



4th Sunday in Lent

March 19th, 2023

Opening Hymn: Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

LSB 914

Divine Service Setting Three

LSB 184

Confession and Absolution

Introit

Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15



My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

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.

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 up- | on a rock.

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.



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For 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.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who 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?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

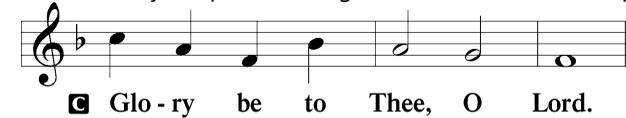
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Holy Gospel

John 9:1–41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So 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.” ¹⁶Some 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. ¹⁷So 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.”

¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He 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?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death LSB 697

Sermon

Response Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light LSB 411

Nicene Creed

Offertory LSB 192

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Collect for the Word

Salutation & Benedicamus LSB 201

Benediction LSB 202

Closing Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies LSB 873

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March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14).



WE WELCOME ALL who worship today, especially guests and visitors, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Guests are invited to sign our guest register. Please include your phone number and address in the guest book located in the Narthex. Thank you for visiting.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are provided by Annie Wood in loving memory of her husband, Jerry.

IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE:

03/12/2023	Sunday Service
03/15/2023	Lent 3

Attendance

95
18/20

Contributions

\$3616.00

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Did you know that we sponsor *The Lutheran Hour* locally? As you are getting ready for church or if you are unable to attend worship, consider tuning in to *The Lutheran Hour*. It can be found on KRLN 1400AM at 8:00am Sunday mornings.



MISSIONARIES: Please remember JP and Aimee Cima, the missionaries that our congregation have adopted, asking God to protect them and use them to spread His gospel.

CONGREGATIONAL SHUT-INS: Orgene Reimers, Ada Pendarvis, Esther Brunner, and Edie Cook.

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE MEMBERS: Ryan Lehmpuhl

SITTING AND STANDING IN CHURCH: It is customary to stand during the worship service when we address God directly (*Confession, Prayers, etc.*) or out of respect (*Gospel Reading, Creed, etc.*). These actions have purpose and meaning; but they are not meant to be painful or difficult. In contrast, Psalm 51:17 says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." If at any time during the service, it is too difficult or painful to stand, please remain seated. Our Lord knows your heart.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please call Pastor prior to the Sunday service for special prayers.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? If you or another member who you know needs transportation to church on Sundays, please call Ken Davidson at 719-429-4919.



PLEASE PRAY FOR: Sick and/or Recovering:

Carolyn Westlund
Doris Cunningham
Don Kirkegaard (Bob's brother)
Dale Kletke

Took Blanchard
Rod Willard
Jim Poehlein (Chuck's brother)

PRAYER CHAIN: If you have a prayer concern and would like to send it through a prayer chain, we have 2 options.

- To send the prayer through a phone prayer chain, please contact Mary Richardson at 719-269-1426.
- To send the prayer via email, please contact Sue Poehlein at her email address: cspoehlein@gmail.com.

If you would like to join either prayer chain, please contact Mary or Sue respectively.

If you would like a Christian greeting card from St. John sent to your loved one listed on the above prayer list, please contact Mary Richardson with the address where it should be sent.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN -- MARCH 19, 2023-MARCH 26, 2023

Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 19, 2023

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship
Reader: Jerry Heldt
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Monday, March 20, 2023

4:00 p.m. Children's Chorale
6:30 p.m. Confirmation



Myron Martinson

Tuesday, March 21, 2023



Sage Rosales

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

1:30 p.m. Lent Service
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lent Service



*James Baugh
Emmie Leason*

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday — 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2023

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Quilters
6:30 p.m. BOOKClub

Saturday, March 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. Church Spring Clean Up



Chris Pushchak

Sunday, March 26, 2023

9:00 a.m. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
Reader: Brandon Booth
Communion Assistants: Brandon Booth, Dave Lehmpuhl, & Doug Westlund
10:15 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send all announcements for bulletins to office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thank You.

PARISH PAPER: Articles for the April Parish Paper are due TODAY. Please email any articles to Office@StJohnCanonCity.org. Thanks._

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: A sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship Hall to sign up to help with our Soup Suppers. We are in need of soup, bread and dessert each week. Please sign up as you are able to help.

BOOKCLUB: BOOKClub will meet next Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Paul and Lynn Dreger.

NURSERY: We are looking for help setting up our new nursery. If you have an idle rocking chair or other furnishings, or if you can donate diapers or any other nursery toys or supplies, or if you can make signs to put over the door and directing parents to the nursery, please call Gail at 720-201-8743. Thanks so much!

CONDOLENCES: Armin Stolp passed away Tuesday evening. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Arlene, and his family and friends.

SPRING CHURCH CLEANUP: We are planning a pre-Easter, spring cleaning at the church. Scheduling it for March 25th. We will meet at 9:00 am and we'll plan for sandwiches, chips and drink for lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us to make our sanctuary and church grounds beautiful for Easter Sunday. May God bless you all. Thank you, Carol

