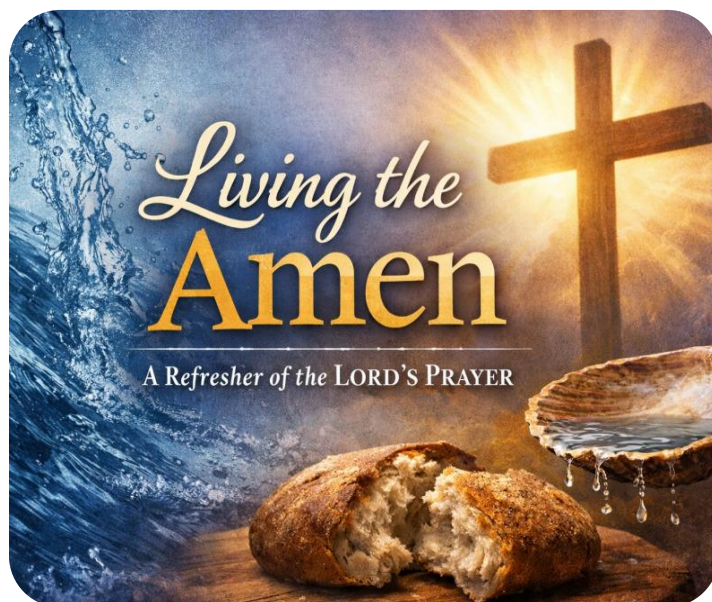


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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

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Our worship services are live broadcasted and available for future viewing via YouTube. In-person attendance implies consent to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

Meditation

During the prelude, we invite you into a time of reflection. The main doors of the sanctuary will remain closed prior to worship so those who wish may have a time of centering and reflection of the past week, our community, our world, and God's sacrificial and redeeming love for us all.

Church Year Information~ Season: Lent • Color: Purple

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you,
pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GREETING

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.

KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE: Please see *ELW Page 138* in the front of your hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.

⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ 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, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ 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?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ 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." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ 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."

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

²⁴ 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." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ 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?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

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

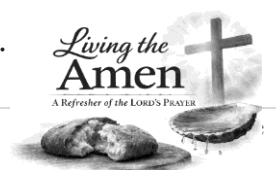
The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS:

The noisy offering today will be donated to a local school's lunch program.

MESSAGE: "Daily Bread- Strive for Justice and Peace In All the Earth"



HYMN OF THE DAY: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)

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 THE PEOPLE

To You All Hearts Are Open (ACS 1012)

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "To you all hearts are o - pen, to you all de - sires known. To you there are no se - crets, al - might - y God; we come to you." The third staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a "Last time" instruction.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWARDSHIP TIME

The apostle Paul reminds us, "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." With gratitude for God's goodness and in response to God's indescribable gift of Jesus Christ, let us present our tithes and offerings. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

STEWARDSHIP OF GENEROSITY

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of St. John's Ministries.

Offerings may be given in the following ways:

- Use the QR code to the right to make a gift.
- Place your offering in the plate when it is passed.
- Enroll in Simply Giving for automatic giving from a bank account or credit card.
(See Karie for more information.)



STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* (ELW 186)

PRAYER OF FAITHFUL RESPONSE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

MEAL

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER LITANY

Our Father in heaven, You are holy. You are above us. To you we pray.

Hallowed be your name.

Your name is holy. Keep it holy among us, and throughout this world, this needy world.

Your kingdom come.

Come, O Father, with your holy kingdom—to us, and through us to many others.

Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

If it's your will, it has to be good. Let it be done here on earth, Lord. Please.

Give us today our daily bread.

Our bread for today is plenty, but we ask enough for all the needy in this world.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

We cannot live without your forgiveness, O Lord, and this world will destroy itself unless we forgive each other. Help us to keep the forgiveness flowing.

Lead us not into temptation.

You are strong, and we are weak. When we walk with you, we are strong.

But deliver us from evil.

Evil is many-faced and many-sided. Only you are stronger. Be our strong rock.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

You can hear. You can answer. You can prevail. And you let us call you "Our Father."

We thank and praise you. So be it.

Amen!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD (ELW Setting 3)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* (ELW 324)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* (ELW 793)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Please remember these people in your prayers.

There are **PRAYER CARDS** in the Narthex beneath the nametags and in the pews. If you have a special prayer request, please complete the form and place it in the offering plate or place it in the office mailbox. Your prayer will be added to the Prayer List and **will remain there for 3 weeks**. If you wish to have the person's name continue to be listed, you must notify the church office in writing on a prayer card or by email. Be sure to let us know when someone may be removed from the prayer list as well. If you have questions, please contact Karie in the church office.

Those who mourn:

The family of Ellie Nickel (Mother of Amy Spaude)

Those who are home bound:

Arlene Matuszewski

Fran Koski

Arlene Giese

Ron and Diana Sefcik

Edwin Kazik (Father of Karie Peters)

Donna Ward (Sister of Lorna Koch)

Bud & Ann Wardecki (Parents of Barb Dorn)

Those who are ill/recovering/ have special needs or concerns:

Ron Koch

Earl & Shirley Habeck

Doris Fleck

Wayne Wentworth

Joe Kozlovsky

Marie Zirbel Meyer (Aunt of Janet Francies)

Mark Heisel (Friend of Greg & Tammy Yager)

Greg Roberts (Son-in-law of Nancy Valentine)

Peggy Foltz (Sister of Beth Wentz)

Betty Couillard (Sister of Doug Malueg)

Kerry Pranica (Friend of Doris Fleck)

Randy Denneau (Brother of Lorna Koch)

Helen Mohan (Daughter of Tess Smith)

Kay Koch (Friend of Lorna Koch)

Al Reimer (Friend of Pam Giese)

Erin Culbertson (Friend of Doris Fleck)

Yvonne Virtues (Mother of Pat Virtues)

Carol Barker (Mother of Beth Wentz)

Mike & Carmen Peters (Parents of Tim Peters)

Dave Hansen (Nephew of Doug & Helen Malueg)

Ashley Rogers (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters)

Family of Ronny Neitzel (Friend of Tina Douglass)

Kelly Havlik Lacera (Friend of Desiree Kozlovsky)

Nick Carter (Friend of Duayne & Pat Rosenberg)

Eli Marchand (Son of Michelle Marchand)

John and Shirley Tramontin (Parents of Tess Smith)

Jason Heider (Son of Janet Heider)

Brenton Severson (Grandson of Janet Francies)

Mike Killian (Friend of Tim & Karie Peters)

Jill Willner (Niece & Cousin of Ann, Rob & Nikky Urbaniak)

Sharon Hanson (Sister/Sister-in-law of Doug & Helen Malueg)

Those who are serving in the Military:

Josh & Cheyenne Perrault- Air Force

Gage Boyd- Air Force (Grandson of Tracey & Pamela Krumrei)

Alex Culbertson-Wisconsin National Guard (Grandson of Dave & Ginny Burkart)

Sam Cooper-Captain, Army Reserves (Son of Jerry & Michelle Cooper)

This Week at St. John's

Sun, March 15	Mon, March 16	Tues, March 17	Wed, March 18
9:00am , Worship 10:15am , Fellowship Faith Finders!		St. Patrick's Day 10:00am , Fitness Class Level 2 11:00am , Fitness Class Level 1  5:30pm , Y&E Team	Lent 4 5:45pm , Simple Supper 6:30pm , Midweek Lenten Worship
Thurs, March 19	Fri, March 20	Sat, March 21	Sun, March 22
10:30am , Brown Bag Bible Study <i>April Lighthouse Submissions are due to the Office.</i> Karie out of Office.	Office Closed	9:00am-1:00pm , First Communion Workshop 6:00pm , AA Meeting	9:00am , Worship 10:15am , Fellowship Faith Finders! WELCA

	<i>Sunday March 15</i>	<i>Sunday March 22</i>
<i>Acolyte(s)</i>	Needed	Needed
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Nancy Valentine	Pat Rosenberg
<i>Communion Assistants</i>	Nancy Gleffe Ginny Burkart Two Needed	Ginny Burkart Three Needed
<i>Communion Steward</i>	Nancy Gleffe	Ginny Burkart
<i>Greeters</i>	Dave Burkart One Needed	Two Needed
<i>Technology Team</i>	Sara Beth Holman	Needed
<i>Scripture Readers</i>	Duayne Rosenberg	Needed
<i>Scrip Volunteers</i>	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt	Steve & Angie Larsen Susan Mittelstaedt
<i>Offering Counters</i>	Betty Stevens* John Warren	Kelly Stellmacher* Rob & Nancy Gleffe
<i>Ushers</i>	Steve & Angie Larsen Dave Zimmerman	Andy Dorn Fran Miller John Warren