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### Fourth Sunday in Lent — March 26, 2017

LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice

\* Please stand as you are able

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### Ringing of the Bell

**PRELUDE**      *Amazing Grace! (How Sweet the Sound)*

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(you may remain seated)*

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God, forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

*Silence.*

P We were silent when we should have said something.

*Silence.*

P We acted when we knew better.

*Silence.*

P We were still when we know we should have moved.

*Silence.*

P For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of the life that Jesus offers!

**C Amen**

## HYMN WOV # 716      *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

#### GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

**C Amen.**

(8:00) **Special Music:** Meditation on *Brother James Air* -Bell Choir

#### FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

<sup>2</sup>Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."<sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"<sup>5</sup>He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified

Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD."<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."<sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."<sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."<sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the

youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then

Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

### PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD <sup>1</sup>is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup>be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup>in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup>side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup>soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup>for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup>fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup>comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup>of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup>running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup>of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup>LORD forever.**

### SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—<sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out 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 mention what such people do

secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

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

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

### \* GOSPEL: John 9:1-41 *(please stand as you are able)*



<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed 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>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, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>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?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>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."

<sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <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>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." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born

blind; <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>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.

<sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup>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." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he

opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>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." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## HYMN LBW # 448 *Amazing Grace*

### SERMON

## HYMN LBW # 327 *Rock of Ages* (you may remain seated)

### \* APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

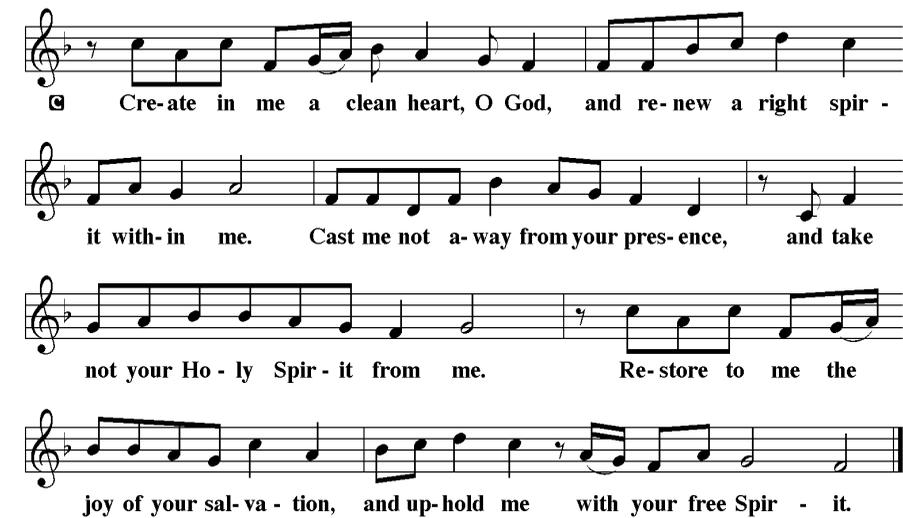
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS (8:00) *As the deer* -Bell Choir

(10:30) *They Could Not* -Peggy Snyder

### OFFERTORY (you may remain seated.)



**THE PRAYERS**     *(you may remain seated)*

A Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A God of the ages, as your church prepares your table for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restore the unity of those who gather in your name. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A You shed light on your creation. Let the changing of the seasons bring forth growth and new life from what was dormant and fallow. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Shine your light on the people of every nation. Reveal your reconciling love in places where fear and conflict thrive. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and work of this congregation. Help us to see your purpose clearly. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A We remember and give thanks for those who have joined you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine in our hearts and guide our paths. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in confusing times, bring healing to those in painful times, bring peace to those in trying times. *(We pray especially for . . .)* Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER**     *(please stand as you able)*     ♪

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,**

**and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,**

**for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, forever. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN LBW # 520**     *Give to our God Immortal Praise*

**POSTLUDE**     *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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**Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Brian & Dea Plummer in loving memory of Deborah Graver.

**Nativities**

There are 5 nativities that are still in the overflow/Sunday School room (by the elevator). If you brought a nativity for the Christmas walk and forgot to pick it up again, please do so as soon as possible.

**Caring Corner** - Kids A-B-C Bags (Activity, Busy, Church bags)

The collection for March is donations of small toys, books, activities (puzzles, etc.) to fill activity bags for our little ones (toddler through 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade-ish). Kid-friendly and kid-safe items please.

**Women of the ELCA Spring Assembly**

...will be held Saturday, April 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wauseon. Pastor Katie Suggitt from Grace Lutheran Church, Castalia, is representing the ELCA for 2 weeks in March as one of the 20 delegates throughout the world at the Lutheran World Federation Seminar celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary in Wittenberg, Germany. She will speak of her experiences there. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes following a noon luncheon. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board by Pat's Office and due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to run the sound board for the 10:30 service in April.

### Statistics

3/15 Attendance 94 Offerings \$542.00

3/19 Attendance 100+101 (201) Offerings \$4,349.00 (275 Bldg Fd; 5 Wrld Hngr; 20 After Sch Cl; 14 Sun Sch; 157 Good Sam Fd)

Simply Giving 3/13-3/19: 490 Gen Fd; 120 Bldg Fd

### Serving Today

Pastor James L. Castello

Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes

Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning

Lay Assistant - 8:00 Ronnie Rohrs 10:30 Bill Panning

Sound Board - 8:00 Ed Biederstedt 10:30 Ryan Kohout

Acolytes - 8:00 Thea Perdeu & Cale Perdeu

10:30 Morgan Ashbaugh & Emma Rowland

Altar Guild - Lauren Helberg & Maxine Eickhoff

Ushers - 8:00 Casey Callaway, Judy Hoffman, Carl Yaney, Lee Weirauch

10:30 Tom Jenny, Larry Ashbaugh, Rupert Schweinhagen, Jeff Mires

Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

### This Week

Monday 5:30 p.m. Miriam Circle

Wednesday 3:15 p.m. After School Club

5:00 p.m. Soul Food

5:30 p.m. Emanubells

6:00 p.m. Choir in the basement

6:00 p.m. WELCA Executive Board

7:00 p.m. Worship

8:00 p.m. Living Spirit

Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Friday-Saturday Catechism Retreat at Camp Palmer

Friday Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 3:00 p.m. Bayer/Pickering Wedding

### Devotionals

Be sure to pick up a copy of the April-June devotionals which are available at both entrances. There are copies in regular and in LARGE print.

### Easter flowers

Be sure to order your Easter flowers by April 2. The \$10.00 cost is the same as last year. If the order insert is missing from your bulletin, there are extras at each entrance.

### Coming Alive

Emanuel will once again be participating in the United Way's exercise challenge which will run from April 24 - May 21. Sign-up forms will be available soon! Questions? See Judy Hoffman.



“Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.” -Martin Luther

*Did you know...*

In Erfurt, Germany, visitors can tour a museum that includes the austere cell where the young monk spent his formative years, and the church where he struggled with his theological demons.

***People in our prayers:***

Ken Freytag  
Myka Reeter  
Lincoln Kurtz  
Colleen Cable  
Juanita Clausen  
Dick Cobb  
Jackie  
Dave & Betty Meyer  
George & Cindy Pope  
Bob & Esther Dennie  
Marcus Mt.Castle  
Tom & Eleanor Morgan  
Susan Allen  
Lupe Arreguin  
Josh Badenhop  
Russ Van Meter  
Tom Badenhop  
Carol Baerlin  
Steve Baker  
Kaden Michaelis  
Krista Behm  
Connie Beltz  
Louisa Bevelle  
Don Bischoff  
Linda  
Jill Borstelman Klausung  
Sandy Bostelman  
Norbert Brandt  
Jeff Brown  
Denelda Rohrs  
Miranda Schink  
Roma Brown  
Karl Wiechers  
Irene Cordes  
Mary Lou Bowers

Allie Konover  
Larry Ashbaugh Sr.  
Douglas  
Robert Smith  
Jeannie Curtis  
Terry Doda  
Margery Downs  
Susan Drewes  
Crystal Garcia  
Kelly Garst  
Frank Gebers  
Mackenzie Godsey  
Allie Grace Small  
Chris Hanson  
Linda Hill  
Dustin Brown  
Becky Hilvers  
Jerri Holder  
Richard Hoover  
Alexa Jennings  
Mary Lou Zwiebel  
Beth Jenny  
Kathy Jordan  
Ally  
Lucas King  
Carlie Knowles  
Len Kolbe  
Alice Langenhop  
Connee Lawlis  
Brent Leiter  
Sarah Lenhart  
Amber Lucas  
Ken Ludeman  
Erin Lynch  
Mildred Miller

Carol Gerken  
Bob Lulfs  
Betty Baer  
Denise Etzler  
Matthew  
Todd Miller  
Emma Mires  
Landon Zunk  
Shirlee Mires Fejes  
Kevin Mires  
Jon  
Joe Moser  
Betty Mowery  
Donna Norden  
Alyce Oberhaus  
Lois Plotts  
Naomi Rhodes  
Kimberly Ritchey Small  
Lucas Rosebrock  
Simon Saputo  
Valerie  
Deb Schink  
Chris Schmitmeyer  
Audrey Schroeder  
Irene Smith  
K T  
Jet Thomas  
Randy Vocke  
Mary Brown  
Jeff Warner  
Jill Weddington  
Cliff Williams  
Andrew Williams  
Bill Winseman

***We pray for people having birthdays this week ...***

Jon Hoops  
Elijah Wolf  
Julie Yunker  
Sara Bost

Samuel Elling  
Kathy Kolodziejczyk  
Dennis Ehlers

Marilyn Fretz  
Shirley Bunke  
Gretchen Wesche

Kari Zachrich  
Linda Hill  
Tessa Knepley

***and anniversaries ..***

Herb & Ramona Koppenhofer

***and for those in the military ...***

Mike DeMichiei • Jessica Reed • Henry Elling • Hunter Carnahan • Jacob Skeens •  
Matt DeMichiei •

