

The Order of Service
Based on Divine Service IV
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 22, 2020

Pre-service music (During this time you are invited to place any prayer requests on the cards in the pew rack. These will be picked up by the ushers during the singing of the Sermon Hymn.)

The Announcements

Opening Hymn “Christ, the Life of All the Living” (LSB 420 vs. 1-4)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. C **Amen.**

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

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 upon 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.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

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

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

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed 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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:14-21*

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. 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.

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. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! 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? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

(response after reading)

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 142 antiphon 5

I cry to you, O Lord; **I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”**

With my voice I cry out to the Lord; **with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.**

I pour out my complaint before him; **I tell my trouble before him.**

When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! **In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.**

Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; **no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.**

I cry to you, O Lord; **I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”**

Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! **Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!**

Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! **The righteous will surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.**

I cry to you, O Lord; **I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”**

Epistle Ephesians 5:8-14

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern 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 speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

(response after reading)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

P The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the 9th chapter.

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

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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.” 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 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . . 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. 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.” 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. 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.” . . . They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 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.**

Apostles’ Creed (*Inside Back Cover of LSB*)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “**God Loved the World So That He Gave**” (*LSB 571*)

Sermon “**From Blindness to Sight**” Isaiah 42:16-21

Offertory “**Create in Me**” P. 192

Prayer of the Church (After each petition concludes..."Lord, in Your mercy," the Congregation responds, "**hear our prayer.**")

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and **T** give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn "Christ, the Life of All the Living" (LSB 420 vs. 5-7)

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Prayer Requests

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

- ✠ For Pastor John Lukowski recovering following a recent heart attack and bypass surgery
- ✠ For Debbie Kern for healing of cancer/gall bladder removal
- ✠ For **Delphine Girard** on hospice care at Integrity
- ✠ For Rev. Herb Mueller at Integrity Health Care in Columbia under hospice care
- ✠ For **Ray Bense** who is recovering at home following hospitalization
- ✠ For Cheryl Zanders who is ill
- ✠ For Diane Henry, friend of **Sandy Roessler**, recuperating at home
- ✠ For **Bob Portell** recovering following shoulder replacement surgery
- ✠ For Ryan McMullen, grandson of **Ray & Alberta Spradling**, recovering from a broken shoulder
- ✠ For **Marilyn Miller** at Hyland Health Center in St. Louis
- ✠ For **Anna Moeslein Earl** who is recovering from surgery
- ✠ For Dale Hoepfinger, friend of the **Kisro family**, with serious health problems

✠ For those undergoing cancer treatments/living with cancer

- Carol Toenjes, sister of **Mike Arras**
- Jean Landgraf, friend of the congregation
- Jan Hoffman, friend of **Sandy Roessler**
- Betty Pierson**
- Rev. Matt Friz
- Carrie Yates, friend of **Donna Lake**
- Richard Cullen, friend of **Marge Drexler**
- Paul Wortman
- Marian Ritter
- David Mehrtens, brother of **Rose Anne Bense**
- Shirley Kocher
- Tim Barren, brother of **Jackie Haberl**

SPECIAL CONCERNS

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| For renewed faith | For our families |
| For healthcare concerns | For patience |
| For those impacted by the coronavirus | For increased love of our neighbor |
| For our government leaders | For our missionaries |

OUR WEEKLY MEMBER PRAYERS

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| Busch, Jonathan | Busch, Diane | Busch, Travis |
| Bush, Angela | Butler, Richard | Butler, Kim |

