

**Order of Worship Service – March 15, 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in LENT**

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<b>PRELUDES</b>	Prelude on “Holy Manna” – Sam Batt Owens Amazing Grace – Gilbert Martin
<b>WELCOME</b>	
<b>LENTEN RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP</b>	
<b>OUR RESPONSE HYMN #536</b>	Open Our Eyes, Lord (OPEN OUR EYES)
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	
<b>CHOIR</b>	Heavenly Light – A. Kopylov
<b>HYMN #539</b>	I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (HOUSTON)
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	Ephesians 5:8-14 (NRSV) <b>Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i></b> <b>Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God</i></b>
<b>CHOIR</b>	My Heart is Ready – W. Sim
<b>PRAYER OF BLESSING</b>	
<b>HYMN #502</b>	Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound (NEW BRITAIN)
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE</b>	Kristen Kroeker <b>Leader: <i>Lord, in your mercy</i></b> <b>Congregational Response: <i>Hear our prayer</i></b>
<b>SCRIPTURE READING</b>	John 9:24-25, 35-41 (NRSV) <b>Reader: <i>The Word of the Lord</i></b> <b>Congregation response: <i>Thanks be to God</i></b>
<b>SOLO</b>	Lord, I Was Blind – arr. Martin West
<b>MESSAGE</b>	From Blindness to Sight – Hermann Dueck
<b>HYMN #557</b>	Open My Eyes, That I May See (SCOTT)
<b>BENEDICTION</b>	<b><i>As we end our time of worship, we extinguish a candle symbolizing our ongoing journey into the darkness of Good Friday.</i></b>
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Shall We Gather At the River? – Sam Batt Owens

Worship Leader	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Pastoral & Spiritual Care	Wilma Wiens
Minister of Music	Margot Sim
Soloist	Krista Labossiere

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**NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH 22 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in LENT)**: Laura Funk will be speaking on “Good Grief” with scriptures Psalm 130 and John 11:1-45.

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**LENTEN RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP – LENT IV**

**LEADER:** The grace of God be with you.

**ALL:** **And also with you.**  
**We gather in the power of the Spirit, as the Body of Christ.**

**LEADER:** The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**ALL:** **God does not deal with us according to our sins,**  
**But forgives us and receives us as God’s beloved.**

**LEADER:** Come, let us walk in the light of God.  
The Holy One will teach us and lead us.

**ALL:** **Create a new heart in us, O God,**  
**and put within us a new and right spirit.**

**OPEN OUR EYES, LORD** (Robert Cull)

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**HEAVENLY LIGHT** (Alice Mattullath)

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given  
on great and small to shine, O Light Divine!  
May each soul in sorrow’s night, see the heavenly light!  
Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation!  
All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar!  
Oh, shine from above, Divine Light of love!  
Show us the way unto our God, we pray!  
Thou our beacon and guide shalt be!  
Light Divine, we praise Thee!

**I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT** (Kathleen Thomerson)

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

**Chorus:** In him there is no darkness at all, the night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

**Chorus**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Chorus**

**EPHESIANS 5:8-14** (NRSV)

<sup>8</sup>For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

**MY HEART IS READY**

My heart is ready, O God. I will sing your praise.

Awake! With my voice I will praise the Lord my maker.

I will awake the dawn. I will praise you among the nations.

For your love reaches to the heavens and your truth to the skies.

O God, arise above the heavens. May your glory shine on earth.

Shine on the earth! My heart is ready, O God.

I will thank you, Lord, for all your wondrous love.

My heart is ready, O God.

**AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND** (John Newton)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

**JOHN 9:24-25, 35-41** (NRSV)

<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>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..

**LORD, I WAS BLIND** (William Matson)

Lord, I was blind; I could not see  
In your marred visage any grace,  
But now the beauty of your face  
In radiant vision dawns on me.

Lord, I was deaf; I could not hear the thrilling music of your voice,  
But now I hear you and rejoice, and all your spoken words are dear.

Lord, I was mute; I could not speak the grace and glory of your name,  
But now, as touched with living flame, my lips will speak for Jesus' sake.

Lord, I was dead; I could not move my lifeless soul from sin's dark grave,  
But now the power of life you gave has raised me up to know your love.

**OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE** (Clara H. Scott)

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

**Chorus:** Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

**Chorus**

Open my mouth and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

**Chorus**