

Worship on Video
Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Erie PA
Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2020

Gathering

MUSIC

Amazing Grace

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

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

Amen.

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.

Gracious God,

**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.**

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.

Amen.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

Word

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-2, 5-7, 10b-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Jesse looked in turn on each of Samuel's sons, and said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

...¹¹Samuel 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." ¹²He 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." ¹³Then 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

prayed in unison

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-4, 6-8, 13, 28-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹As [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.

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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?”

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¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ... 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.”

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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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY - Boot Camp for the Soul: Redefined

THE PRAYERS

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.*

God of insight, open the hearts of the church and the world to all who testify to your deeds of power. 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.

Your mercy is great.

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.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, Guide our nation and the world in this time of turmoil and anxiety. May we make wise decisions for the well-being of all, especially the most vulnerable. Protect us from danger and disease. Accomplish healing through the work of doctors, nurses, and all personal who work in health fields. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of insight, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who seek prayer this day, especially those we name before you now either aloud or in our hearts (*pause*).

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord grant you favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

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Please pray for: Wendy & Bob Jr, T.J. Penn, Jeanne Tropper, Diana West, Bob Wolfe, Bob Leitzel, Shirley Wolbach, Jack & Marjorie Wonner, Melissa Alessi, Lynn, Margaret Moran, Joyce Hersperger, Phil & Dee Morosky, Sandy Pacileo, Jim & Judi Pacileo, Ray Bennett, Irene Owens, Ray Joinson, Trevor Murnock, Kristin Baldwin, Joe Pacileo, Carrie Fiske, Milo Mariotti, Jeff Siegel, Teresa Burgess, Brenda Huth, Norma Henderson.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 22nd	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30am Video Worship Deadline Easter Flower Order in Offering Plate Newsletter Deadline
Monday, March 23rd	
Wednesday, March 25th	Deadline Easter Flower Order to Office
Thursday, March 26th	7:00am KAFP Volunteers 8:45am KAFP Distribution
Sunday, March 29th	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> 9:30am Video Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours: M, T, W, 9am-1pm, Th. 9am-12n. Friday Closed.

If you need to reach Pastor Allie call 716-499-1120.

Lenten Study Guide: A few copies of a Lenten World Hunger Devotional is available on the narthex table.

Women of the ELCA: Spring Gathering & Luncheon @ Bethesda Lutheran Services Trinity Center, **Saturday, April 4, at 10:30a. Reservations by March 27.**
Additional info & flyer on narthex BB.

Camp Registration: Summer camp @ Lutherlyn is now open. Help spread the word about Lutherlyn's camp programs to relatives, friends etc. with camp-aged children. **Up to \$100 off for FIRST TIME campers!** Additional information about programs @ lutherlyn.com/summer.

Joe Pacileo: Joe is home! But has a long way to go and still needs our prayers.

Sanctuary Flowers: The 2020 form for anyone who wishes to sponsor arrangements is on the narthex table. Pricing the same as 2019.

Dignity: Items for March—Dish Soap

FINANCES AT A GLANCE

\$15,508 current offerings received in Feb.
\$13,403 needed monthly to meet 2020 budgeted expenses.

YEAR to DATE

\$24,467 year-to-date current received.

\$26,806 year-to-date needed for budgeted expenses.

CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given to the Glory of God, in Memory of Gordon and son Mark,
by Carol Ann Wunch