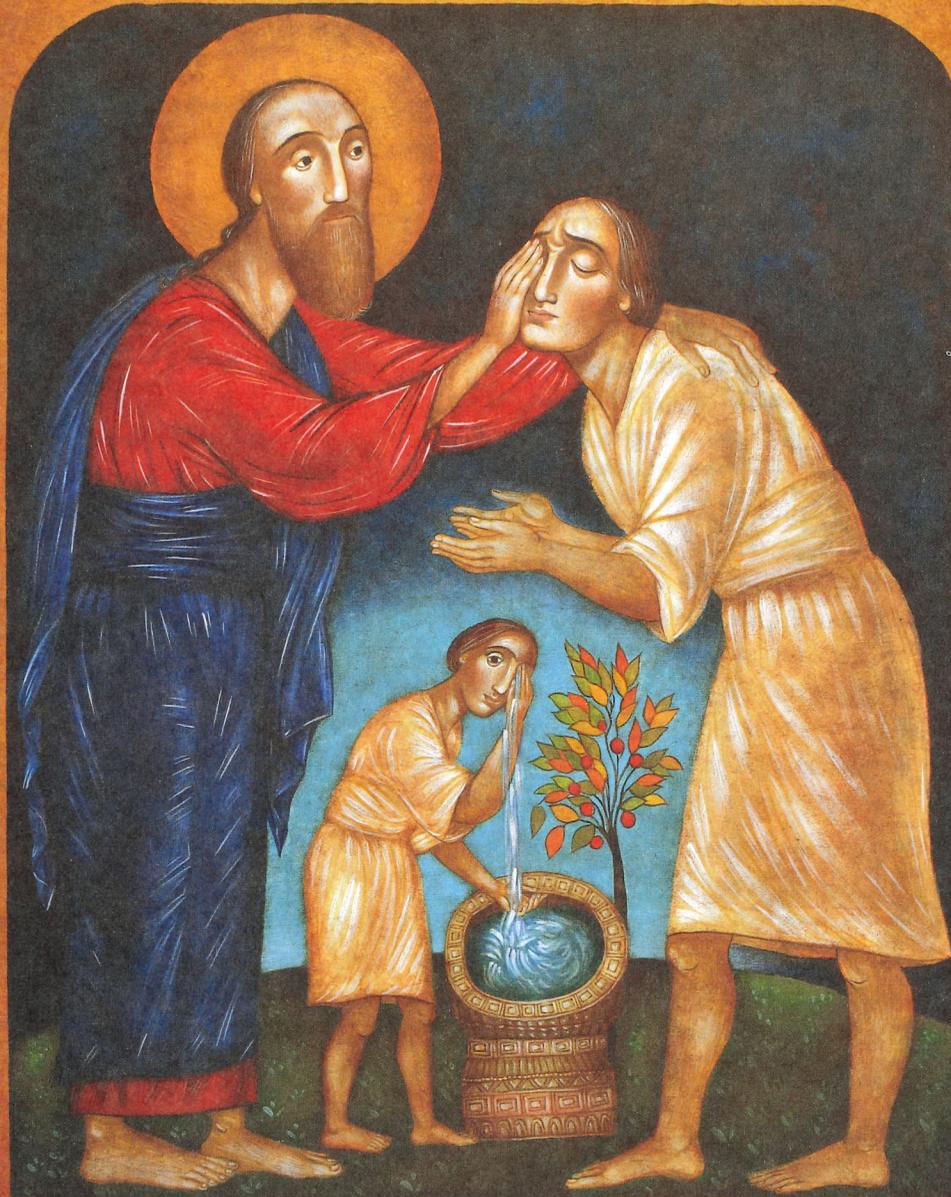


# Lord, I believe

JOHN 9:38



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2026

Radio ministry is given in loving memory of Robert & Judy Hansen by their family.

Sunday 3/15	9:00am 10:00am 12:30pm-3pm	Worship with Holy Communion & on Radio & Video Sunday School and Parent Group 4-H Meeting
Monday 3/16	8:30am 1:30pm	Quilting Brayside Bible Study
Tuesday 3/17	4:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	AA Meeting (Fireside Rm) Deacon & Trustee Meetings Council Meeting
Wednesday 3/18	8:00am 9:30am 5:45pm 6:30pm	Bible Study Women's Bible Circle Lenten Soup Supper Worship w/Guest Speakers-David & Leighton Wradislavsky Confirmation students attend with their family Senior Choir Practice
Sunday 3/22 GEV Visits	9:00am 10:00am 10:00am	Worship & on Radio & Video Sunday School and Parent Group Communion Preparer Training

Acolytes: Max Wondra, Chase Wangen

Lectors: Pam Ingvalson

Ushers: Jay Johns, Bill Rinkenberger, Roger Sorenson

Also looking to build up our group of ushers. If you'd like to know more, please let us know.

March's Children's Offering is peanut butter for Community Pathways of Steele County.

Love Outpoured Cereal Drive Council Challenge— runs through March. Any brand, any size, will be donated to Community Pathways. Donation box is in the narthex.

Tulip Days will be March 16-20 / \$15 per bundle / Proceeds go to the BP Cancer Group / Stop in to Prairie Home Floral March 16-20 to get your bundle or sponsor a bundle to brighten someone's day!

**BUILD US UP, LORD** If you're a new face, we warmly invite you to grow in faith right here. Your pastors would love to share about programs, milestones, and welcome events at First Lutheran.

Sunday, Mar. 8 – Offering \$15,464.71  
Attendance – 151







# Today's Readings

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## Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13 [not printed]

## Psalm

Psalm 23; tone 4



The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down  
<sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways  
<sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil;

for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil,  
and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow me  
all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell  
in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.

## Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14 [not printed]

## Gospel

John 9:1-41

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When

he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept

*continued*

*Gospel, continued*

saying, "I am he." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that

this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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## Gathering Hymn

Forever

#126 WT

1 Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King; his love endures forever.

For He is good. He is above all things; His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

2 With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; his love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn; his love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

**Pre-Chorus:** Sing praise, sing praise.

**Chorus :** Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong, forever God is with us, forever, forever.

3 From the rising to the setting sun his love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on; his love endures forever. Sing praise, sing praise.

*Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus*

## Gospel Acclamation Change My Heart, Oh God

#140 WT

**Chorus:** Change my heart, oh God. Make it ever true.

Change my heart, oh God. May I be like you.

**Verse:** You are the potter. I am the clay.

Mold me and make me. This is what I pray. *(Chorus)*

## Hymn of the Day

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

#120WT

1 Wonderful, merciful, savior, precious Redeemer and friend; who would have thought that a lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

**Chorus:** You are the one that we praise, you are the one we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

2 Counselor, comforter, keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; you offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way. Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *(Chorus)*

3 Almighty, infinite, Father, faithfully loving your own; here in our weakness you find us falling before your throne. Oh, we're falling before your throne. *(Chorus)*

## Offering

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

#146 WT

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace. (2x)

## Communion Song

Way Maker

**V1:** You are here, moving in our midst, I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place, I worship You, I worship You. *(Repeat V1)*

**Chorus :** You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper, light in the darkness, my God that is who you are. *(Repeat)*

**V2:** You are here, touching every heart, I worship You, I worship You. You are here, healing every heart, I worship You, I worship You.

**V3:** You are here, turning lives around, I worship You, I worship You. You are here mending every heart, I worship You, I worship You. *(Chorus)*

## Communion Song

Our God

1 Water that turned into wine; opened the eyes of the blind; there's no one like you, none like you. Into the darkness you shine, out of the ashes, we rise; there's no one like you, none like you.

**Chorus:** Our God is greater. Our God is stronger. God, you are higher than any other. Our God healer, awesome in power. Our God. Our God. *(Repeat all)*

## Communion Song

Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You. Never let me go. I lay it all down again to hear You say that I'm Your friend. Help me find the way. Bring me back to You.

You're all I want. You're all I ever needed. You're all I want. Help me to know You are near. *(Repeat)*

## Communion Song

Step By Step

#137 WT

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;

and step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days. *(2X)*

**Sending Song**

**Shout to the Lord**

**#110 WT**

**Verse:** My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you; all of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength; let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

**Chorus:** Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

**Bridge:** I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand, nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

**Easter Flowers and Memorials**

First Lutheran will create an Easter morning spring atmosphere with beautiful white Easter Lilies. If you wish to give a flower or make a memorial donation, please fill out the form below (*pick lily or memorial, "in memory of" or "in honor of" and don't forget to fill "given by"*) and return to the church office by **Monday, March 30.**

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PALM PARADE & QUILT DEDICATION  
LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF GUEST, REV. BRIAN SCOTT

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 6:30 PM WORSHIP**  
WITH GRADE 5 COMMUNION MILESTONE

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 4 12 NOON WORSHIP**  
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