

*“to serve God and share the good news of Jesus Christ”*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*March 22, 2020*

**Welcome**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**GATHERING**

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Litany: Psalm 23**

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.**

## **Opening Hymn**

Hymn #673

*“God, Whose Almighty Word”* (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray and where the  
Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray let there be light

Christ, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing,  
Healing and light: health to the troubled mind, sight where  
Illusions blind; oh, now to humankind let there be light

Holy and blessed three, glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might: boundless as ocean’s tide, rolling in  
Fullest pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## **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**

**L: We pray together,**

**C: 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.**

## **Children’s Message**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

### **First Reading Introduction**

*Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD’s chosen successor to Saul.*

16 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.

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 5:8-14

### **Second Reading Introduction**

*Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.*

<sup>8</sup> For 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.”

**L:** Word of God. Word of Life.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**Gospel Reading**

John 9:1-41

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**Message**

Pastor Tricia Lowe

*“Like a Child at Home”*

**Hymn of the Day**

Hymn #768

*“Lead Me, Guide Me”* (vs. 1 & 3)

Lead me, guide me, along the way:  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lean me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way:  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead, me, O Lord, lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lean me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way:  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven & 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 Intercession

L: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world,  
and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

At the end of each partition (Hear us, O God) respond--

**Your mercy is great.**

L: According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend  
them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those

who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## ***SENDING***

### **The Benediction**

**P: May the Lord bless you and keep you.**

**May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

Hymn #779

*"Amazing Grace"* (vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am found; was blind, but now I see,

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
grace my fears relieved; how precious did that  
grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I  
have already come; 'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

### **Dismissal**

**P: Go in peace. Share the good news.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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*As a congregation, we pray for God's guidance on our journey of service to our membership, our community and our world. Pray for Pastor Tricia, the Church Council, and the Ministry Leadership. The church office reviews this list monthly. Please call if your prayer concern is removed earlier than you wish.*

*Please keep the following in your prayers during this week:*

### **Members**

*Alis Seim  
Barbara Carroll  
Beth Parknowitz  
Bob Saul  
Carol Hotten  
Chuck Lynch  
Cris Spahr  
David Ramirez*

*Geri Cottrell  
Gwen Savage  
Helen Morton  
Karen Roush  
Knox family  
Len Warne  
Linda Walkoff  
Marilyn Murphy*

*Marty Watkins  
Mida Jordan  
Nimocks Family  
Ramona Walker  
Ron Kovara  
Ruth Martindale  
Wayne Theobald*

### **Our Family Members in Military and Deployed**

*Meg Northrup      Jim VanScoy*

### **Family Members and Friends**

*Anita – family friend of Tom Pendergast  
Anita Vasser – daughter of Mida Jordan  
Baby Aurora & Baby Dale – Worthington's foster children  
Becky Bodnarczuk – niece of Nancy Clark  
Bill Deffenbaugh – stepfather of Kimberly Goats  
Bob Hermann – cousin of Willie & Betty Hermann  
Carmen Hynes – daughter of Gail Jedlund  
Cheryl Midel – aunt of Wendy Woolley  
Chris Vettore – daughter of Ron Kovara  
Connie Miller & son Trevor – friends of Carl Schulze  
Cris & Susie – brother & sister of Clara Farmer  
Don Jones – friend of Jim & Carole Rebolz  
Doug Bayle – nephew of Phyllis Pohlman  
Doug Becker – friend of Jim McIntyre  
Edie Hales – mother of Cheryl Miller  
Edward Kelly – friend of Mark & Mary Austin  
Erika Hidley – daughter of Jim & Carole Rebolz  
Gavin Goats – nephew of Kimberly Goats  
Grant – grandson of Dan & Carol Cwach  
Jeff Koelsch – brother of Nancy McIntyre  
Joann Harlib – mother of Scott Harlib  
Joshua Diebel – stepbrother of Tawnya Worthington  
Julie – daughter of Chuck & Kathy Guenther  
Julie Ward – daughter of Keith & Cathy Namock*

*Kay Sherlock – sister of Janet Santiago  
Kelly Smith – daughter of Bobbe Serena Wayman  
Kenneth Lindsay deployed Kuwait – friend of Carl Schulze  
Kevin Marsh – son of Becky McIntyre  
Kim Schifferli – sister-in-law of Julie Schifferli  
Leroy Goats – father-in-law of Kimberly Goats  
Lincoln Zick – former student of Pastor Tricia  
Linda Vallner – sister of Ron Kovara  
Marilyn Bostin – cousin of Tom Smith  
Mark Erickson – friend of Mark & Mary Austin  
Mark Kovara – son of Ron Kovara  
Merle MacCleary – father of Pam MacCleary  
Pat Cavanagh – friend of Jim & Carole Rebolz  
Rev. Paul Meier – former pastor of Larry & Sonya Mahler  
Ruth Nelson – sister of Geri Cottrell  
Ryan Blair – great grandson of Carol Hotten  
Sam Crifasi – friend of Larry Mahler  
Sarah Mulligan – daughter of Carol Wade  
Sharon Tate – sister-in-law of Shelby Tate  
Star Campbell – friend of Bob Saul  
Stefanie O'Donnell – daughter of Shelby & Carol Tate  
Susie Soto – sister of Clara Farmer  
Wayne Wallingford – brother of Sheila Smilgis  
Wendy Spencer – daughter of Kat Harley Mays*

**Someone will be in the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. but the church doors will be locked. Please knock upon arriving or call first before arriving.**

**Offerings** - Even though we are not meeting face to face, our church keeps the lights on! We are paying our staff, our bills and our benevolence commitment to the synod, and that is only possible if our members continue to give. There are several ways to give your offering, the simplest of course is just to mail it in. We also have installed a secure locking mailbox next to the front door where you can drop off your offering at any time. It might be a nice way to get out of the house for a little drive if you are getting cabin fever! You can also use Vanco or even better, Bill Pay online through your bank, there is no cost to you to use Bill Pay and no cost to the church. (Vanco does take a small percentage in fees). While you are here, pick up the latest Christ In Our Home devotional, we have put them in a bin right by the front door.

**MISSION OUTREACH** for the month of March is **Yavapai Family Advocacy Center**. The mission of the Yavapai Family Advocacy Center is to assist the victims of child or vulnerable adult abuse or neglect, domestic violence or sexual assault by providing a safe and supportive environment and facilitating a team approach to advocacy, investigation, and prosecution. Victims are brought to the Center by Law Enforcement or Child Protective Services.

**Following Events are Postponed until we can get a better handle on things:**

Worship Services, Sunday School, Youth Nite, Cottage Meetings, Lenten Worship & Soup Suppers, Clothing Exchange, Grief Group, Wellness Group, Quilters, Ministry Meeting, Young @ Heart, Bells, Jubilate, Chancel Choir, Bible Studies, Saturday Worship and all outside events.

**Prayer Chain** – Would you be interested in being a part of the prayer chain. Please let the church office know. This is a time when prayers are even more important.

**Food Pantry** – At this time the food pantry would prefer donations of money so they could purchase the needed items. Donations can be mailed to the church and we will make sure the Food Pantry receives them in a timely manner. Emmanuel will at a later date have a food bag drive with a drop off at church.

**Interfaith Meal:** Did you know that our church feeds about 120 community members each month during our Interfaith Meal? Even if you aren't available on a Thursday (during prep) or Friday (during the meal), check with Outreach to see how you can help! Our next meal is **Friday, April 10, at 11:00 a.m.** We hope to do the next meal as a takeout only.

**Craft Show** – We hope the craft show is coming on April 18. If you would like to have a table and be a part of this show, cost is \$20.00 for a table. The table proceeds go to the Youth Group for their Mission Trips. Contact Cheryl Miller – 830-9648 or come to the office for a registration form.