

Welcome!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

Joyful Giving Opportunities: The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click on the QR code to the right. →



Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online. Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: →



We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

Summer Sunday School	Lead by:	Where:
Pre K thru Kindergarten		Room 15
1 st thru 3 rd grade		Room 8
4 th thru 6 th grade		Room 10
7 th thru 8 th grade		Room 12
High School Youth		Youth Room
Adult Bible Studies		
The Art of Parenting	Josh Kittleman	Gym
Prayer	Phil Krauss and Pastor Davenport	Rooms 1-2
Nicene Creed	Pastor Joel	Rooms 3-4
Lutheran Foundations	Vicar Fritz and Pastor Davenport	Rooms 5-6
Bethel: The New Testament	Judy Mayle	Gethsemane Chapel

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

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*).

Order of Worship

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Joann Rogers

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preparation ✝

OPENING HYMN

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

LSB 697

- 1. Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, And Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth, Its fullness, depth, and height.**
- 2. To us on earth He came to bring From sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity, The very bond of peace.**
- 3. Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive As God in Christ forgave.**
- 4. For us Christ lived, for us He died, And conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.**

INVOCATION

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

LSB 268

Cole Robert Carroll and Cade Richard Carroll, sons of Ian and Melissa Carroll are baptized this morning. Cole's sponsors are: Dave and Cat Jeremy and Cade's sponsors are: Jeff and Hannah Wood.

Elder: In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

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.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

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.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14–21

(The Lord will lead His people in a new way, turning darkness into light.)

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"The Holy Lamb of God"

K. Lee Scott

When Christ, the Holy Lamb of God, was raised on Calvary's tree, His sinless life in ransom paid to set his people free, the sun its brightness soon withheld; the earth in fear did quake; and all of heaven stood amazed at love so deep, so great. His body there was pierced and torn, abused despised and slain; He bled for sins that we have done, God's judgment to restrain. To us he brings his lasting peace, with joy forevermore; and by his bruises we are healed; His death shall life restore. O blessed Jesus, Lamb most pure, you suffered much for me; Though shamed, you opened not your mouth through bitter agony! How can my voice in silence wait, my heart in silence stand? Now all the host of heaven sings your praise at God's right hand. How can my voice in silence wait, my heart in silence stand? Now all the host of heaven sings your praise at God's right hand. Text © 1988 Morning Star Music Publishers

EPISTLE*(The Lord positions us to walk as children of light.)*

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Psalm 36:9

C **With You is the fountain of life; in Your light do we see light.**

HOLY GOSPEL*(Jesus heals a man born blind.)*

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

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



C Glo-ry be to Thee, 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.



SERMON HYMN

"O Son of God, in Galilee"

LSB 841

- 1. O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessèd Lord, be near.**
- 2. O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known.**
- 3. The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;
Your "Ephphatha," O Savior dear, Can instant help afford.**
- 4. Meanwhile to them the list'ning ear Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer To ev'ry troubled heart.**
- 5. Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst'ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain.**

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SERMON

DEDICATION OF VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTRY - LBW/COS LARGE PRINT MINISTRY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P 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 **shine on us.**

P 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 **shine on us.**

P 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 **shine on us.**

P 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 **shine on us.**

P 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 **shine on us.**

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.**

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.
Or give online using the QR code in the front of the bulletin.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

- P** Bless now, O Lord, these gifts and their benefits, that they might be received as evidence of your mercies, and multiplied in effectiveness for Your kingdom. Through this and other acts of giving, train our hearts toward a greater generosity, that the habits of our stewardship lives may be ever more pleasing to You, and ever more expressive of Your holy heart and passions.
- C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**
- P** Use then these gifts for works of love and mercy, and unto the increase of Your glory.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB 192

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

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.

PREFACE

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts.



- C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



- C** It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and for our salvation that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Come and Feast"

Lee Dengler

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Join the table, come and dine. There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole. In this time you will be blest. Come to Christ, He is your rest. There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole. Eat this bread. Drink this wine. At this table you will find there is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete. Lay your cares and burdens here. You are free, no need to fear. There is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete. Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Earthly signs of Love divine. We remember what they mean, and so we feast, and are made clean. At this table you will find there is more than bread and wine. There is food to feed the soul, so come and feast, and be made whole. Text © Shawnee Press, 2002

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425

- 1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.**
- 2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**
- 3. See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**
- 4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

"Lamb of God"

LSB 550

- 1. Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.**
**Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**
- 2. Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain**

3. I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain*

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NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** 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

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.



CLOSING HYMN

"Glory Be to Jesus"

LSB 433

- 1. Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From His sacred veins!**
- 2. Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, Infinitely kind!**
- 3. Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!**
- 4. Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.**
- 5. Oft as earth exulting Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.**
- 6. Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!**

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

Liturgy: Pastor Werner
Preaching: Pastor Jim Hill, Family of God
Director of Music: Tom Schroeder
Musicians: COS Festival Choir
Elder: Mark Ingersoll
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Acolyte: Ryan Oppat
Lector: Marie Schlosser
Altar Guild: Amy Milz and Mary Scheidies
Greeters: Carl and Sara Schafer
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