



# Fourth Sunday of LENT



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## 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service March 15

*As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.*

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***If you are new,** please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.*

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*Adult Bible Class: In the classroom side of the Cup*

*Teen Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade): In the Youth Room*

*Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> grade): In the Library*

*Children's Sunday School for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger:*

- *Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery*
- *The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room*

*Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup*

*Sunday School Classes are regularly held at 10:15 a.m.*

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- CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE -

March 15, 2026 • 11:11am

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**GATHERING SONG**

*Let The Praises Ring  
Rescue Story*

**CALL TO WORSHIP FOR LENT**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Compassionate One,

**C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

**C: Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Greg Bohlken, Ministry Associate

**PARISH NEWS**

Pastor Bob Stelter

**FIRST READING: Job 42:1-5** *pew Bible page 478*

*Job is humbled from questioning God. He accepts his limited understanding of all things divine.*

Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you."

**GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41** *pew Bible, page 978*

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The 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?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He 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." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then 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." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So 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."

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 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but 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." His 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. Therefore, his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So 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." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 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?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus 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." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON** *Lent Sermon Series on Evil*

Today: "*Moral Evil / Human Evil*"

Pastor Bob Stelter

**SERMON SONG** *Let Your Love Pour Out*

Jim Lang

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERINGS FOR MISSION & MINISTRY**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Merciful God,

**Congregation: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERING SONG** *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Lynn Rognsvoog

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION / LORD'S PRAYER / HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE 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.**

**COMMUNION SONG** *In Christ Alone*

Lynn Rognsvoog

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you  
in His grace.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION FOR LENT**

Pastor: As this new week begins, we pause to breathe, to listen and to remember that love is practiced  
one day at a time. A blessing for you: May the God of mercy and courage steady you when the  
road feels uncertain; open your eyes to the needs around you; open your hands to serve with  
care; and open your hearts to remain soft in a hard and weary world. †

**Congregation: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG** *Only King Forever*

**SENDING**

Praise Band Leader: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Love God, love others, serve.**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY**

<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Vicki Adams
<b>GREETER</b>	Connie Rist
<b>USHERS</b>	Matt Wright, John Shoemaker
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>	Sarah Wright, Emily Wright, Carrie Parrott Jack Parrott, Scarlett Parrott
<b>PROJECTION &amp; LIGHTS</b>	Tara Taylor

*The arrangements on the altar remind us of our penitential sacrifice  
and determination during the Lenten season.*

## PRAYERS

*(Prayers are refreshed at the beginning of each month)*

**Members:** Terry Biesboer, Gene Bird, Dave Birkholz, Jan Bishop, Mary Blackburn, Nathan Blackburn, Rob & Rhonda, Blackburn, Roger Brown, Jaigne Christman, Nancy & Leon Cole, Katie Condon, Michael Condon, Ian Cooper, Myles Cooper, Debbie Courtney, Nancy Dean, Nancy Dickinson, Irene Dorfinger, Patsy Elmore, John Elmore, Karoline Frasch, Pat Gary, Doug Goins, Mary Beth & Alex Green, Jonas Greenman, Chip Hester, Deb & Doug Houck, Tom Jayne, Paul Jurkoic, Lin & Mike McKinley, Diane Lee, Debbie Palatinus, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Joe Poole, Dr. Ted Primka, Sandra Prior, the Roberts family, the Saylor families, Pamela Spaar, Bill Steele, Rich Wellner, Jean Witte, John Woods, Matt Wright.

**Friends & Families:** App family, Dave Berry, Bill Birkholz, Jim Birkholz, Sheila Birkholz, Michael Carfi, Steve Case, Hilda Chapel, Chris Clark, Meg Corrigan, Victoria Cox, Nancy Crain, Michael Damico, Dennis Family, Van Dudley, Brandy & Brian Duke, Kevin Duskin, Dan Edmunds, Favre family, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Kathi Fenske-Hong, Allison Galloway Kraft, Phylis Garrison, Cindy Gioe, Wil Glafenheim & family, Angél Gobel, Matthew Green, Gutelius family, Blanche Hall, Hall family, Lynne Heffner, Nadine Heislbez, Jeff Herbold, Joy Hymer, Don Karlstad, Bob Kessling, AJ Kitchen, Barb Korsmo, Loyacano family, Dorothy McMahan, Scott Nelson, Josh Nichols, Rev. Dan Pavaloa, Chris Patrick, Rose & Steve Penney, Julie Reed, Alyssa Powers Rivers, Jim Russell, Sarah Rye, Salles families, Laney Saviisky, Marilyn Saviisky, Scaglione family, Richard Sena, Jim Shea, Debbie Shinholt, Lynn Siegfried & family, baby Ruth Sommerfeld and family, Leora Stewart, Brody Taylor, Audra Tyler Moore, Frank Tyler, Doug Trout. Sheli Voorhees, Micki Weith, Janet Wengert, Townley Whalen, Mya, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Zehner family, Nan Ziegler, Adelaide, Alex Kate & her mother, Angel & Ben, Carolyn, Cheri & George, Dallas, Darcy, Jim, Jodi, Judy, Karen, Kim, Laura, Lucy, Max, Micki, RC, Sandra, Shannington, Sharon & family, Touranne *and those we name to You.*

**Joy & Growth:** Our commitment to give time and talents.

**Joy at the birth of** Naziah to Genesis Figeroa, uncle Gabe Figeroa; Abel James Simpson to Ashley & Tait Simpson; grandparents, Deanne & Larry Benorden.

**Comfort in the midst of death for the family and friends of:** James Stephens.

**Shepherd of Hope Pantry Friends:** Amanda & her children, Sasha & daughter, Savannah & Devon, Max, Patti Morgan & family, Charlie & Weston, Chris, Josefina, Long Ho, Betty, Tiffany, Nita & family, Amanda & me, Ted & Sandra, Charline, Tommy, Kristi & Trent, Tom, Paul, Robby, Retha, Mary, Sally, Pryors, Mytohia & family, Christine & family, Happy, Patricia & children, Sherry & Mike, Taissi, Denis, Daniela, Mark *and those known to God.*

**Salvation Army Friends:** Paula, Sandra, Lacy & family, Stephanie & family, Christie & her daughter, Hunter, Jonathan, Diamond & her father Daryn, her daughter Royalty, Darren, Jason, Eli & Brianna, his pregnant wife, Doug, Richard, Chris & Mary Jo and his son Sean, Gary, Alfredo, Mark, Kent & Tammy *and those known to God.*

**Concern & Assistance:** Those dealing with addiction while incarcerated. Mentally & physically challenged. Veterans. First Responders. Refugees and those living in fear of deportation. Persecuted Christians. The people of Nigeria, Iran, Israel, Syria, Palestine, Ukraine, Russia.

**Partnerships:** Bishop Yehiel Curry & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Kevin Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Seminarian Sam Sosebee; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; English Language Learning Classes, Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Homeless Shelters; Street Hope; Alzheimer's Support Group; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band; Mercy Ships; Lutheran Church & School in Guatemala; AL-ANON; Narcotics Anonymous.

**Peace & Protection for all armed forces, especially:** Jacob Cole, Anthony Hu, HM, Andrew McDonald, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Sam Thompson, Chris Yonke, Mitchell Yount.

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# EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee & Donuts
- 10:15 a.m. English Language Class for Advanced Learners
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

## MONDAY, MARCH 16

- 12 p.m. Via de Cristo Reunion
- 3 p.m. Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
- 6:15 p.m. English Language Class
- 6:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

- 1:30 p.m. Bible Study Class
- 6 p.m. Evening Prayer
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 10 a.m. WELCA Women's Group
- 12 p.m. Service of Healing
- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6 p.m. Lent Book Discussion and Soup Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 9:30 a.m. Handy Faithfuls
- 6 p.m. Council Executive Council
- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:30 a.m. Cole Center Caregiver Community
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 11 a.m. Al-Anon

## SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 10 a.m. Inquirers Class
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Coffee & Donuts
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service
- 2 p.m. Choir Open House

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Lent Book Discussion and Soup Supper**
  - Wednesday, March 18 at 6 p.m.
- **Choir Open House**
  - March 22 at 2 p.m.
- **Spring Flower Arrangements**
  - Designate a flower arrangement with a note for a loved one or special intention. Suggested donation is \$15 for memorials and honorariums.

## DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS THIS WEEK

**Monday:** Isaiah 59:9-19, Acts 9:1-20, Psalm 146

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 42:14-21, Colossians 1:9-14, Psalm 146

**Wednesday:** Isaiah 60:17-22, Matthew 9:27-34.

Psalm 146

**Thursday:** Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3, Revelation 10:1-11  
,Psalm 130

**Friday:** Ezekiel 33:10-16, Revelation 11:15-19, Psalm 130

**Saturday:** Ezekiel 36:8-15, Luke 24:44-53, Psalm 130

**Sunday:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11,  
John 11:1-45

## FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Offerings last week: **\$ 45,490**

Offerings year to date: **\$ 241,277**

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