:00	Bill Bollinger	Gregg Wetzell
Communion Assistants 10:30	Patti Faux	Colleen Nevil
Usher Team 8:00	Jackie Cvik	Tess Trowbridge
Usher Team 10:30	Bob Varney & Darlene Rowe	Andy Wargo
Welcome Desk 10:30 am	Carole Bollinger	Jackie Cvik
Welcome Desk 10:30 am	Adelyn Elliott	Adelyn Elliott
Altar Guild	Diane Miller	
Council Person	Rick Slear	

As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10



## God's Eyes Are Not Our Eyes

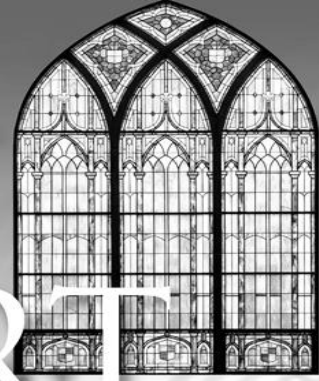
One heresy in the early church was called Donatism. The Donatists held that the sacraments were only efficacious if presided over by priests who were sinless. It didn't take the church long to realize that if it held to this policy there would be no sacraments for anyone. So if the gospel can be proclaimed through the preaching of a sinner, then we must allow for the possibility that God's healing may be accomplished through extraordinary means. God chooses a boy too young to be taken seriously to anoint as one chosen to lead Israel. When the prophet Samuel is sent by God to find the new king who will replace Saul, Samuel goes through a long line of all Jesse's tall, strapping, competent-looking sons of appropriate age. When none of them are chosen, finally Jesse sends for young David. All of the obvious-to-us choices were declined in favor of a boy. What we may see as authoritative, respectable, and trustworthy may not always align with God. Today's first reading reminds us that "the Lord does not see as mortals see" (1 Sam. 16:7).

This theme of sight runs throughout today's texts, both in terms of how God does not see as we see and also in Jesus' healing of a man born blind. Jesus chooses to heal a blind man on the sabbath with dirt and saliva, much to the dismay of the good religious people who were certain they knew better than to display such questionable judgment and behavior. Lent is a time to reevaluate. Let it also be a time to examine the ways in which we do not see what God is doing around us because we too think we know better. Bottom line: God often uses the unexpected to accomplish redemption.



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