



## *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*March 19, 2023*  
*8:30 am Worship*

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## **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS HELPING HANDS OFFERING**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ✝ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #843**

### **THE 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.**

### **KYRIE**

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### **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.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Choir

**WORD OF GOD**

**First Reading**

1 Sammuell 16:1-13

**Psalm**

Psalm 23

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:8-14

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION DURING LENT**

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**GOSPEL**

John 9:1-41

**SERMON**

Pastor Karen Hofstad

**SERMON SONG**

*“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

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**APOSTLES 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**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 DISTRIBUTION:** All are welcome!

*Receive the wafer and choose the wine (light) or juice (dark).*

**COMMUNION SONG**      *“Lamb of God”*

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### POST COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*“Be Thou My Vision ”*

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

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