

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD  
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,  
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 6, 2005  
11:00 A.M.  
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*The gospel for this Sunday is the story of a blind man healed by Christ. It is a profound image of our human condition: we seek after greater clarity and light. It is also a baptismal image of washing and receiving sight, of Christ's desire to enlighten us with the truth of who we are: God's beloved daughters and sons.*

**March 6, 2005**

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

### **Out of Sight**

Blindness and sight. Today's gospel is about a man born blind who is given sight, and about others, who, though they possess physical sight, are blind. There is more here than what meets the eye.

Why was this man born blind? Why is there suffering, illness, and disease in the world? The accepted wisdom of the day said it was because someone had sinned, either the man or his parents. If something bad happened, the reasoning went, it was surely deserved, brought upon oneself.

Jesus rejects this way of seeing things. Maybe some good can come from our blindness, our disabilities, our vulnerabilities. When we are most "out of sight," so to speak, the eyes of our hearts are most open to light and healing.

We are blind when we believe we alone hold the truth, or when we are unable to see someone else's point of view. We are blind when our convictions about life, love, politics, or the world are so rigid that what people see in us is arrogance, pride, and hypocrisy. We are blind when we close our eyes to the suffering and injustice in the world.

Jesus anoints the man's eyes and tells him to wash in the pool of Siloam, and he regains his sight. You can see how this became a story about baptism. Like the blind man, we wash in the healing and cleansing waters of baptism and our eyes are opened.

The early church called baptism "enlightenment" and "illumination." Through baptism we are invited on a vision quest. Faith teaches us to see in new ways. Jesus is the source of our vision, the light of the world. Can you see it? You are a child of God, beautiful in God's eyes. Sent from this place, you will be the light of God's eyes, light for the world.

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

\*\* Stand if you are able.

**GATHERING SONGS**

*Open The Eyes Of My Heart*

(Paul Baloche)

Chorus 1

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

Misc 1

(BRIDGE)

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

Verse 1

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

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Let us turn our hearts and minds to God as we silently confess our sins.

Marty Haugen

**Refrain**



Turn\* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.



Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for



you. Come and turn my heart, O God.

**Verse response (3 times)**



Come and turn my heart, O God.

*\* If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.*

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Trusting in God's grace and forgiving love, we are forgiven in Jesus' name!

**WELCOME - SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

**SONG**

*Here I Am To Worship*

(Tim Hughes)

Verse 1

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Verse 2

King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

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**GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards**

Pastor Prochaska

**WORD**

**PSALM 23**

*Shepherd Me O God*  
(Verses sung by Praise Team)

(Marty Haugen)



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in-to life.\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\* GOSPEL**

**John 4:5-42**

**The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Prochaska

\*\* HYMN 93 (purple songbook)

*Lord My Strength*

\*\* PRAYERS (spoken)

## MEAL

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

*The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.*

### OFFERTORY

(trad. Irish Hymn; arr. by Melody Bober)

*Be Thou My Vision*

*"Be Thou our vision, O Lord of My Heart; thou my best thought by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping. Thy presence, my light." -- Mary Byrne*

\*\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

\*\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HOLY (sung)

(by Marty Haugen; based on Argentine folk melody)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor prays...

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -  
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry, Lord  
Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

... through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, all praise to you for - ev - er. A -  
(Praise to you, Lord,)  
men, A - men, to you, O God, now and ev - er - more.

\*\* **LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

**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.**

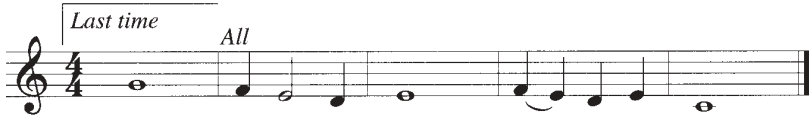
**\*\* LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
Bread of Life,  
Sav - ing Cup,



world: have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION --** Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

(As the minister gives the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words.) **The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.** (Communicants come down the center aisle and receive communion bread from Pastor and Communion Assistants. Communion Assistants stand on either side of the aisle offering the options of individual glass or chalice filled with wine. After receiving Holy Communion communicants may stop and kneel around the communion rail to pray or may return to the pew to sing, pray or meditate. A final blessing for all communicants will conclude this part of the thanksgiving.)

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Praise Team

104 (purple songbook)

*How Beautiful* (Twila Paris; arr. by Benjamin Harlan)

*Now in This Banquet*

**PRAYER** (spoken)

**SENDING**

**\*\* BLESSING** (spoken)

**\*\* SONG** 400 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 1,2)

*God Whose Almighty Word*

**\*\* DISMISSAL** (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*\* POSTLUDE**

*Bless the Lord*

**O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For

The people and friends of Good Shepherd

Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania

Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago

Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus

Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa  
and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

**GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR**

Milan Filcik  
Hazel Reel  
Dick Caton  
Ruth Lackey  
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team  
Tami Miozzi  
Darren  
Lygia Harrison  
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle  
Ferne Neeb, home from the health care center  
David Curry  
Mary Thieman  
Charlotte Nelson, who has cancer  
Christy  
Ann Mess – who had a heart attack, Bambi Higgins  
mother-in-law  
Jim Harrold  
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer  
Roberta

Nicholas Sauer  
Ron Hershey  
Tina, on a death in her family  
Tom, who has cancer  
Sally, in the Cleveland Clinic  
Maria, Michael, & Marisol  
Brenda  
The Bendig family  
Scott Stromhinger, recovering from surgery  
The Fitzpatrick children, on the death of their father  
For Kaye Griesheimer, who is moving home to Chandler,  
Arizonia  
Sheila Stutrud, who has the flu  
The David Jennings family on the death of their son and  
parents in a tragic accident in California  
Chris Cilley, sister of Paula Bennett  
Wayne Day, uncle of Sylvia Bieller who died 2/23  
Naomi Oehrtman, who will have surgery March 7  
Barry

**March 13, 2005 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Prayers Received March 6, 2005 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer  
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at [prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com](mailto:prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com)