

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
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**March 15th  
2026**

**Second  
Sunday  
In Lent**

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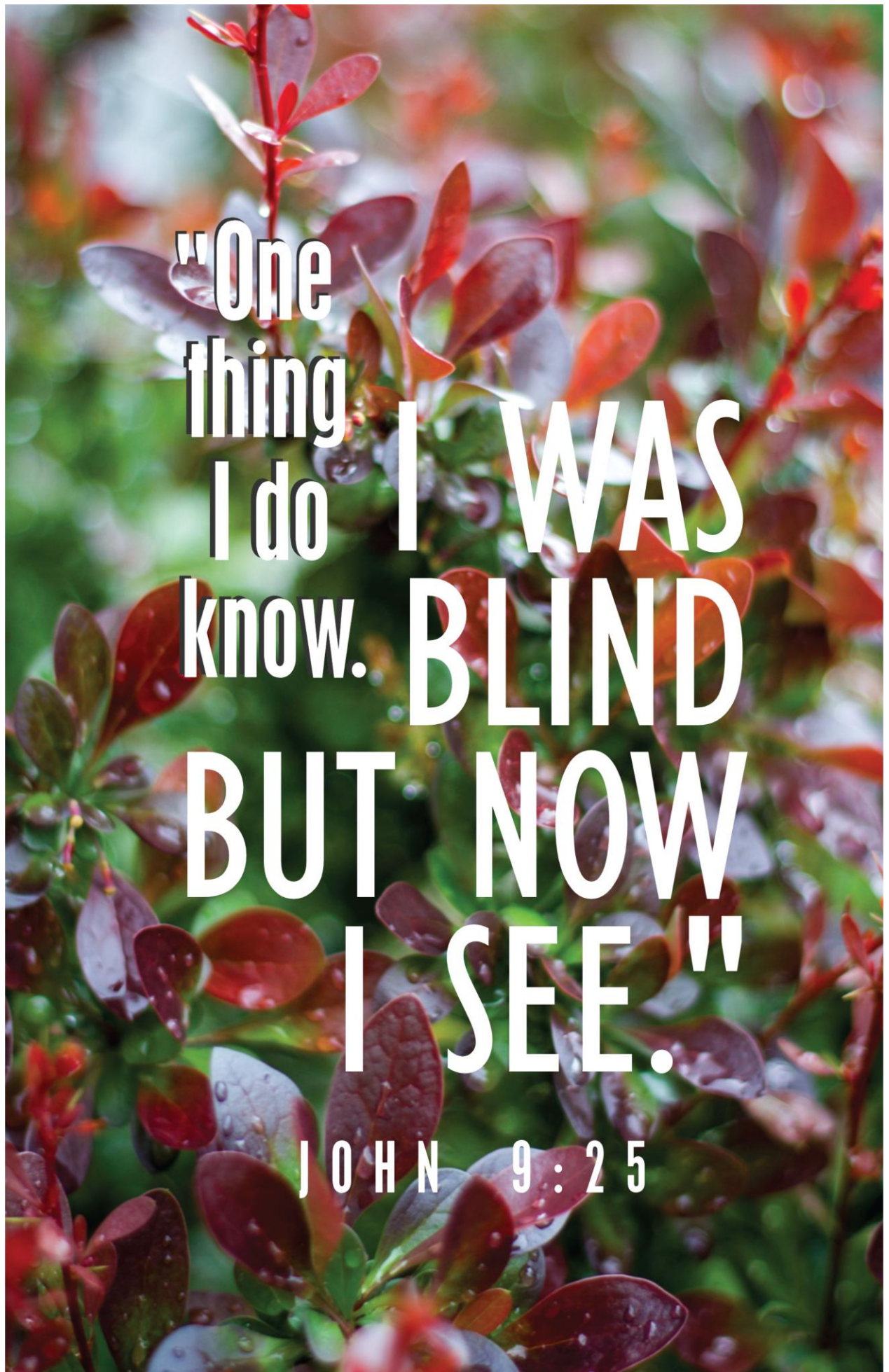
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**"One  
thing  
I do I WAS  
know. BLIND  
BUT NOW  
I SEE."**

**JOHN 9:25**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT SETTING FOUR

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, March 15th, 2026



*THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL* who enter this house of worship! Today, we all gather 'round the risen Christ to receive his promises of forgiveness & life given in through the bread and cup. Children, not yet communing, are always invited to come and receive a personal blessing. During the time of offering, please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you. If you are visiting today, we pray our service of worship together will be a special blessing to you as you are to us.

### WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return it after services—thank you.

**IF YOUR OFFERING** is given by bank-pay, please use the cards in the pews as a sign of your offering in the plate.

**PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice and/or gluten free bread is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE...***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.*

### RINGING OF THE BELL / PARISH NOTICES

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

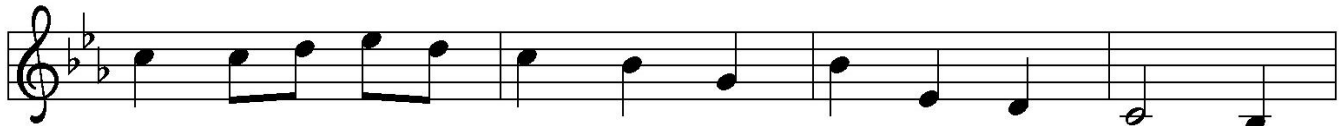
God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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. **Amen.**



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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The first reading is in 1 Samuel chapter 16, verses 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.

*The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

*When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Ephesians 5:8-14

The second reading is in Ephesians chapter 5, verses 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.

*For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



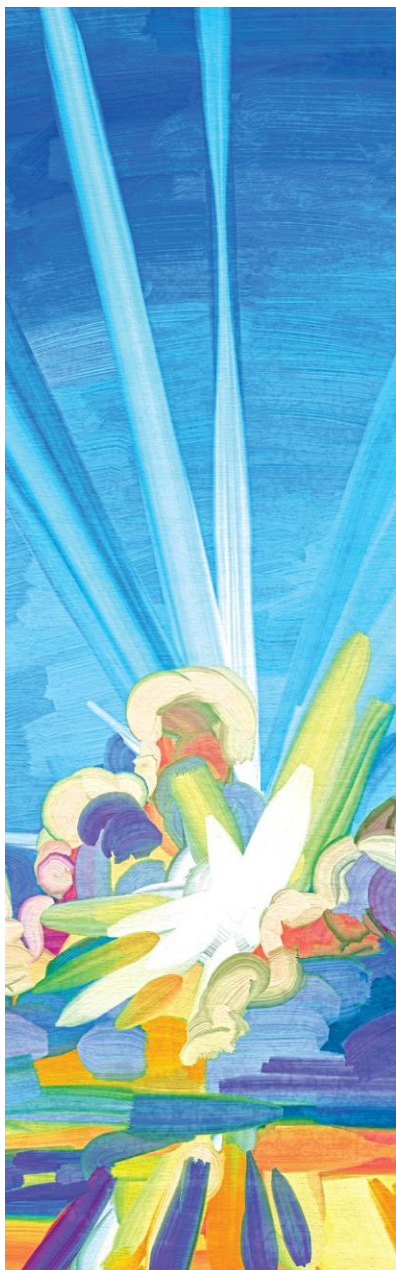
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As he 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 the man." 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."*



As long  
as I am  
in the  
WORLD,  
I am the  
LIGHT  
of the  
WORLD.

John 9:5

*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." But 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, and 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 near 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.*

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.**

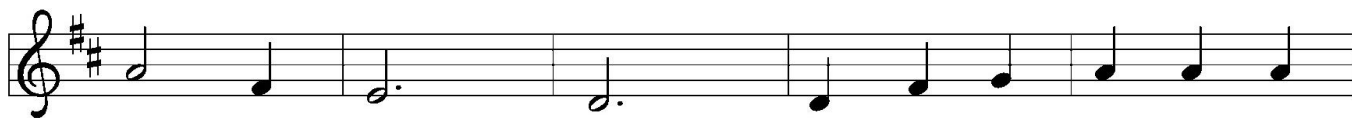


**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Dave Nissen**



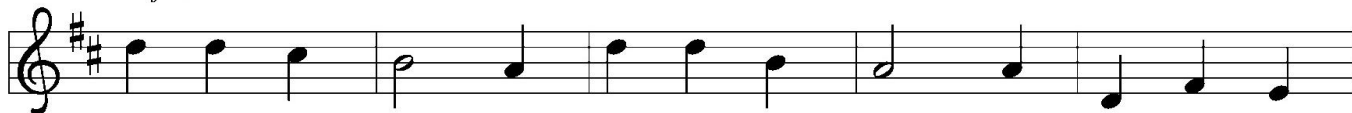
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



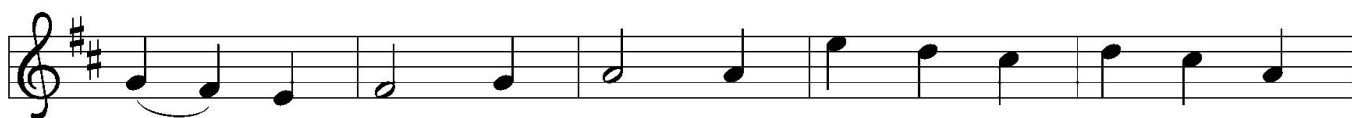
fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## THANKSGIVING

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

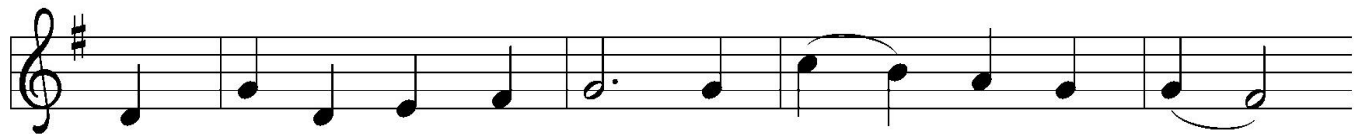
### SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### OFFERTORY

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(The Ushers bring up the offering)

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## MEAL

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### COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

## THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

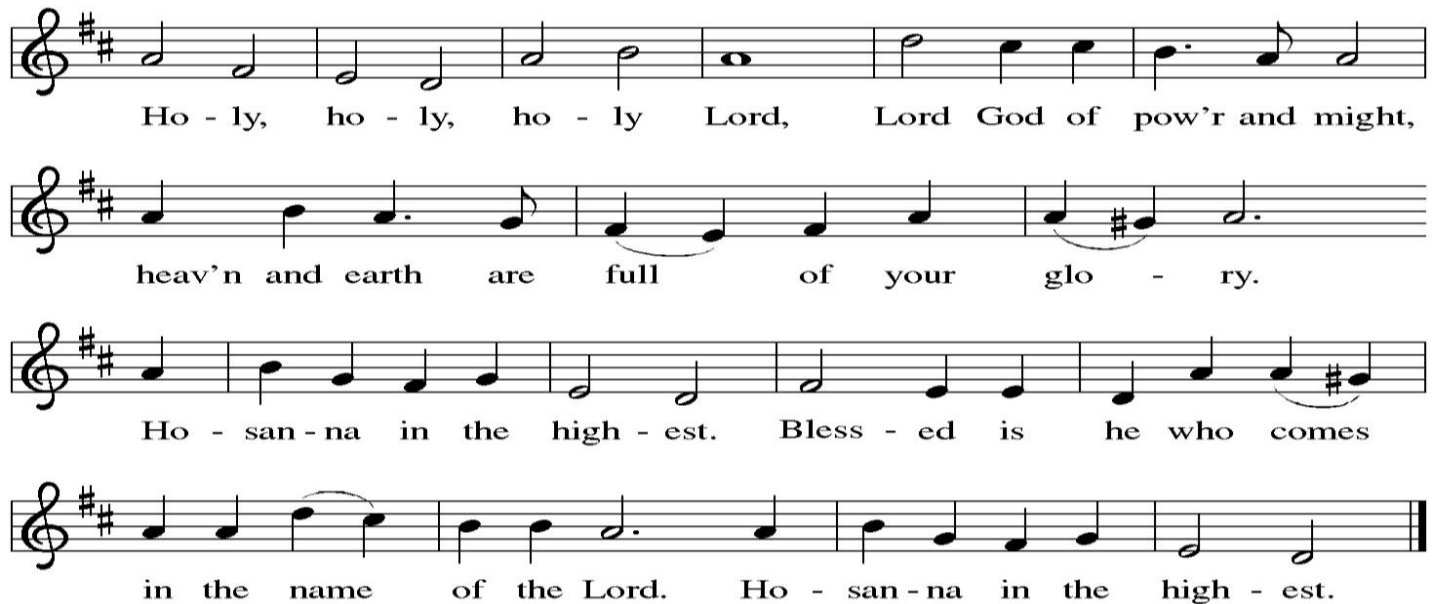
Lift up your hearts.

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

**And also with you.**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## WORDS OF JESUS

### 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)*



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 when I'm in tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with  
 Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## PRAYER OF THANKS

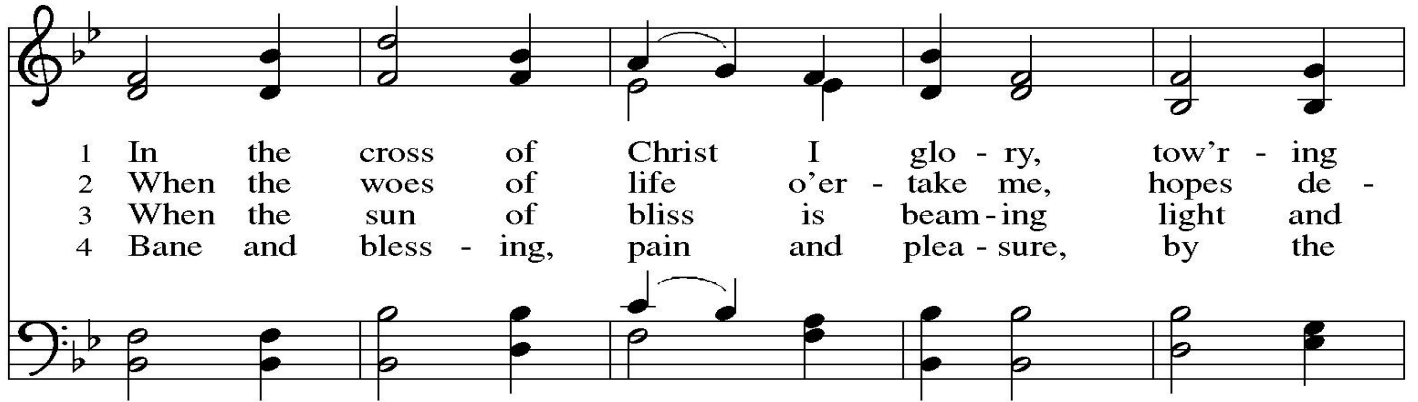
Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

# SENDING

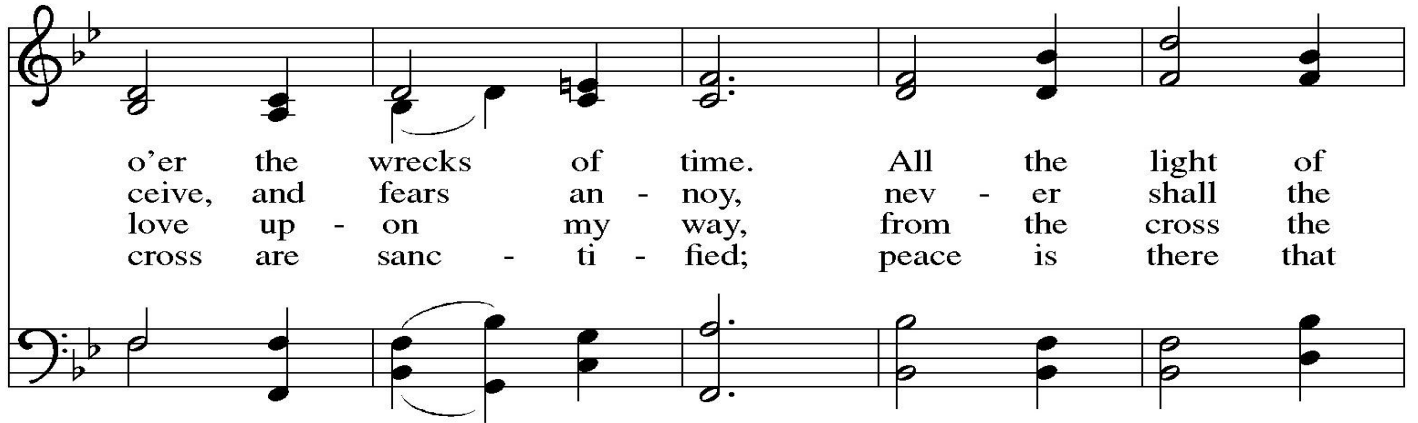
SENDING SONG

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

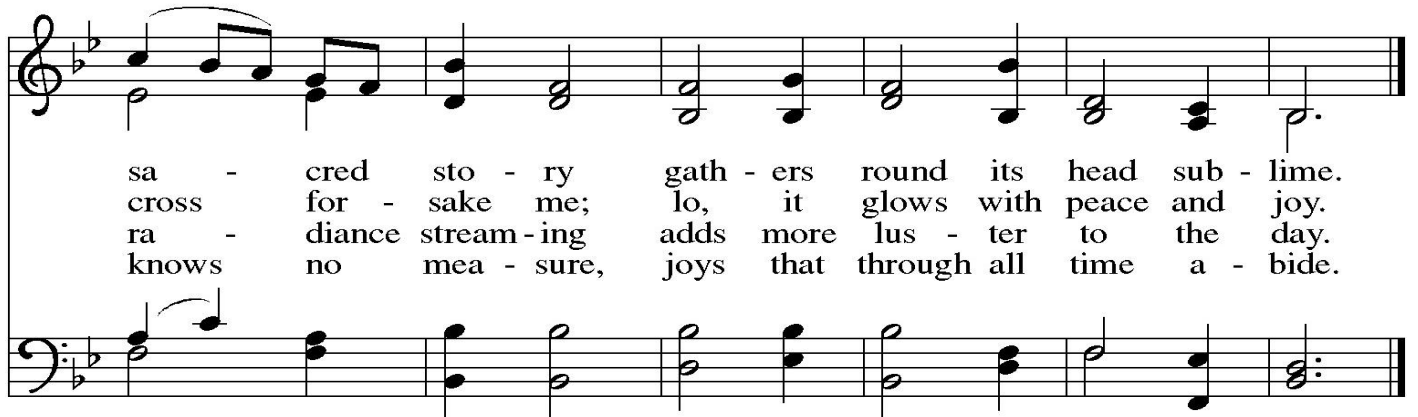
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1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**



SUNDAY	9:00 am Worship	Wednesday 7:00 pm Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	Pastor Dave
Acolyte	Levi Johnson	Hudson Braulick
Readers	Cheryl Neidt	***
Communion Assistants	Neil Neidt, Brian Polesky	***
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	***
Greeters	Rose Wall	
Ushers	Doug Domeier, Larry Baumgardt	Doug Domeier, Larry Baumgardt
Altar Guild	Judy Johnson, Beth Klein	



Easter Plants

**EASTER PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ORDER:** If you would like a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one(s) you may now place your order by signing-up in the church office. There is a nice variety of plants to choose from to brighten our sanctuary on Easter morning, which you are welcomed to take home with you after the 9:00 am Easter service. The deadline for your order is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We would like to stock a nursery again here at Trinity. If you have Baby equipment you no longer need, please consider donating it here. Please talk to Pastor Dave or Darlene. Thank you.



# ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

**It's the final week for the youth  
camp envelope fundraiser!**

**Supporting bible camp opportunities for our Trinity youth is easy! Unclip an envelope from the wall and insert the amount of money listed on the label. Return in the wooden box or the offering plate.**

**Thank you all who have already generously contributed!**



The Boards of Trinity cordially invite you to join us for supper each week before the evening service at 7:00 and Church School at 6:00.

We are raising funds to support Summer Church Camp with the help of Thrivent Action Teams

Meals are served from 5:30 pm – 6:15 pm each Wednesday  
 Cost for the meal is a Free Will Offering

March 18<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
 Evangelism and Stewardship

March 25<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Four Soups, Bread, Beverage and Dessert  
 Lay Ministry & Fellowship

**Sleepy Eye Lions Club**

**Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**8:30 am to 12:30 pm**

Snow date: March 22nd



**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT**

**WAFFLES, SAUSAGES, FLAVORED SYRUPS,  
 SUGAR-FREE SYRUP AVAILABLE AND  
 WHIPPED TOPPINGS, COFFEE, MILK & WATER**

- ~ Adults (at the door) \$12.00  
 (In Advance) \$11.00
- ~ Children 6-11 (at the door) \$6.00  
 (In Advance) \$5.00
- ~ Under 6 FREE
- ~ Take-outs available (inside/outside)

Tickets available at the  
 Public School District Office,  
 First Security Agency  
 or from any Lions member.

Sleepy Eye Public School Cafeteria  
 Use Elementary Wing Doors



**Sponsored by Sleepy Eye Lions Club**  
 Proceeds go to Lions Community Projects

March 15, 2026

# Jesus is the light of the world.

Fourth  
Sunday  
in Lent



## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind
Monday	Isaiah 42:10-17	God will heal the blind
Tuesday	Matthew 9:27-31	Jesus heals the blind
Wednesday	Matthew 20:29-34	Two blind men receive sight
Thursday	1 John 2:3-11	A warning against spiritual blindness
Friday	2 Peter 1:3-9	Avoiding spiritual blindness
Saturday	Psalm 146:5-9	The Lord gives sight to the blind
Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

**“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”** John 9:5

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus, light of the world, please take away our blindness. Help us to see and follow you. Amen. (John 9:5-6)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the light of the Lord shine in your life. May the Holy Spirit fill you with what is good, right and true. Amen. (Ephesians 5:89)

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you were in a very dark place. How did you feel? What did you do?
- Jesus said “I am the light of the world” (John 9:5). In what ways is he like a light in your life?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Select a candle to serve as your “Christ Candle” and gather an additional candle for each person in your household. Begin your home devotional times this week by saying, “Jesus, you are the light of the world.” As you do, light the Christ Candle. Then, have household members take turns lighting their candles from the Christ Candle. As each one does, say together: “You are a child of the light. Make your light shine before others.”

### **SERVICE**

Founded in 1908 by German Lutheran Pastor Ernest Christoffel, Christian Blind Mission International (CBMI) works to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities in the poorest countries of the world. CBMI supports more than 1,000 programs in over 100 countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe and Latin America. Almost 17 million people worldwide benefit from CBMI’s support. Visit the CBMI website to learn more about this organization ([www.cbm.org](http://www.cbm.org)). Plan to make a donation to support the work of CBMI, or plan a fundraiser to assist their work. Pray for persons with disabilities, such as blindness, during this week.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Before healing a man who had been blind from birth, Jesus said that he was the “light of the world.” As this week’s symbol, insert a candle into your prayer space.

Say this prayer together: **Lord Jesus, thank you for bringing the light of God’s saving love into our world and into our lives. Help us to always stay in your light. Amen.**

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*Please take your bulletin home for weekly devotions*



## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	79
Website	67
Bible Studies Attendance:	5+6=11
TREK	42
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$6353,28
Yearly Giving	\$46,193.57



*Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year!*

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

*Pray for Trinity*...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

*Pray for the Church*...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

*Pray for our World*...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

*Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering*...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Nicole, Dave, Susie, Gary, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Beth, Harold, Rita, Paul, Ray, Lorinda, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Duane, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

*Pray for the beloved*... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones...especially the family and friends of **Jane Hurley**, who passed away February 25<sup>th</sup>, and was laid to rest March 7<sup>th</sup> in Worthington ... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

*Pray for all families*...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

*Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home*...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

*Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)*...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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"People look  
at the outward  
appearance,  
but the  
**LORD**  
looks at  
the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7