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Fourth Sunday in Lent – New Member Welcome

March 15, 2026 - 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion LCC Liturgy
Worship in-person and livestream

In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and acknowledgement of lands
Gathering Song **Mercy, We Abide in You** *blue book* **No. 1077**
Silence *Sundays in Lent, we observe a moment of silence*

Kyrie:
Creator, have mercy; O, Christ, have mercy; Creator, have mercy upon us.
Prayer of the Day
Children's Message

WORD

First Reading **1 Samuel 16:1-13**
Psalm 23 – *Solo Verses* *red book* **No. 780**
Second Reading **Ephesians 5:8-14**
Lenten Acclamation *see insert*

Gospel Reading **John 9:1-41**
Sermon
Hymn of the Day **When We Must Bear Persistent Pain** *blue book* **No. 1014**
Affirmation of Baptism (New Member Welcome)
Prayers of the People Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.
We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts
Offering Song **There is a Balm in Gilead** *red book* **No. 614**
Prayer
Great Thanksgiving *red book* Page 107
Sanctus *see insert*
Thanksgiving Prayer *red book* Page 110
The Lord's Prayer *red book* Page 112
Lamb of God *see insert*

All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup.
Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server.
You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing.
Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound** *red book* **No. 779**
Now Is the Time of Grace *blue book* **No. 918**
This is Christ's Body *blue book* **No. 967**
Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song **Be Thou My Vision** *red book* **No. 793**
Dismissal …**Thanks be to God!**

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.
Thank you to all who contributed for hosting.

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Pr. Eli Deifield
Assisting Minister	Jashan Khandal
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Carolyn Hoekstra
Choral Scholars	DJ McGrath, Madison Blackman
Livestream	Boston Laferté
Communion	Ann Baty, Judy Roberts
Ushers	Grant Froyland, Murray Nelson

You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.
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