

**March 22, 2020 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Hymns:** *Jesus Loves Me*  
*Jesus Remember Me*  
*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*  
*Go In Peace*

**Prayer of Day:** **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.**

**Lenten Symbol:** Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ...and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. John 19:19, 20b

**Psalms: Psalm 23** (Call and response)

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

C: <sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord & guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: <sup>4</sup>**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: <sup>5</sup>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: <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**Epistle Reading: 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."

**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.”

**Prayer call and response:**

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.

L: God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power (like Jonathan Edwards, whom we commemorate today). Raise up voices in your church that are often silenced or overlooked due to age, gender expression, race, or economic status. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of insight, empower us to care for the land and all living things that dwell in it and beneath it. Provide rich soil for crops to grow. Bring rain to lands suffering drought. Protect hills and shorelines from damage caused by erosion. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of insight, bring peace to all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness, righteousness, and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence or terror. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of insight, we pray for those serving our country, that you may protect them, give them the strength and knowledge they need and guide them safely. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day especially our loved ones George, Tom, Dean, Marlene, Lloyd, Brian, Robert, Karl, Finley, Billie & Mark. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, physical therapists, nutritionists, and all who tend to human bodies. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of insight, help this assembly lift up the unique gifts of each person who enters, no matter their physical capacity, cognitive ability, or sensory need. Help us to be creative and brave in making our facilities and our ministries accessible to all. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of insight, you call out to those who are asleep and awaken them to new life with you. We give thanks for your saints. Join us together with them as your children in this world and the next. Hear us, O God.

**C: 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. Amen.

**Announcements - March 22, 2020 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Congregational Meeting:** The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) has been sent via email to the congregation. Please take the time to read through this and email all your questions at this time.

**Confirmation Class:** An email was sent out with all the information on what you are to do from home. Email the office with any questions or if you did not receive this email.

**SWAG:** The 9-12th graders can join Michelle live on our SWAG Facebook page at 6:30PM on Wednesday evenings for a short lesson & devotion. A link was sent via email and is on St. Luke's website.

**Sunday Worship:** Join Pastor Kris live on Facebook at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings. If you miss the live feed you can still watch it on our YouTube channel and on our Facebook page at anytime. A link was sent via email and is on St. Luke's website.

**Sunday School:** The Sunday school children can join Michelle live on our Facebook page at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings for a Bible story and short visual. A link was sent via email and is on St. Luke's website.

**Food Shelf Sunday:** March is Food Shelf month and your donations are especially needed during this time of struggle with the Covid-19 uncertainty. Drop off your non-perishable food items in the box located inside the entrance near the alley door. Your items will be brought to the Zumbrota food shelf still at this time of closure.

**Giving During Closure:** At this time of closure please consider your financial gifts through online Giving or by mailing your checks to St. Luke Church. Online giving helps keep our offering steady throughout the year. We offer the option to give one-time or recurring gifts online through Vanco Services. Everything you need to get started can be found on our website [www.stlukegoodhue.org](http://www.stlukegoodhue.org) under Online Giving. You'll be directed to Vanco's secure giving site where you can enroll and make your gift. Sara Nolte, our treasurer is happy to help with any questions [saramollenhauer@gmail.com](mailto:saramollenhauer@gmail.com) or contact the office at 651-923-4695.

**Those in need:** If you know of anyone in need at this time please contact Pastor Kris, a council member or leave a voice message in the office.

**Easter Plants:** If you would like to purchase a Easter plant to be placed on the altar on Easter morning, email the office for a form or call Blooms on Broadway (651) 923-4380. Deadline is March 29th.

**O'Reilly Scholarship - Seniors:** The O'Reilly scholarship is posted on St. Luke's website at [stlukegoodhue.org](http://stlukegoodhue.org) on the SWAG Youth page. The application **deadline is April 15, 2020**. Requirements are listed on the application. Contact the office with questions.

**Prayers:** We continue to pray for all members of the congregation and family members of the congregation with new and chronic health conditions, including George Campbell (Kelly Rehder's father); Tom Diercks (Danielle Ramthun's husband), Dean Kirkland, Marlene Roschen, Lloyd Roschen, Brian Deneen, Robert Reese, Karl Thomforde, Finley Budensiek and Billie Maher (sister of Barbie Collins and niece of Debbi St. John) & Billie's spouse Mark Beebe. We pray for those serving our country. We pray for our family, friends, neighbors and our world at this time of unknown as we are impacted with the Coronavirus. If you would like someone to be added to the prayer list please contact the office.

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