Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sebewaing

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026
9:00 am

Divine Service 3

Announcements

Hymn – ***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*** **LSB 849**

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Invocation, Confession and Absolution

Introit

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 upon 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 beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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Salutation and Collect

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.**

The First Reading – ***Isaiah 42:14-21***

The Gradual

[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, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Epistle – ***Ephesians 5:8-14***

Children's Sermon

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

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Hymn – ***God Loved the World So That He Gave*** — **LSB 571**

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Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed — **LSB 437**
Eternal Father, Strong to Save — **LSB 717**

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Salutation

Benediction

Closing Hymn – ***Go, My Children, with My Blessing*** — **LSB 922**

Isaiah 42:14-21

For 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.
[15]I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
[16]And 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.
[17]They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
"You are our gods."
[18]Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
[19]Who 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?
[20]He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
[21]The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Ephesians 5:8-14

For 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), [10]and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. [11]Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. [12]For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. [13]But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, [14]for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. [2]And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" [3]Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4]We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5]As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6]Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7]and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . .

[13]They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. [14]Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. [15]So 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." [16]Some 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. [17]So 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." . . .

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

[35]Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe

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

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In the Sacrament of the Altar we receive, as Christ says, His true body and His true blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come to the Lord’s Supper at this altar, are those who: 1 **Repent** of their sins, and earnestly seek to live according to God’s will. 2 **Trust** the Word of Christ that His body and blood are truly present and received here for forgiveness. 3 **Confess** the faith of the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, as a member of this congregation or a member of another LCMS congregation. If you have questions about our communion practice, please speak to the pastor or an elder.