

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Giver of light, we come today seeking the way out of our darkness. God send the light of the world into our midst to bless the humble and try the proud,

C: Open our eyes to see the truth of who we are.

L: God send the light of the world into our midst to devalue the exalted and to exalt the devalued,

C: Open our eyes to see the truth of who we are.

L: God send the light of the world into our midst to reveal the sin of the saints and to give hope to the sinful.

All: Let your light illumine us, O Lord, that we may see ourselves as God's beloved children.

Gathering Hymn *There is A Balm in Gilead*

ELW 614

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. C: Amen.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

L: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, C: 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.

Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Pew Bible Pg. 443

Responsive Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

L: You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *As the Deer Runs to the River* ELW 331 vs. 3

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41 Pew Bible pg. 1664

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Welcome Song *Jesus loves the little children* Screens

Children's Message & Sermon Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn of the Day *Amazing Grace* ELW 779

Offering / Offertory

Apostles Creed ELW Pg.105 / Screens

Prayers of The People, response: L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

Sharing of the Peace L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer *Sung*

Communion: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Holy Communion Distribution / Post Communion Prayer

Blessing One Another

L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems you, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sending Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW 324

Dismissal L: Go in peace. Believe the good news. C: We will. Thanks be to God.

We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

Reader & Communion: Chad Powers family

Nordland's Week

March 15, 2026

Today 9:30 / 10:30 Education & Fellowship / Worship

	2:00 pm	Service at Glen Oaks
Tue.	10:00 am	Service at Koronis Place
Wed.	6:15 pm	Soup & Sandwich Supper, freewill donation- Youth Mission Trip Fund
7:00 pm		Lenten Service, <i>"Conversations with Jesus"</i>
Sat.	8:00 am	Men's Group
Sun.	9:30 / 10:30	Education & Fellowship, & National Quilt Day Display / Worship

In honor of National Quilt Day, we salute our women & men of Nordland for the many, many years of putting their compassion into works. Showing God's love to those in need, like quilts for LWR, graduates, and local families. Sun. Mar. 22 there will be several quilts on display showing the dedication to their mission at Nordland. It takes a village of hands to get a quilt made!

Sisters at Heart is purchasing flowers to decorate the church sanctuary for Easter Sunday. If you would like to make a donation to help with that expense, please mark your donation or check to "Sisters at Heart", note "for Easter flowers", and leave in the offering plate by Sunday, March 29. Thank you!

Nordland Mission Fest is June 27, 2026, The Fest is an important fundraiser as we commit to send \$5,000 to ELCA Missions each year. We need a committee, contact Becky Thompson or Diane Christle. – NLCW

March is Food Shelf Month; the Nordland shopping cart is available for your donations of non-perishable grocery items and/or monetary. Please specify "Food Shelf" in memo if you are writing a check.

Notice: Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2026-2027 school year are encouraged to apply for a Conrad Sunde Scholarship. Applications are available on the Nordland website, at the ushers' counter, or contact the church office. Applications are due April 15, 2026.

Beer and Hymns, Sunday, March 22, 4 – 6 pm at The Red Goat in Watkins, all voices welcome!