

Worship Service ~ March 15, 2026, 9:00

Fourth Sunday in Lent

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Mary Buck in honor of military members who are deployed.

The flowers today are in memory of Rita Berge. The very large chimes played during today's Bell piece "Idumea" were purchased using the memorials given in her memory.

PRELUDE "Idumea (And Am I Born to Die?)" by Matt Compton;
Bells of Faith; Dean Jensen, director

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - *Following the Children's Message there is a large group Sunday School session with Lani.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OPENING SONG *BELIEVE YOUR EYES* Thomas Keesecker
sung by the Faith Choir

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

~Silence for Reflection~

L: Compassionate One,

C: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

L: Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: 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.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

GOSPEL READING **John 9:1-41**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY *BEAUTIFUL THINGS*

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MUSICAL OFFERING *"Amazing Grace"* arr. John Coates; Faith Choir; Malcolm Anderson, piano; Linda Burk, director

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.



OFFERTORY ELW #184 *LET THE VINEYARDS*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: Let us give our thanks and praise to God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive communion.*

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COMMUNION MUSIC "*Valley*"

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, ☩ and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #793 *BE THOU MY VISION*

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Take this week's quiz! Find more at

<https://www.christianbiblereference.org/biblequizzes.html>

1. On one occasion, as Jesus and His disciples were traveling, they saw a blind man. Which question did the disciples ask of Jesus?

- a) Would it be possible to cure the man's blindness?
- b) Was the man blind because of his sin or his parents' sin?
- c) Why does God allow disease and suffering?
- d) Would they be given the power to heal the blind?

2. How did Jesus cure the man of his blindness?

- a. He laid His hand on the man's head and prayed for his sight to be restored.
- b. He told the man to rise, open his eyes, and see.
- c. He put mud from the Pool of Siloam on his eyes.
- d. He spat on the ground, made some mud, and rubbed it on the man's eyes.

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