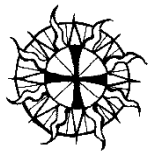


# AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
ELW - *Setting 6, Holy Communion*  
10:30 AM March 19, 2023

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG: *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"* #344  
(vs. 1-3, Lent 4)

### CALL AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, journeyer through wilderness and promise,

**All: have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, revealer of love and truth,

**All: have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, renewer of all things,

**All: have mercy on us.**

We have wandered from your ways, O God.

**All: We have sinned—in actions and words,**

**in what we have done and failed to do.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,**

**so that we may walk humbly on your paths of peace. Amen.**

Fellow travellers on the road to Easter,

In the forgiveness we receive from God this day,

there is also opportunity.

May our lives reflect the love we have been shown,

that, we might truly live in a new way. **Amen.**

[www.sanctifiedart.org](http://www.sanctifiedart.org)

### GREETING, p. 165

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

**All: And also with you.**

### KYRIE, p. 165

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of justice, peace and righteousness

Come into our midst this day

Breathe your breath, your Spirit, your energy,

your enlivening, your imagination on us.

Wake us up. Open our eyes. Unplug our ears:

That we might hear, that we might see,

That we might grieve, that we might dream

That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary  
kingdom. **Amen**

(<http://ionnybaker.blogs.com/ionnybaker/2012/07/wake-up.html>)

## THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Let Your Steadfast Love*, p. 171

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Christ, Be Our Light"* #715

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *"Merciful God – receive our prayer"*

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING, p. 172

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, p. 173

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER, p. 173

LAMB OF GOD, p. 174

COMMUNION:

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION: *"Just As I Am"* #592

*"Lead Me, Guide Me"* #768

*"Eat This Bread"* #472

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

## SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: *"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"*

#1084, ACS

1) God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

2) Bind to myself the name of Holy,

great cloud of witnesses enfold;

prophets, apostles, angels witness:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

3) Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,

flashing of lightning, strength of wind,

depth of the sea to soil of planet:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

4) Walking behind to hem my journey,

going ahead to light my way,

and from beneath, above, and all ways:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

5) Christ in the eyes of all who see me,

Christ in the ears who hear my voice,

Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

O Christ, surround me;

O Christ, surround me.

## DISMISSAL

**All are welcome at the table.**

If you wish to receive the healing gift of God's grace and believe Christ  
is present, please feel welcome to participate in the Eucharist.

Grape-apple juice and red wine are provided in the glasses.

Gluten-free wafers are also available.

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*Last Sunday's in-person attendance: 40*

**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 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.

#### 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

<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."

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 19, 10:30 AM



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