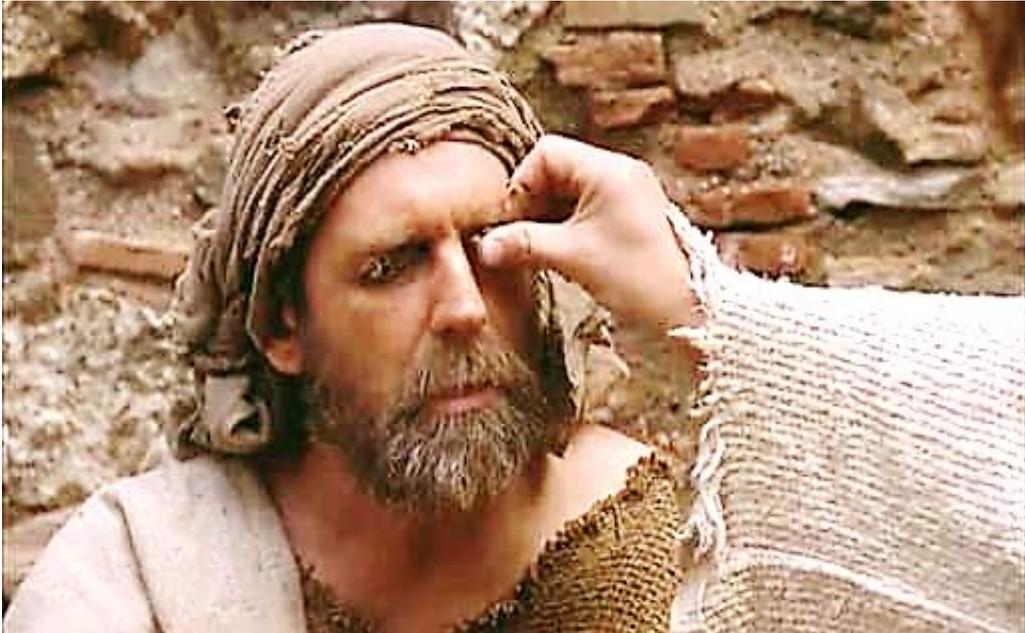


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LUTHERAN CHURCH

**EVERYDAY DISCIPLES**



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 14 & 15, 2026**

**SHARING CHRIST, CHANGING LIVES!**

Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP TODAY** The LORD is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. *“For his righteousness’ sake,”* He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns *“the darkness before them into light”* (Is. 42:16) because He is *“the light of the world”* (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh *“while it is day,”* until that night *“when no one can work”* (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though *“at one time you were darkness,”* now *“you are light in the LORD”* (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to *“awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead”* (Eph. 5:14). If you are our guest, we pray that you find the Spirit of God alive and moving in our congregation. We rejoice that you joined us in that Spirit today. Please come again!

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**CONNECTION CARD READING OR MEMORY WORK:**

Read: John 9: 13 – 17, 34 – 39 and/or Memorize: John 9: 35 - 38

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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD) 2026

✠ Preparation ✠

## Welcome and Connection Cards

*Stand*

### Opening Hymn - Blue 18 - Draw Me Close to You

- 1. Draw me close to You.  
Never let me go.  
I lay it all down again  
to hear You say that I'm Your friend.**
- 2. You are my desire  
no one else will do  
'Cause nothing else can take Your place.  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace,  
help me find the way;  
bring me back to You.**

*Chorus*

**You're all I want.  
You're all I've ever needed.  
You're all I want.  
Help me know You are near.**

*Ending*

**Help me know You are here.**

Kelly Carpenter

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*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for 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 are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

## Introit

*Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.  
One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to  
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.  
For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high  
upon a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

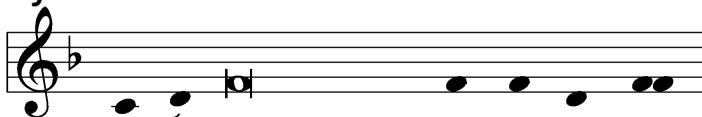
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

**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.**

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,  
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

## Kyrie

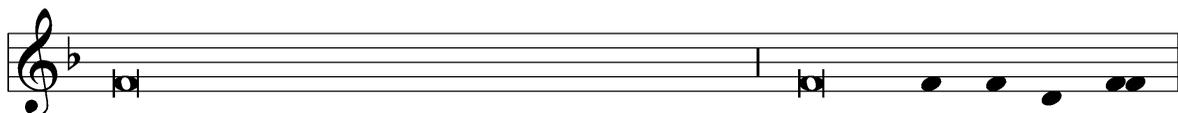
*LSB 152*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



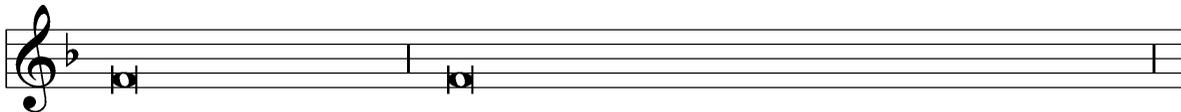
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



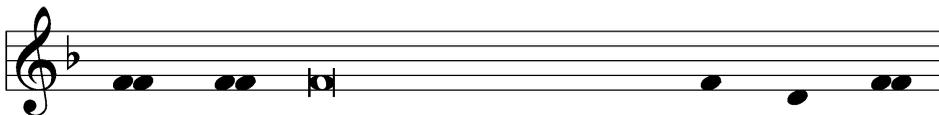
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

*Sit*

*(11 a.m. only) Children between the ages of 3 years old and 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to meet Kelly Brainard-Nichols in the Gathering Space.*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For 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.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And 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.  
<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who 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?  
<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
his ears are open, but he does not hear.  
<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising  
the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 5:8–14*

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

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

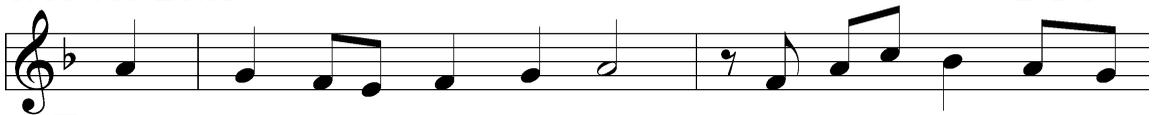
**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Verse for Lent

*LSB 157*



**C** 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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Holy Gospel

*John 9:1-41*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup>Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So 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.” <sup>16</sup>Some 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. <sup>17</sup>So 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.”

<sup>18</sup>The 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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup>But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>He 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?” <sup>28</sup>And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have

seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “LORD, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.

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

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day - LSB 411 - I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



**God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the LORD and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*(11 a.m. only) Please wave to all the worshipers online!*

# Pax Domini

LSB 180

**P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Connection Cards

*Stand*

## Offering and Offertory

LSB 159



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

## 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.”

## LORD’s Prayer

**All: 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.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

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.

*Sit*

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.*

**Distribution Hymn - LSB 638 - Eat This Bread**

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

*Cantor or Choir*



1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.



2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.



3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.



4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.



5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

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## Distribution Hymn - Blue 38 - I Love You, LORD

**I love you, LORD,  
And I lift my voice  
To worship you,  
O my soul rejoice!  
Take joy, my king,  
In what you hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet  
Sound in your ear.**

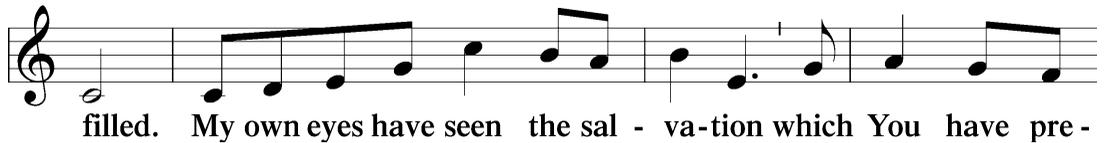
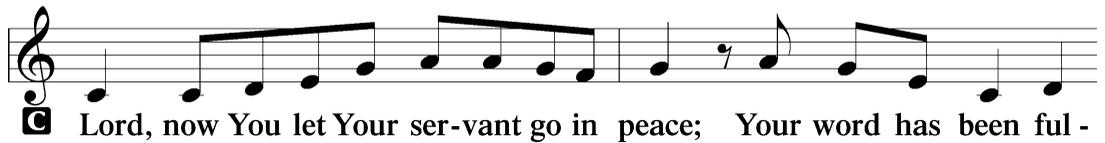
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*Stand*

## Communion Dismissal

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 165*



## Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

Sit

## Announcements

Stand

(11 a.m. only) Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

## Closing Hymn - Red 394

394

### I Surrender All

JUDSON W. VAN DE VENTER, 1855-1939

WINFIELD S. WEEDEN, 1847-1908

1. { All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;  
I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.

2. { All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Hum - bly at His feet I bow;  
World - ly pleas - ures all for - sak - en, Take me, Je - sus, take me now.

3. { All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly Thine;  
Let me feel the Ho - ly Spir - it - Tru - ly know that Thou art mine.

4. { All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ings fall on me.

CHORUS

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,  
I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all,

All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

*Our elders offer a ministry of prayer. If you would like personal prayer or for them to gather others to pray with you, please speak to anyone whose name tag says "Elder" on it.*

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- P** Pastor or Presiding minister; sole pastor, Liturgist
- C** Congregation
- L** Leader or Lector; an Elder, one of the Readers, or another lay person
- A** Assisting minister; an Elder, Commissioned Minister or other trained worship leader
- All:** Pastor or Leader and the congregation speak together
- △** Doxological verse; the congregation stands in praise and honor of the Holy Trinity
- †** The pastor makes the sign of the cross; individual worshipers may also as fits personal preference; this is a kinesthetic reminder of grace

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 15 - 22, 2026 (at church unless noted)

- Sunday:      Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM  
                   Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
                   Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM  
                   Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 PM
- Monday:      Women’s Bible Study, 1 PM
- Tuesday:     Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
                   Elders Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday:  Lenten Supper – Open Table, 6 PM  
                   Devotion, 7 PM
- Friday        Helping Partners, 3:30 PM
- Saturday:    Worship/Communion, 5:30 PM
- Sunday:      Worship/Communion, 8 & 11 AM  
                   Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
                   Prayer Shawl Group, 12:30 PM  
                   \*\*Little Lambs Prayer Shawls, 11 AM Worship

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING JESUS

We thank Andy & Amanda Reding and Michael & Stephanie Cheney for working out a means for us to share worship with you this week. We also thank Lisa Serron, Linda Benivegna, Lisa Brahm, Hugh Shipley, Glenn Banke, Doc Tessendorf, Sandy Voigt, Jacki Scheib, Stephanie Cheney, John Pilecki, Gary Paradise & Bob Jauch for their work in the office and building. A great big thank you to Doc Tessendorf, John Pilecki & Gary Paradise for their continued work in the sacristy. We also thank all who serve at worship this weekend. There are many “angels” in our congregation and community who go about living out their vocations as the Body of Christ. We know they do this not to be recognized, but because God has called and led them to do what they do. God bless you all and thank you to all!

### SERVING ON MARCH 21 & 22

**SATURDAY EVENING:** Pete Ellison, Lisa Serron

**EARLY CHURCH:** Bill Fuge, Matt Meyers, Scott Norris, Vince & Tracy Romano, Deborah Adams, Fred Salvagni

**LATE CHURCH:** Jenny Tessendorf, Cindy Hemingway, Bob & Sandy Smith, Andy, Amanda Jared & Tommy Reding, Addy Modzel, Cathie Geske, Dave Pittenger, Kelly Brainard-Nichols, Sandy Voigt, Hugh Shipley

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### LENTEN SUPPER/DEVOTION OPEN TABLE, MARCH 18



We are so excited that our initial goal was already achieved in the first two Open Table dinners - we welcomed guests who have never joined us before!! We enjoyed a meal together and had interesting discussions about the scripture chosen for that night. Many thanks to our members who joined us and made this outreach comfortable for our guests.

On March 18th at 6:00PM, we invite you to join us for the next dinner. Feel free to invite others. If you would like to participate in planning and/or preparing the dinner, please sign up on your connection card or add your name to the list on the Wittenberg door. God does amazing work through each one of us. The loving spirit you bring and the ideas you share will enable us to touch more lives in our community!

## LITTLE LAMBS PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Our Little Lambs will be receiving prayers shawls at late worship next Sunday, March 22 and we would like to welcome them with a cookie reception after service. Would you be willing to bring in a treat? Please sign up on your connection card. Thank you!



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>

We are privileged to have an amazing place to walk the Stations of the Cross once again this year. Notre Dame Retreat House has opened their grounds to us on the evening of Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 4 – 6 PM. We will once again be offering a guided walk and scripture reading or you may choose to take a printed guide and take a contemplative walk on your own.



\*\*\*Sign up on your connection card or the Wittenberg Door to be a docent to lead a few walks while you are there . Please indicate the time that you prefer.

## HOLY WEEK/EASTER OFFERING

This Holy Week and Easter, our Special offerings will be designated to be a blessing to our community. These offerings will be used to bless Family Promise of Ontario County.

There will be special offering envelopes available at the usher table, as well as using the special offering envelopes for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

**[Genesis 12:2-3 \(ESV\)](#)**: "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed".

# Holy Week Events

- **Palm/Passion Worship, Sat. & Sun., March 28 & 29**, begins with a celebration of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem amid cheers and the waving of Palms and moves through the events ending in His bitter suffering and death.
- **Tuesday, March 26 - Stations of the Cross at Notre Dame Retreat Center, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, 4 – 6 PM**
- **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday – 7 PM**
- **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday – Worship at Noon and Tenebrae at 7 PM**
- **Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Vigil, 5:30 PM**
- **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Celebration – 8 & 11 AM**
  - **Easter Breakfast, 9:30 – 10:45 AM Easter Morning**

## EASTER BREAKFAST



Please join us for our annual Easter pancake, egg, and sausage breakfast. It's a great way to enjoy your Easter morning. Breakfast is served between services at 9:15 Easter morning. Reservations are appreciated, but all are welcome. No charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated to cover the cost of groceries. Sign up on your connection card or on the Wittenburg door. Hope to see you there!

## BREAKFAST GOODIES

Because man does not live by pancakes alone, but also by muffins, coffee cakes, sticky buns, and the like, we're asking for bakers to bring some goodies for Easter breakfast. You may drop them off at church Saturday afternoon between 1 and 2:30, bring them to the Easter Vigil Saturday night, or bring them with you Sunday morning. Please sign up on the Wittenburg door or on your connection card. Thanks!



## “HELP BEAUTIFY OUR EASTER WORSHIP”

Every year we have the privilege of purchasing spring plants that will beautify the Altar for Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. You may take your plants home after late worship on Easter Sunday or anytime the following week. Then you can enjoy them all over again by planting them at home.



If you had ordered plants last year, there would have been an order form in your mailbox and there are also forms on The Usher Station. They are DUE to Linda Benivigna’s mail box OR the Office No later than Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please remember to note “Easter Flowers” on your check.

## LENT SOUP SUPPERS AND DEVOTIONS



Each Wednesday evening, Feb. 25 – March 25, join us at 6 PM for a pleasant evening of fellowship and devotions. We’ll eat at 6 PM, followed by a short time for devotions at 7 PM. You can sign up to come on the sheet on the Wittenberg Door or your connection card. You can also sign up on the Wittenberg Door to bring soup or bread or both, if

you so desire.

## WHAT IS LWML?

Hello Ladies of Good Shepherd! As promised here is a bit more information about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and in particular one of the national publications called the LWML Quarterly. The Quarterly is a magazine published by the national LWML and includes many articles about missions around the country and the globe being carried out by women just like you! An online free version is available (with limited content) at

<https://www.lwml.org/lutheran-womans-quarterly> or you can purchase the annual four publications for \$8. We will have one online subscription which Cathie Geske will print and can be passed around if you want to see the whole thing. Please check out the LWML at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org) and see what women are doing to further the gospel here and abroad!



## LWML Genessee Zone Spring Rally, April 18

Dearest Ladies of Good Shepherd,

I am cordially inviting you to a lovely afternoon of fellowship, fun and an opportunity to learn more about our new ministry Camp-in-Daigua as well as meet new women in mission from our wider church body called the LWML. The LWML is Lutheran Women in Mission and is an auxiliary of our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and you are already part of this group just by being a Lutheran Woman in mission! It is for confirmed women of all ages! Look for more information about the LWML in weekly devotions coming up this Lent. I genuinely hope to see you all there!

Your Fellow Woman in Mission,  
Cathie Geske

**Registration 9:30 a.m.**

**Rally 10:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Interpreter and child care available upon request.**

**The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd**

**320 S. Pearl St.**

**Canandaigua, NY 14424**

**\$5 registration**

**Please see sign-up if you would like to help serve or cook lunch that day – we would like to give our ladies in Christ a warm welcome to our congregation!**

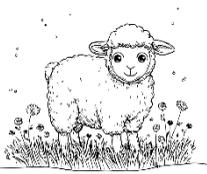
**See poster on the Wittenberg Door for more information.**

## CAMP-IN-DAIGUA MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE TO ORDER

We have Camp-in-Daigua SWAG (Shirts, Wearables, And Gifts) available for pre-order. Please call/text Cathie Geske at (585) 369-5696 form more details, or talk to her after service. Thanks for supporting, and advertising, our new outreach ministry!



## NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR FALL LITTLE LAMBS!



Do you know someone with a child who is ready for preschool? Suggest Little Lambs! We are now accepting registration for the 2026/2027 school year. If they have questions, they are free to call the church office and Miss Kelly will return their call. Remember, word of mouth is the best advertisement!

## SUPPORT

### A THOUGHT FROM THE PRAYER TEAM

**“Everyday Disciples, Sharing Christ, Changing Lives!”**

**Gathering, Growing, Giving, Going**

During this Lenten season try spending significant time strengthening and making right your relationship with God. Walking in a close relationship with God gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Lets make a conscious choice to be intentional in spending lots of time in prayer with Him expressing gratitude, asking for guidance, and interceding for others.

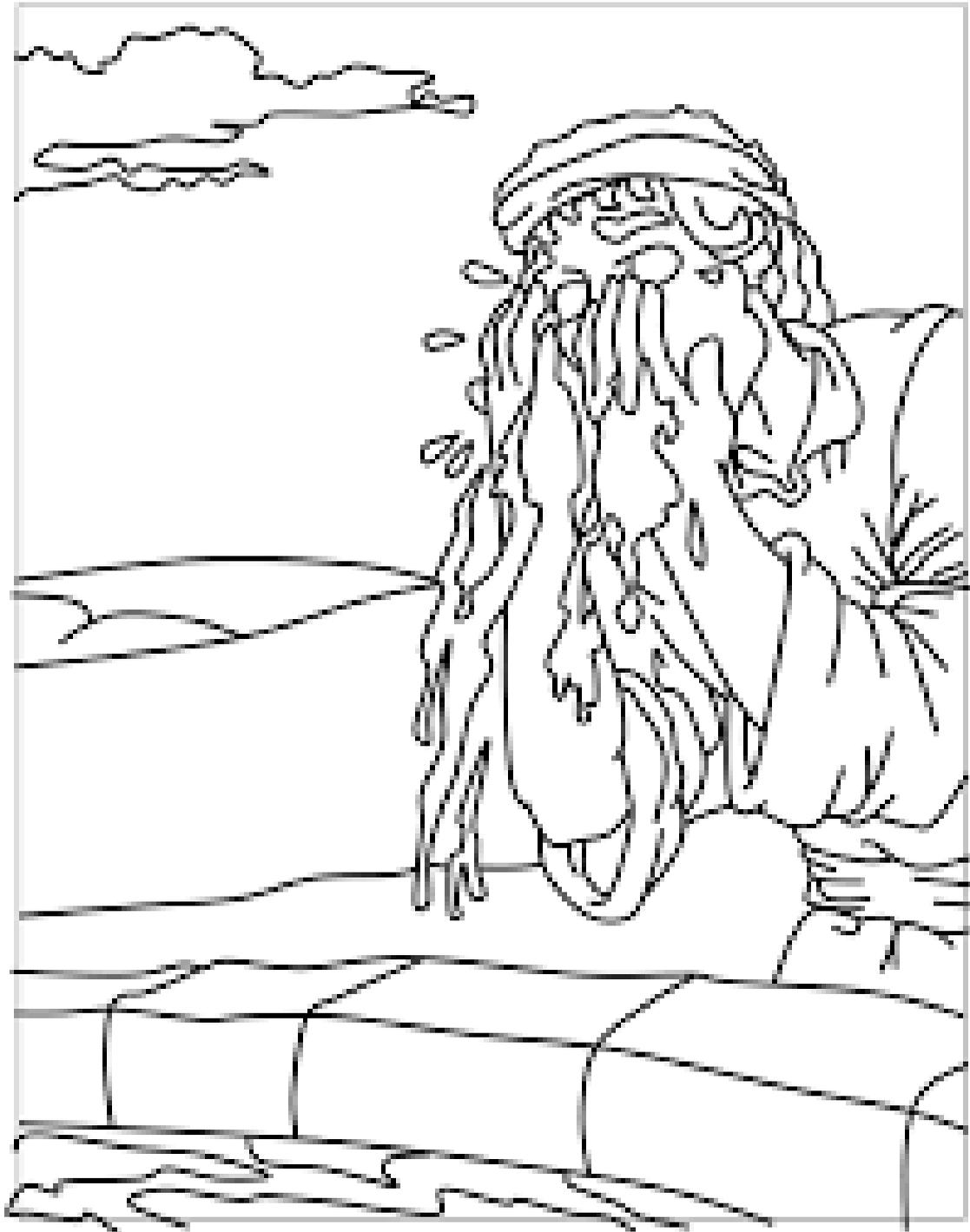
“Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor.”  
Proverbs 21:21

*For a better understanding read the surrounding verses*

\*\*Check out the prayer resources in the prayer room. Prayer Shawls are available should you desire to have one or wish to gift one to someone you know.

## CCIA UPDATE

**Items running low at the food pantry are: Pasta sauce and tuna fish.** The need is greater than ever. Please be as generous as you can. If you would like, Tammy Beattie can do the shopping for you! Just put your gift in an envelope in Tammy Beattie’s mailbox marked “CCIA”. Or, you can certainly shop yourself! Your food donations can be placed in the wooden box labeled CCIA under the Mission counter in the coat room. Thanks in advance for being a good servant!



## CARING NOTES

- Leon & Theresa Pfuntner as they both deal with health issues
- Donna Allhusen, daughter of Mary, as she deals with health issues
- Delores Furnum as she deals with health issues
- Marlene Pawlukewicz, (spouse, Joe) as she deals with health issues
- Jonathan Allhusen, son of Mary, (wife, Andrea, son, Christian), as he deals with health issues
- Steve Schneider (spouse, Barb) as he deals with health issues
- Sandy Pittenger, as she recuperates
- Don & Gayle Hendershot, at the death of Gayle's brother-in-law, Steve Cochrane
- Pastor Don & Roxann Muller, at the death of Don's sister, Barbara Skillman

If you would like to send a note to any of these friends, contact the church office for their address.

## SERVING OUR LORD

The Ministers

Rev. Steven R. Geske, Pastor

Rev. Don Muller, Pastor Emeritus

Lisa Serron, Office Manager

Linda Benivegna, Administrative Assistant

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## SERVING OUR LORD AT WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND, MARCH 14 & 15, 2026

### SERVING OUR LORD SATURDAY EVENING

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A/V

ALTAR CARE

Kathy Chapman

Mark Carlson

Lisa Serron

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In our **PRAYERS** we remember:

- **Slade Tiller**, son of Tammy Beatty, awaiting results of liver ultrasound
- **Marcus Battaglia**, as he recovers from a concussion
- **Leon and Theresa Pfuntner** – on going health issues
- **Robert Joslyn** – ongoing health issues
- **Jon Allhusen** – waiting for heart and liver transplants
- **Bill Fuge** – broken foot
- **Bill and Judy Ballway** – on going health issues
- **Jean Bucher** – on going health issues
- **Bart and Deborah Adams** – on going health issues
- **Sandy Pittenger** – on going health issues
- **Steve and Barb Schnieder** – on going health issues
- **Mike Legrett**, friend of Sandy Voigt, recovery from surgery
- **Shelly Vahue**, sister of Bart Adams, as she travels
- **Families of Mark Petite**, long-time companion of Ellen Bischoff, who died recently, and **Jim Russell**, friend of Tammy Beattie, who died this past week
- **Rejoicing with Jerry**, brother of Tammy Beattie, who is cancer free, **Teresa**, Tammy's sister, whose polyp is not cancerous, and also for the **birth of Koki**, half-brother of Amethyst Rivers-Crow

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND**  
**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**March 21<sup>th</sup>, 2026 5:30 p.m.**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 8 and 11 a.m.**  
**Divine Service, Setting One**  
**-With Holy Communion-**