

March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, but 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.

Gathering **Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

- * Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*
- * "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" **#334** *(vs 1-3, Lent 3)*
- * Greeting & Kyrie **pg. 213**
- * Prayer of the Day

Word

1 Samuel 16:1-13 *(page 240 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalm 23 *(on screen)*

Ephesians 5:8-14 *(page 172 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music:

- * Gospel Acclamation **pg. 216** *(Lent version)*
- * Gospel: John 9:1-41 *(page 89 NT in pew Bible)*
(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)
(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Children's Message

Message

"Lead Me, Guide Me" **#768**

- * Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed **pg. 217**
- * Prayers of the Church
- * Sharing the Peace

Thanksgiving

- * Offering/Offertory
- * Canticle of Thanksgiving **pg. 219**
- * Thanksgiving for the Word **pg. 220**
- * The Lord's Prayer

Sending

Blessing

"Be Thou My Vision" **#793**

Dismissal and Bell

*Thank you to Pastor John Smith
for leading us in worship this morning.*

Remember in your prayers

Braxton Beyer, Carol Voorhees, Steve Van Kempen, Carol Day, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

Easter Garden If you would like to order a plant to decorate our sanctuary for Easter morning, please pick up an order for in the Narthex. Orders must be turned in by Sunday, March 26.

Midweek Lenten Worship each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. We will be having a "Round Robin" with area pastors. The theme for these services is "Children of the Crucified Christ."

Book Discussion Group on "Liturgy of the Ordinary; Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" will meet Sundays morning at 10:45am. This book will brush the dust from your dingy days and reveal the extraordinary that is to be found in the ordinary. No mundane daily task will be the same once these pages open your eye to how the work of your hands reflect the ways of the Creator and the rhythms of eternity. Sign up in the Narthex!

Are you a people person? Do you enjoy visiting with others? Please join us for coffee at 11:00am on Monday, March 20th at Common Cup to learn more about supporting the aging population. Diane Kittleson will be there to meet you.

Snacks Needed! Once again, we will be collecting snacks for the elementary students at MAES. 100-120 boxes will be needed by March 31. If you can help out, please place your donation in the tote located in the Narthex. A list of suggested items is on the tote and will be in our March newsletter.

Visits at Common Cup! Pastor Dan will be at Common Cup on Friday, March 24th from 10am-2pm for anyone that wants to stop by for coffee and conversation!

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office without permission.

In Today's Service: March 19

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

Lector: Cathy Anderson **Nursery:** Jone Anderson

Acolytes: Jaxon Hilbrands & Kye Suess

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Lydia Fynboh

Next Week's Service: March 26

Ushers: Al Harris, Judy & Chance Buro

Lector: Bob Dalager **Nursery:** Erica Swenson

Acolytes: Connor Siegel & Skott Anderson

Communion: Sharon Ehlers (wafers)

Communion Servers: Doug Ehlers, Ray & Robi Bowman

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Sarah Dougherty

welcome

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TODAY	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
Sun., Mar 19	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:45am	Book Study
	6:30-8:00pm	Fusion Mission Trip Meeting at First
Mon., Mar 20	11:00am	Care for Caregivers Mtg at Common Cup
Tues., Mar 21	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
	12:00pm	Newsletter Articles Due
	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wed., Mar 22	7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship <i>(no Element classes during Lent)</i>
Thurs., Mar 23	8:30am	Share & Care (quilting group)
Fri., Mar 24	10am-Noon	Pastor at Common Cup
Sat., Mar 25	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Mar 26	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:45am	Book Study
	2:00pm	Sons of Norway
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion