

Sunday, March 22, 2020 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

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# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

10:30 AM Worship Service



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# HOLY COMMUNION

## WELCOME

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**

**that we may find what is pleasing to you**

**and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

**P** Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

C Amen.

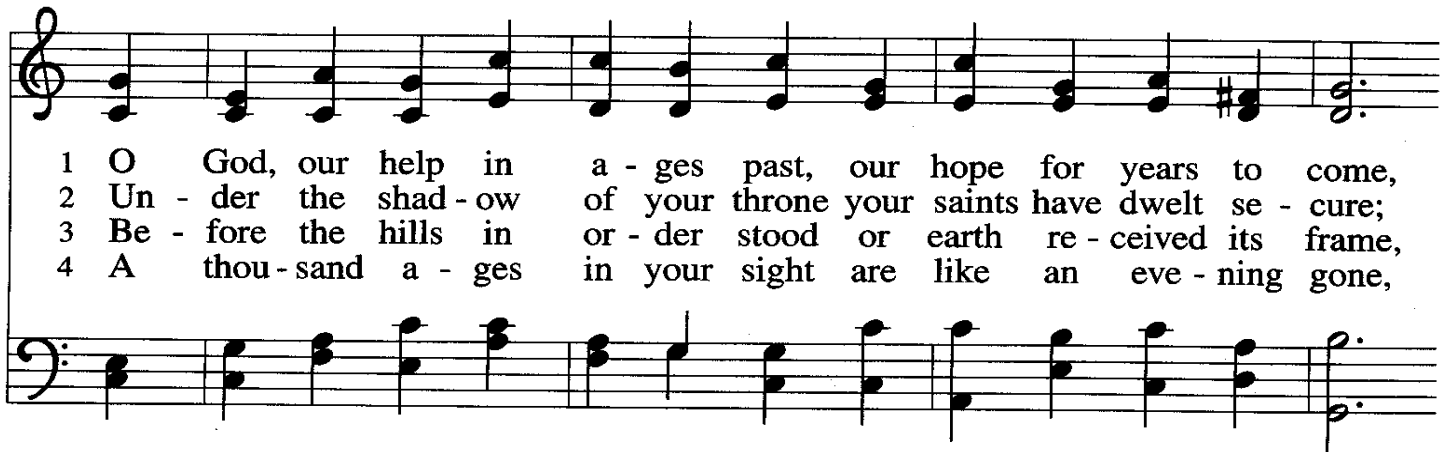
## GREETING

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

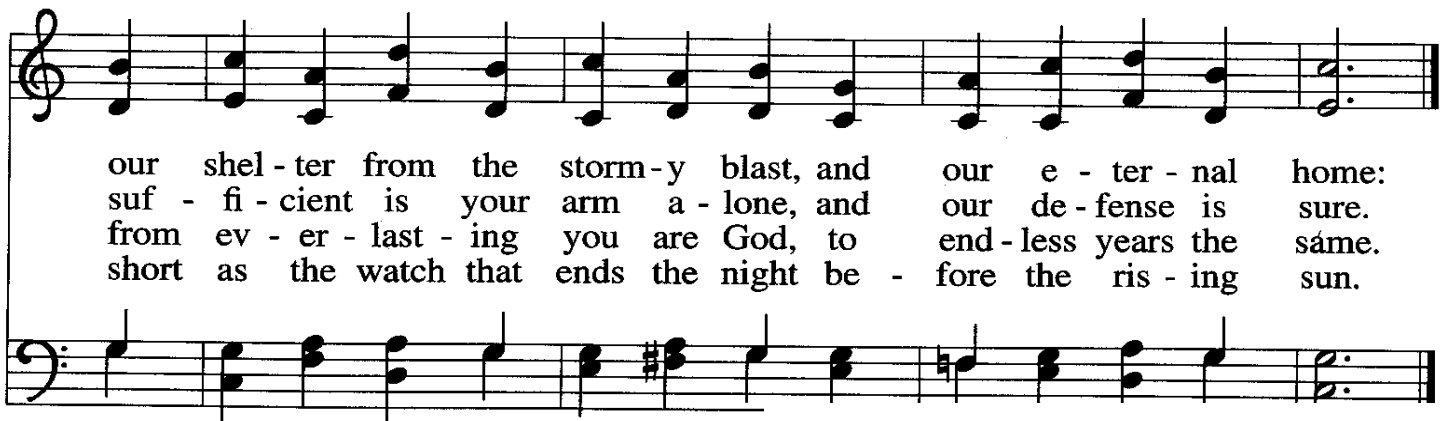
C And also with you.

## HYMN

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home.

## KYRIE (SPOKEN IN UNISON)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



As a deer\_\_\_\_\_ longs for a stream of cool wat - er,\_\_\_





When can I go and wor-ship in your pres - ence.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**A** Let us pray. 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.**

## **FIRST READING**

**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 Sham-mah 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.

## PSALM

## Psalm 23

*The Psalm will be spoken in unison*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD <sup>|</sup> is my shepherd;

I shall not <sup>|</sup> be in want.

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

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>|</sup> soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways <sup>|</sup> for your name's sake.

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

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

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>|</sup> of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>|</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 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

P The Holy Gospel according to John the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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 the Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

Gary N. McCluskey, Pastor

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **NICENE CREED**

**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in

accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A 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. After each portion of the prayers the Assistant will say:*

A Hear us, O God.

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**C Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

Now and forever. Amen.

## HYMN

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you,  
and send you in love and in peace.

**C** Amen.

## **SENDING**

**A** Be at peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **CLOSING MUSIC**

Aiko Yamada Mancini

### **Participants in Worship**

***Pastor***

*Gary N. McCluskey*

***Director of Music***

*Aiko Yamada Mancini*

***Campus Ministry Associate***

*Amy Gauthier*

***Video Production***

*Terry Pochert*



## U.S. Tornadoes

### The situation

A powerful and destructive tornado has ripped through central Tennessee, leaving destruction in its wake. At least 24 people have been killed, homes and other buildings have been destroyed, and thousands of people are without electricity. The tornado was part of a series of severe storms.

### Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is working with those in the impacted area — including the ELCA Southeastern Synod, Inspiritus (formerly known as Lutheran Services of Georgia and Lutheran Services in Tennessee) and local congregations — to respond with immediate relief. Given the extent of the destruction, recovery is expected to take years. LDR plans to accompany the synod and Inspiritus to address survivors' needs over the long haul.

### What you can do:

#### Pray:

Please pray for the people who were impacted by this destructive tornado. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to care for affected communities.

#### Give:

*Please contact the ELCA (Lutheran Disaster Response)  
at (800) 638-3522 or [elca.org](http://elca.org)*



Lutheran World Relief



The new coronavirus threatens communities in places where the health systems aren't nearly as strong as they should be.

It's your love that helped to contain Ebola's spread. And once again, it is your love that will make sure coronavirus doesn't spread to communities already struggling with poverty and illness.

Your love has a chance to reach neighbors in need. Your compassion will ensure communities are prepared, making it possible to purchase protective gear, to train health workers and ensure every other tool we know can contain the disease is at the ready.

**Your love needs to reach our neighbors in need now. In a world of suffering, will you offer a gift that will do a World of Good?**

[We urgently need to raise \\$250,000 to fund a response.](#) Families are counting on you.

Your gift will be rushed to our Christian health association partners, so workers are ready to treat patients and stop the spread.

- Because **families don't know the symptoms** or what to do if they get sick.
- Because **health care facilities are too far and too expensive** to reach for too many families.
- Because in the places we work, **health systems are not equipped** to deal with this outbreak.

Your love is a health worker, going door to door, making sure families know the symptoms of the coronavirus, and what to do if they get sick. Your love is a fully equipped mobile clinic that goes where the need is greatest.

Your love can protect families right now.

*Please contact the ELCA (Lutheran Disaster Response)  
at (800) 638-3522 or [elca.org](http://elca.org)*