

AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SUN CITY

WELCOME! *If this is your first time at American Lutheran Church, we are glad you have chosen to visit us. You are welcome to worship alongside us anytime as we weave the stories of our lives together with the eternal truths of God's love. Please fill out the Welcome Pad placed in your pew. God's joy, peace, and blessings be yours!*

The Power of Prayer in Song

Pastor Judith Rainforth

March 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

March 22, 2020 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

***To proclaim the love of Jesus Christ,
invite others to participate in our faith community,
and be a blessing to all in word and deed.***

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism, God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

God Loved the World

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(Sunday)

May It Be
Grace Notes

arr. Dorothy Horn

WELCOME, MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS, and PRAYER CONCERNS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C: Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we are united by a common faith in Jesus Christ.

The power at work in this community does not come from our own strength but from God's Spirit working in us. Claiming God's promises, we remember again God's gracious love for us and recommit ourselves to a joyful life together in Christ. Baptism is a sign of God's faithful covenant promises, under which we live as a congregation each day. Let us remember now our baptism and be thankful.

▲OPENING HYMN

God Loved the World

ELW 323



1. God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2. Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
4. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in him be -
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in Christ a -
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by Je - sus'
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed Trin - i -



lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

P: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, the love of God poured into our hearts, and the victory of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we gather this day with faith, confidence, and joy to worship in the name of (+) the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING INVOCATION

P: This is the day the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: O God, who created us in love,

C: create us anew in love as we worship you.

P: O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love,

C: reclaim our hearts as we worship you.

P: O Holy Spirit, who moves this world toward its God-appointed end,

C: move within us as we worship you. Amen.

P: This is the day the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

↙HYMN OF PRAISE

O Sing to the Lord (vs 1-repeat)

ELW 822

1. Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song,
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song,
Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

ORDER OF CONFESSION

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name (+) of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

(Sunday)

May It Be

arr. Dorothy Horn

Grace Notes

(Sunday)

Brother James Air

Gordon Jacob

Celebration Choir

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 23

Shepherd Me, O God

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light, which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

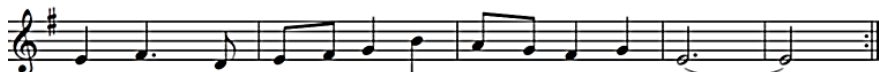
L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

^GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and



mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL



Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763



1. My life flows on in end - less song; a -
 2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
 3. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion, I catch the sweet, tho'
 hear that mu - sic ring - ing. It finds an ech - o
 foun - tain ev - er spring-ing! All things are mine since



far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while



to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of



heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Service

Use

Message in Music

The Power of Prayer in Song

Reflection

Pastor Judith

(Saturday) Just A Closer Walk With Thee

ELW 697

(Sunday) Psalm 23

Raymond Haas

Celebration Choir

Reflection

Pastor Judith

(Saturday) Take My Life and Let It Be

ELW 583

(Sunday) Like A River in My Soul Tim Osiek

Celebration Choir

^CONFESSIOIN OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,**

**He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

^OFFERTORY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

^OFFERTORY RESPONSE

I Will Sing of the Mercies

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYERS

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(Following each petition)

P: Hear us, O God...

C: Your mercy is great.

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

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

Threefold Amen (All s



CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children With My Blessing

ELW 543



1. "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2. "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3. "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you know how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you felt him,
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er fills you, here my ten - der



mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 com - fort stills you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,



you are my own."
 at peace and pure."
 joy - ful and free."

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Go My Children

Robert Hobby

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All are invited to partake in Holy Communion in the Chapel.

Next Week's Lessons:

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Please join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall between services.

LAY READERS:

Saturday: 4:00 – Bill Koslowski

Sunday: 8:30 – Terri Polk

10:30 – Merville Nicholls

<p><u>LOCATION LEGEND:</u> 1 – Sanctuary 2 – Chapel 3 – Narthex 4 – Lounge 5 – Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><u>LOCATION LEGEND:</u> 6 – Multi-Purpose Room 7 – Education A 8 – Education B 9 – Education A & B 10 – Education C</p>	<p><u>LOCATION LEGEND:</u> 11 – Ed. D/ Library 12 – Choir Room 14 – Office Workroom 15 – Senior Pastor 16 – Pastor of Care</p>	<p><u>LOCATION LEGEND:</u> 17 – Pastor of Outreach 18 – Business Administrator 19 – Admin. Meeting Room 20 – Columbarium</p>
<p><u>Sunday, March 22</u> <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i></p> <p><u>Monday, March 23</u> 3-5 Personnel Committee Mtg - 19</p> <p><u>Tuesday, March 24</u> 1:30-4:30 Council Meeting – 9</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 25</u> 1:30 Staff Meeting-19</p>		<p><u>Thursday, March 26</u></p> <p><u>Friday, March 27</u></p> <p><u>Saturday, March 28</u></p> <p><u>Sunday, March 29</u> Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>	
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