



4th Sunday in Lent



GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Come with Me"

Greeting

Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

"Despite the Storm"

Carolyn Bell Choir

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching (Peg Schneider)

Children's Message

Psalms 23... The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

John 9:1-41... As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The 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?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He 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." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then 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." ¹⁶Some 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. ¹⁷So 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." ¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but 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." ²²His 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. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So 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." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He 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?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus 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." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message Pastor Heather Grell

Hymn of the Day

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

ELW 768

Prayers

Sharing God's Peace

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Offering

Special Music

Offertory

"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

ELW 334

Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Communion Songs

"Lamb of God"

"Forever Reign"

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW 611

Dismissal

Postlude

Announcements

- ⇒ **Call Process Update** Throughout the building, you will see **Call Process** posters. We are currently in the Preparation Phase, steps 2 & 3. In **Step 2** (The Transition Projects) the church council has been looking at community demographics, compiling a digital view book about the ministry of Holy Cross, and ensuring that our governing documents are up to date. In **Step 3** (The Ministry Site Profile) the church council has begun to compile and draft a ministry site profile for the congregation. We are working with Pr. Gregory Berger. Pastor Heather will continue to serve as our full-time interim pastor throughout the call process.
- ⇒ **Centering Prayer Group** will meet Monday's at 1:00 pm in the Youth Room here at Holy Cross. Questions, contact Paula McDonald at 402-210-6040.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our first Saturday of the month Food Pantry is Saturday, April 1st. [CLICK HERE](#) to help. We are in need of fruit, canned meat, cookies, juice, toilet paper, bar soap, and paper sacks.
- ⇒ **Adult Forum** Today's adult forum is on Haiku Prayer.
- ⇒ **Lenten Worship** Rejuvenate your soul at 6:30 pm with the Holden Evening Prayer Service March 22, and 29.
- ⇒ **Tai Chi** A beginning Tai Chi Class is offered weekly on Wednesday's from 12:30—1:30 pm in the HCLC Narthex. A free-will donation will be accepted for our instructor, Cynthia Simon. Bring a friend and discover that you really do have balance!
- ⇒ **Prayer Faith Mile Marker** The 3rd-5th grade Sunday school class will be participating in our Prayer Faith Mile Marker class on March 19 and March 26 during the Sunday school hour. We will dive deeper into the Lord's Prayer and talk about what prayer means to our faith lives. We will celebrate the completion of this class during worship on April 2nd.
- ⇒ **Easter Eggs** In the Narthex, you'll find bags of empty Easter eggs. If you are able, please take a bag home and fill the eggs with individually wrapped candy or small trinkets/stickers/etc. for our Sunday School Egg Hunt on April 2. Please have filled eggs back to Kelsey by Sunday March 26.
- ⇒ **Reminder: Designate your Thrivent Dollars!!** All Thrivent Benefits members are allowed to help designate where Thrivent sends part of their charitable donations every year. Please consider choosing Holy Cross to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars. The deadline for designating where your 2022 funds are sent is March 31, 2023. See the March newsletter for more information.
- ⇒ **Easter Flowers** Help make the church beautiful for Easter! Easter flowers this year will include lilies, hyacinth, tulips and daffodils. Flowers can be purchased for \$10, orders due by March 26th. To purchase flowers electronically [click here](#) or use an envelope at the usher stand and place in the offering plate.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 19

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells

Monday, March 20

1:00 pm Centering Prayer Group
6:30 pm Boy Scouts
9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 pm Council Meeting
7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

12:30 pm Tai Chi
6:00 pm Confirmation/Uke Choir
6:30 pm Lent Worship
7:00 pm Radical Ringers/Youth Group

Thursday, March 23

6:30 pm Carolon Bell Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Friday, March 24

7:00 pm Belles N Beaus

Saturday, March 25

Cross Currents Due

Sunday, March 26

9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Forum
10:50 am Youth Ensemble
11:00 am Middle School/High School Bells
3:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 48012 Mtg

Prayer Requests from our Church Community

Member Concerns: Barb Hannon as she deals with medical concerns. Jan Swanson as she recovers from a fall. Connie Mertz as she deals with medical concerns.

On-Going Member Concerns: Edie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives: Kennady Grinvalds; Lauryn Hauser and family, friends of the Ferris Family; Tom Victor, father of Jen Gitt; Karen Schramm, grandmother of Valerie Birch; Timothy Poole, cousin of Ben Poole; Roger Kay, brother of Barb Kay; Walt Weaver & Carson Rich, family of Carol Rich; Ronda Bayer, friend of Debbie Risinger; Debbie Haacke, coworker of Debbie Risinger; George Adamson, friend of Sue Spengler; Tatyana Povazhnaya, friend of Sue Spengler; Gaylen Grunke, Wes Grunke's Brother; Jason West, Sue Spengler's boyfriend's cousin; Andie Hunter, Elizabeth Yearwood's sister; Linda Anderson, Barb Kay's sister; Amy Churchill, friend of Barb Kay; Ronald Gulbranson, Julie Noteman's brother; Josh Prochotsky and family, Paula McDonald's nephews son and family; Aaron McDonald and Family and Caregivers, McDonald's grandson.

Grieving: David & Rinda Howard and family as they mourn the death of Rinda's mother.