

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26, 2017



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "O Blessed Light, O Trinity"..... LSB 890 Δ

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## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 27:4–6; antiphon: Ps. 25:15*

*P: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.*

**C: 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.**

*P: 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.*

**C: 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.**

*P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*P: My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net.*

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## **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.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

<sup>8</sup> 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."

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

<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>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>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.”

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**HYMN** “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” ..... *LSB* 545

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “Amazing Grace” ..... *LSB* 744

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**HYMN** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” ..... *LSB* 873

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**THIS WEEK— (March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 2, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Men's Choir, following Bible class

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 9:00am

**Thursday:** Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Men's Choir practice, following worship

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 3/19/17)**

General & Building Funds: \$3917.50; Blessings: \$20.00;

Lent: \$763.00; Memorial: \$125.00; Sunday school: \$1.00;

Community Meal: \$50.00

Attendance: Thursday: 62; Sunday: 115

**CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

Join us next Thursday at 6:30pm for the **LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE.** We will be examining the Festival of First Fruits.

Sign up for "**CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER**" The presentation is set for Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM. SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! A signup sheet is located on the table by the mailboxes. A lighter meal will be served.

**NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES** this Wednesday, March 29.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** resumes this week.

**THANK YOU** – Thank you to all who supported the youth group at the bake sale!

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Thank you to all who helped with the community meal!

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Hope Life Center banquet will be held on Monday, April 24. If you have plans to attend please speak with Sandi Michaelis so that the proper number of tables can be reserved.

**PLAN AHEAD** – Vacation Bible School “Ocean Commotion” will take place in the evenings on June 18-22.

**LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING** for March is for Hope Life Center. Items needed are: deodorant, toothbrushes/toothpaste, Chapstick/lip gloss, slipper socks

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE Dine to Donate Sundays** – Planning on going to Texas Roadhouse this Sunday or on some Sunday in the future? Take your church bulletin with you. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of the total amount of your food order back to Christ Lutheran. Simply present the bulletin to your server. (Alcohol, tax, tips, and coupon amounts are excluded.) This is an ongoing promotion.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

### **“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“The trap of a human philosophy and society shaped by merely utilitarian aims will always (and I mean ‘always’) lead to horror and hatred. Always. No matter how smart we get, how advanced our technical skills, how ‘scientific’ we think we are, the human person is more than what we can see. If we weren’t more than that, there would be no art, no beauty, no poetry. We are more than what we see!” *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*