

## Today's Scripture Readings

### Old Testament

*Isaiah 42:14-21*

<sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>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.

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

<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!

<sup>19</sup>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?

<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;

his ears are open, but he does not hear.

<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,

to magnify his law and make it glorious.

### Epistle

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern 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 speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

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

### Holy Gospel

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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>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 <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ...

<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>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.”

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.” ...

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,  
English Standard Version®.*

### In Our Prayers this Week—

• *March missions of the month, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Luke Konkel and Andrew Harrill.*

• *Peace among nations and safety for all in the Middle East.*

• *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*

• *The family and friends of Jim Schmitz, who mourn his death.*

• *The family and friends of Ken Cotter, who mourn his death.*

• *Jean Estrello, upcoming surgery*

• *Jan Klug, diagnosed with cancer.*

• *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*

• *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*

• *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for successful surgery.*

• *All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jessica Dolezal*

- *Debi Verhage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*

- *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*

- *Jayne Cotter*

- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*

- *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*

*Please also keep in prayer*

—*our Seminarians Luke Konkel & Andrew Harrill;*

—*Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;*

—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*

—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*

—*our circuit congregation, St. John in Plymouth and Revs. John Schultz & Andrew Thompson;*

—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*

—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.*

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



*“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.”*

**John 9:6b-7**

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

*We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.*

### 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 works 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).

### THE FAMILY ALTAR

① Verse of the Week — **John 11:25** "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.'"

② Hymn of the Week — *LSB #430* — "My Song is Love Unknown"

③ Collect of the Week — *Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

④ Daily Bible Readings — **M:** Ex. 2:1-22; Mark 14:32-52 **T:** Ex. 2:23—3:22; Mark 14:53-72 **W:** Ex. 4:1-18; Mark 15:1-15 **Th:** Ex. 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32 **F:** Ex. 5:1—6:1; Mark 15:33-47 **Sat:** Ex. 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20 **Sun:** Ex. 8:1-32; Heb. 1:1-14

⑤ Preparing for Next Sunday — *Lessons for Lent 5* (March 22):

*Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:1-11; John 11:17-27, 38-53; Psalm 130*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2026

Greeter — *Emily Neumann*

Elder — *Mark Mathe*; Usher — *Michael Schommer*

Altar Guild — *Pennie Scallorn*; Jr. Altar Guild — *Allyson Neumann*

Cantor — *Choir*; Acolyte — *Carter Fischer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

*The flowers in church today are given by Cristina Blanke in memory of her husband, David Blanke. "Those who sow in tears, shall reap in joy." Psalm 126:5*

**Introit** (sung responsively after confession & absolution) 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.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

My eyes are ever | toward the Lord,\*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Collect** (spoken by pastor)

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.

**Gradual** (sung responsively) 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, despis- | ing the shame,\***

**and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

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