

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND DIALOGUE (*from 1 Samuel 16:7; John 9:5; Ephesians 5:8-9*)

God does not see as mortals see. We look on the outward appearance;

God looks on the heart. **Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!**

Once we lived in darkness, but now—as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful and evil. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that what is hidden in us becomes visible, and the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace. (*silence for reflection*)

Gracious God, **we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly, know ourselves loved, and so that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, we pray. Amen.**

The psalmist assures that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ. **We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us. Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW 722 v. 1, 2, 4

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray: **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.**

1st READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(OT page 263)

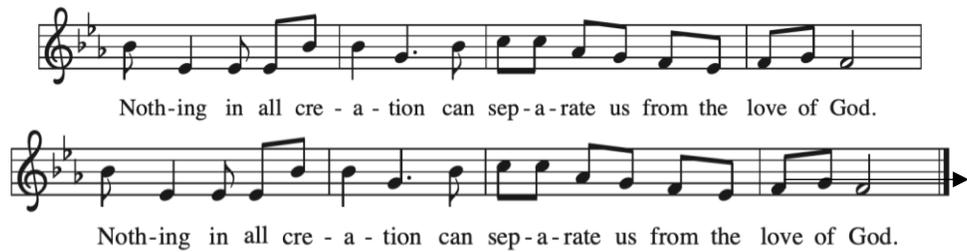
Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

2nd READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

(NT page 186)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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*GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41

(NT page 97)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace

ELW 779 v. 1, 2, 4

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using 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 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 GOD'S PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

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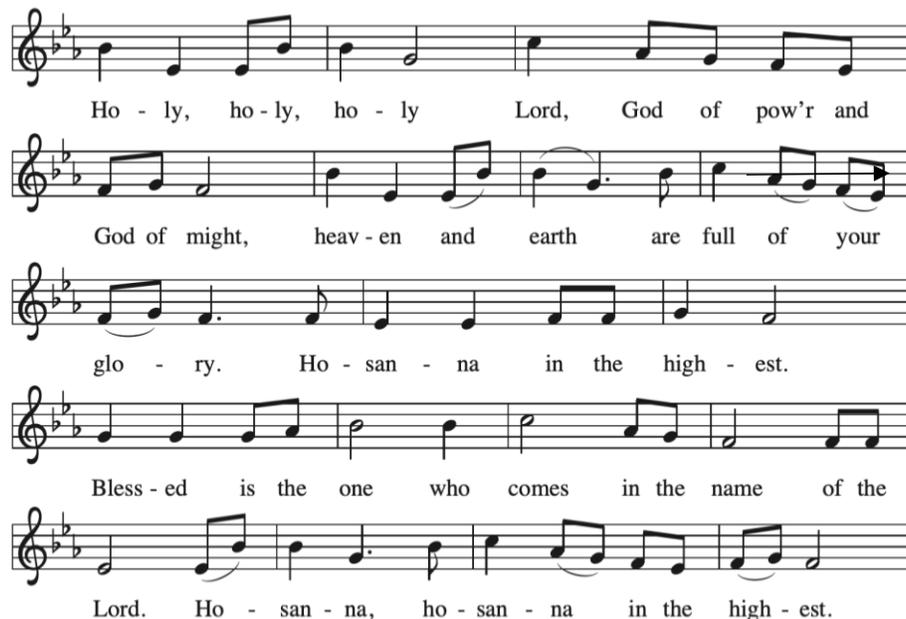
by Maria Linneman

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
 God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.





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*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(front of ELW pg. 154)

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Quiet Waters

by Maria Linneman

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452 v. 1, 4, 5

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Peggy Indahl
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Harriet Felber
Prayers	Verla Olson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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SUNDAY – March 15 – 4th Sunday in Lent

- 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge
- 10:45a Fellowship Time
- 10:45a Book Club – Room 11
- 10:45a Confirmation
- 10:45a BLAST – Room 36
- 6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Steve Olson**, **Dan Talbot**, **Bev Ohmann**, **Doug Solberg** and **Erin Gillis**
- **New prayers:** **Gail Parsons** (Shelly Olson's stepmom) and **Ty Waxdahl** (Florence Smallfield's nephew)
- **Pat Andersen** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **VEAP**

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes Monday-Friday from 5-6 MONDAY – March 16 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – March 17 <i>Happy St. Pat's Day</i> 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office Noon Judean Circle - Lounge 4:00p Lenten Book Club - Lounge 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers 7:00p Council - Lounge</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – March 18 Noon Bible Study & Soup –Lounge 2:00p Walk & Talk - MOA 6:00p Worship 7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p>THURSDAY – March 19 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall</p> <p>FRIDAY – March 20 Office Closed</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – March 22 – 5th Sunday in Lent 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Fellowship Time 10:45a BLAST – Room 36 6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA</p>
	<p>Bible Reading for next week: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45</p>
<p>Palm Sunday Intergenerational Event Coffee Cake Potluck Sunday, March 29—10:45am in Social Hall Join us as we prepare for Holy Week with activities and fellowship! If you have a favorite coffee cake, please bring it to share! All are welcome!!</p>	<p>Spring Plant Sale Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. Gertens has moved all fundraising groups to an online selling format to prevent tally mistakes and over-selling what is grown. <u>Online orders are open!! Why order right away? To make sure you get your favorite item and that it hasn't sold out.</u> Online orders close at 10PM Monday, April 6th with plants available for pick up at CTK on Tuesday, May 12th 5-7pm. To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our store ID code 490. Paper copies, to look at, can be found in the commons.</p>
	<p>Easter Altar Flowers Order sheets for Easter flowers can be found on the library desk or in the office during Lent. Flowers can be ordered in honor of, or in memory of loved ones for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. <u>Orders are due by March 29th.</u></p>
<p>Defrost those Green Thumbs It's that time again to start thinking about green things and homegrown tomatoes. Applications for the <i>Bryant Park Community Garden</i> are now available both online and on paper. Pick one up, fill one out and you can rent a garden box for \$20. We ask that you fill one out by April 30th so we can plan. Our growing season will start the 2nd weekend of May ... May 10th. YAY and YUM!! Online link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPAqQfRHL0ahMgHcyH_GAoDdp_m8BlutF1MmRgMPvhJJvJA/viewform</p>	<p>March Gift of Love – Beacon Interfaith! <u>Beacon is a collaborative of congregations and housing advocates who believe that secure, affordable housing provides the key to safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy.</u> Together with Beacon, we support the building of new affordable apartment homes, invest in residents through supportive services, and champion policy solutions to ensure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home. Beacon homes serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro, and their policy work impacts the entire state. Help us support this amazing ministry partner that is advancing the cause of quality, affordable homes in all communities!</p>