

IN OUR PRAYERS

✠*Ill/Hospitalized:* **Don Burdo** - Harrison

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today: *Fourth Sunday in Lent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m.
Adult Information Class 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Monday: Ladies Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Youth Group Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday: World Relief Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Ladies Aid 12:00 p.m.
Confirmation Class 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Chapel 8:05 a.m.
LifeLight Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Lenten Supper 5:00 p.m.
Lenten Service 6:30 p.m. (Handbells)

Thursday: Quilters 10:00 a.m.
Handbells 6:30 p.m.
Mixed Choir 7:30 p.m.

Friday: *No School - Spring Break Begins*

Saturday: Divine Service 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
Divine Service 9:30 a.m. (Handbells)
Adult Information Class 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher: Rev. Richard E. Mundt
Liturgist: Rev. Martin J. Hagenow
Organist: Mr. Brian J. Heinlein
Choir: Seraphim Choir
Acolyte: Landon Sherry (5:00); Olivia McQueen (9:30)
Videographer: Sheila Bauer

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Our Communion Practice

We welcome those who are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregations to commune with us. We believe that Christ gave us His true body and blood under the forms of bread and wine in the sacrament for the strengthening of our faith, for the assurance of our forgiveness, and for the grace of God to live a God-pleasing life. We come to the Lord's Table repenting of our sins, believing in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, and with the prayerful intention to amend our sinful lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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“Was Blind But Now I See”

March 18 & 19, 2023

† Fourth Sunday in Lent †

Introit *Psalm 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15*

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with | shouts of joy;*

I will sing and make melody | to the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Collect of the Day

☞ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:14-21*

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Gradual *Hebrew 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

Epistle *Ephesians 5:8-14*

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Holy Gospel *John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39*

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

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. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING 4

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OLD TESTAMENT READING
☞ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

EPISTLE READING
☞ Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL
☞ Glory to You, O Lord.

☞ Praise to You, O Christ.

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SERMON
Text: John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
Theme: “Was Blind But Now I See”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
☞ Lord, in Your mercy,
☞ Hear our prayer.

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