

Faith Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN
10:10 a.m. Sanctuary Service
March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent



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Gathering Music

Greeting/Announcements

Song“Awake, O Sleeper” WOV #745

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness WOV pg. 10

Opening Litany WOV pg. 46

Special Music .. “Goodness of God” .. Mona Hjerpe & Sharon Barton

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life, so that we, who for our evil deeds fully deserve to be punished, may instead be mercifully relieved by your forgiving grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 42:14-24

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:6-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Shelly Kirchoff

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation WOV pg. 48

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the Scriptures.

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First Gospel Reading John 9:1-12

Sermon, Part 1“Breaking News!” Pastor Scott Grorud

Second Gospel Reading John 9:13-21, 24-34

Sermon, Part 2“Crisis Management” Pastor Scott Grorud

Third Gospel Reading John 9:35-41

Sermon, Part 3“Verdict” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “Be Thou My Vision” WOV #776

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “O Word of God Incarnate” Faith Singers

Offertory Response WOV pg. 50

Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;

Yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.

Ours the rejoicing for the nature reclaimed;

ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.

Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;

yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Offertory Prayer WOV pg. 51

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn “The Life of Faith”

What Does This Mean?

1. Why did the once-blind man’s neighbors keep peppering him with questions?
2. Why was the blind man receiving his sight such a crisis for the Pharisees?
3. How does the blind man illustrate Jesus’ goal that “those who do not see may see”?
4. How do the Pharisees illustrate Jesus’ goal that “those who do see may become blind”?