

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 18-19, 2023
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Entrance Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411

Kyrie LSB 942

All **Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above, You abound in gracious love,
Of all things the maker and preserver.
Eleison! Eleison!**

Solo Kyrie! O Christ, our king, salvation for all You came to bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, our mediator at the heav'nly throne:
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.

All **Eleison! Eleison!**

All **Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost, guard our faith, the gift we need the most,
And bless our life's last hour, that we leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison! Eleison!**

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 214

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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. **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *Israel's Failure to Hear and See* 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.

P 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.

Epistle *Light in the Lord*

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.”

P This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*)

Psalms 36:9

With you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Holy Gospel *Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind*

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Creed

LSB 953

All **We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, all creation He upholds.**

Solo We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne and for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we rescued from all misery.

All **We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, praise forever be to Thee!**

Sermon (*sit*) "This Little Gospel Light of Mine"

Ephesians 5:8-14

Hymns of the Day "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

LSB 697

"I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone"

LSB 972

All **Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
So learn His love, its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.**

Solo I trust, O Christ, in You alone; no earthly hope avails me.
You will not see me overthrown when Satan's host assails me.
No human strength, no earthly pow'r can see me through the evil hour,
For You alone my strength renew. I cry to You!
I trust, O Lord, Your promise true.

All **To us on earth He came to bring from sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.**

Solo My sin and guilt are plaguing me; O grant me true contrition
And by Your death upon the tree Your pardon and remission.
Before the Father's throne above recall Your matchless deed of love
That He may lift my dreadful load, O Son of God!
I plead the grace Your death bestowed.

All **Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that He might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.**

Solo Confirm in us Your Gospel, Lord, Your promise of salvation.
And make us long to hear Your Word and follow our vocation:
To spend our lives in love for You and show Your love in all we do.
And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come
And bear Your loved ones safely home.

All **For us Christ lived, for us He died, and conquered in the strife;
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.**

Prayer of the Church (*stand*)

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Offering (*sit*) *Were You There* (8:00)

African-American spiritual

Preface (*stand*) p. 216

Lord's Prayer p. 217

Words of Institution

Sanctus LSB 960

Solo Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:

All **"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"**

Solo The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Pax Domini p. 217

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei LSB 434, st. 1

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

Distribution (*sit*) "Come, Let Us Eat" LSB 626
congregation sings the lines marked "All"

Post-Communion Hymn (*stand*) LSB 617, st. 1

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

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P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**
P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *congregation responds "Amen"*

Closing Hymn "When to Our World the Savior Came" LSB 551, *soloist sts. 2, 4*