



Emmanuel  
LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
9:00 AM Worship Livestream at  
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## Introduction

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.

**Welcoming Music** Praise To The Lord The Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN, Arr. Pemble

## Prelude

Come To The Table

Frey, Glover, McDonald

## Verse 1

We all start on the outside  
The outside looking in  
This is where grace begins  
We were hungry we were thirsty  
With nothing left to give  
Oh the shape that we were in

## Pre-Chorus

Just when all hope seemed lost  
Love opened the door for us

## Chorus

(He said) come to the table  
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed  
Take your place beside the Savior  
Sit down and be set free  
(Come to the table)

## Verse 2

Come meet this motley crew of misfits  
These liars and these thieves  
There's no one unwelcome here  
So that sin and shame that you've brought with you  
You can leave it at the door  
And let mercy draw you near

## Bridge

To the thief and to the doubter  
To the hero and the coward  
To the pris'ner and the soldier



To the young and to the older  
All who hunger all who thirst  
All the last and all the first  
All the paupers and the princes  
All who've failed you've been forgiven  
All who dream and all who suffer  
All who've loved and lost another  
All the chained and all the free  
All who follow all who lead  
Anyone who's been let down  
All the lost you have been found  
All who've been labeled right or wrong  
To ev'ryone who hears this song

### **Ending**

Woah sit down and be set free  
Come to the table  
Come to the table  
Just sit down and rest awhile  
Just sit down and rest awhile  
Come to the table

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Invocation**

Pastor: In this holy season of Lent, God's Spirit gathers us up as the church wherever we are to worship, in the name of the Father,  $\text{✝}$  the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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.

**All: Amen.**



## Opening Hymn: Amazing Grace

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.



## Confession Prayer and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who heals the sick and gives sight to the blind.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: We take a moment in silence for reflection...if you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess. Gracious God,

**All: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**

**that we may find what is pleasing to you**

**and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

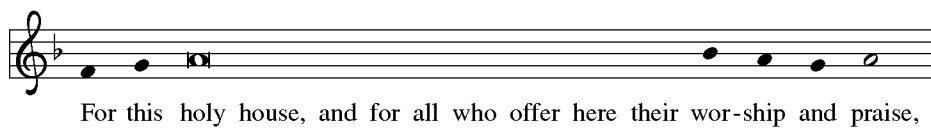
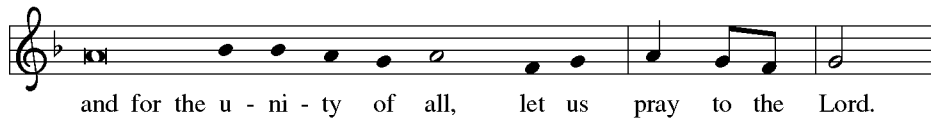
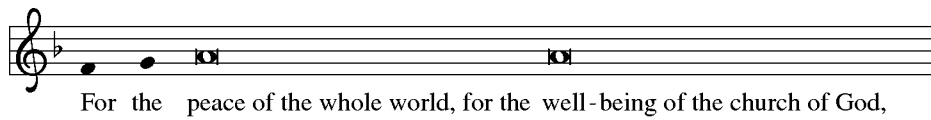
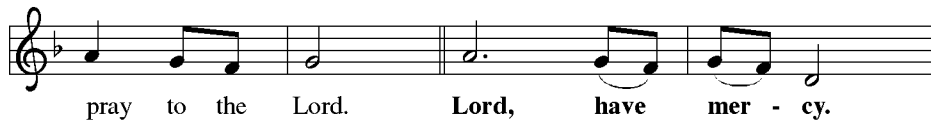
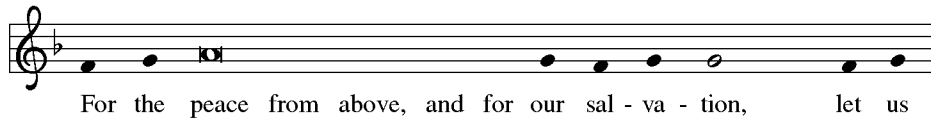
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**All: Amen.**



## The Kyrie

(ELW 2)





## First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>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." <sup>2</sup>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.'" <sup>3</sup>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." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>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." <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 23

R: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**All: <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

R: <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**All: <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil,



and my cup is running over.

**All:** <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**R: Word of God. Word of Life.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out 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 mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

**R: Word of God. Word of Life.**

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## The Children’s Message

### The Gospel Acclamation (ELW 2)



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.





## Gospel: John 9:1-41

*Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.*

Pastor: The good news of Jesus Christ according to the gospel of St. John, chapter 9.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed 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>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, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>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?” <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup>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.” <sup>12</sup>They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

<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>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.” <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.”

<sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>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.” <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>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.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>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?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he



comes from.”<sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.”<sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.<sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.<sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”<sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”<sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup>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.”<sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”<sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

## Sermon

**Song after Message** Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) Giglio, Newton, Tomlin

### Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

### Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

### Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace



### **Verse 3**

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

### **Verse 4**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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## **Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's 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 power of 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**

Pastor: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*



Pastor: God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies especially during this pandemic time. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who enters, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints especially Ed Bobchek. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Pastor: Family of God in Christ, the peace of the Risen Lord be with you always!

**All: And also with you.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...



**All: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Agnus Dei (ELW 2)**

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Blessing**

Pastor: May Holy God bless you and ✠ send you in love, peace, and good health.  
**All: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

Prelude in G (BWV 568)

J.S. Bach