

**Faith Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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Prelude
Greeting/Announcements
Hymn “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” WOV #716
Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77
Kyrie LBW pg. 78
Hymn of Praise “Be Thou My Vision” WOV #776
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
**Oh, grant us God, that we may, too,
Return in fast and prayer to you.
Your steadfast love, for us, is poured,
Through grace and mercy by your Word.**
Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

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

Hymn “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” LBW #309
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

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” LBW #448

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”?