



GOOD NEWS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ISAIAH 59:16

GOD SAW THAT THERE WAS NO ONE TO INTERVENE;
SO HIS OWN ARM ACHIEVED SALVATION FOR HIM.

ONLY
One
TO INTERVENE

LENT REPENTANCE & RENEWAL

« WHERE SIN LEAVES A VOID, JESUS STEPS IN. »

Service Focus:

In Blindness with Sight

Good News Lutheran Church | Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 15, 2026



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Welcome!

We are grateful to have you with us for our service today. You have joined us for the most important time we spend together. Each time we gather as a family of faith, we make the gospel (or good news) of Jesus our central focus. We do so relying on Jesus' promise that, wherever two or three come together in his name, he is present among them to deliver his gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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Time of Year: Lent

The season of Lent is a 40-day journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. Lent teaches us to take sin seriously and to trust what Jesus did about sin fully. Although worship during Lent is more solemn than usual, the gospel remains our focus as we prepare our hearts for Easter.



Lent Series: Only One to Intervene

It's not difficult to see that our world has problems. Our first instinct is to think that we can solve them—whether individually or collectively. When it comes to our biggest problems, however, no amount of ingenuity, effort, or teamwork can get us out of this mess. Jesus is the only one who can intervene—and intervene he has.

February 18	Ash Wednesday	In Self-Righteousness with Repentance
February 22	Lent 1	In Temptation with Obedience
March 1	Lent 2	In Merit with Gift
March 8	Lent 3	In Thirst with Living Water
March 15	Lent 4	In Blindness with Sight
March 22	Lent 5	In Fear with Life

Service Focus

This week we see Jesus intervene in blindness with sight. Left to ourselves, we would see everything in our world and in our lives incorrectly. We would see good as evil and evil as good. We would see all pain and suffering as signs of God's anger with us. Jesus, however, brings us light. He helps us see that God's love is unconditional (even if it is often mysterious) and God's ways are good and wise.

Prayer before the Service

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Service



Hymn

518 Christ Be My Leader

Stand

*Both the invocation
and sign of the
cross are
reminders of our
baptism.*

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God created humanity in his perfect image. However, when our first parents—Adam and Eve—disobeyed God, they brought sin into the world and death along with it. As children of Adam and Eve, we are heirs of their sin and its curse.

Isaiah 59:12

Our offenses are many in your sight, and our sins testify against us. Our offenses are ever with us, and we acknowledge our iniquities.

Nevertheless, just as he did in the beginning, God does not leave us to be crushed by our burdens or wait for us to crawl back to him. He finds us when we hide in shame and invites us to find rest in him.

Isaiah 55:6–7

Call on the Lord while he is near. Turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy. Turn to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Gathering Song

703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Because no one else could intervene, the Lord's own arm achieved salvation for him. Christ Jesus came as the second Adam to win for us even more than the first Adam lost. Through his life and death, God replaced our sin with his righteousness, our condemnation with his pardon, and our death with his life.

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

In the gospel, the blessings of Jesus' work for all flow freely to quench our thirsty souls. God pours his love into our hearts through his Holy Spirit in the words he sends his messengers to speak: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.

*John 20:22-23
Revelation 22:17*

The congregation sings:

2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.

Lord, Have Mercy

Ephesians 5:8

God has brought us out of darkness into light. Let us pray that we would live as children of the light:

Lord, have mercy.

Romans 5:1-11

For eyes that see God's love and not his wrath when life is full of suffering, and for the perseverance and hope to patiently endure it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Ephesians 5:9-11

For eyes that see the goodness and truth of what pleases God and the shame and futility of the deeds of darkness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Romans 8:1-6

For eyes that see that sin and death have lost their hold on us and for minds governed by the Holy Spirit, full of life and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Psalms 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of my life. Amen.

The congregation sings:



3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated



*The LORD
promises sight for
those who are
helplessly blind
and judgment for
those who are
blinded in
unbelief.*

First Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴“For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.
But now, like a woman in childbirth,
I cry out, I gasp and pant.
¹⁵I will lay waste the mountains and hills
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn rivers into islands
and dry up the pools.
¹⁶I will lead the blind by ways they have not known,
along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
I will turn the darkness into light before them
and make the rough places smooth.
These are the things I will do;
I will not forsake them.
¹⁷But those who trust in idols,
who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’
will be turned back in utter shame.
¹⁸“Hear, you deaf;
look, you blind, and see!
¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
and deaf like the messenger I send?
Who is blind like the one in covenant with me,
blind like the servant of the LORD?
²⁰You have seen many things, but you pay no attention;
your ears are open, but you do not listen.”
²¹It pleased the LORD
for the sake of his righteousness
to make his law great and glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 27

Psalms have been used by God's people in worship since the Old Testament.

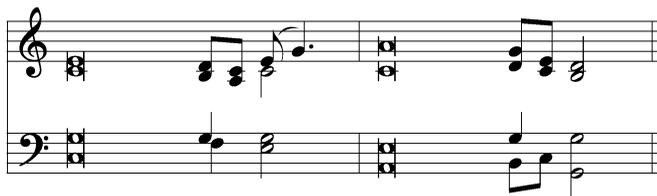
Refrain



The LORD is my light, the LORD is my help, the
LORD is my sal - va - tion.

The Church sings Psalm 27 in services that emphasize the victory of the light of the Lord over darkness and unbelief, false gods and false doctrine.

Tone



The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom / shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I / be afraid?

**One thing I ask / from the LORD,
this only / do I seek:**

that I may dwell in the house / of the LORD
all the days / of my life,

**to gaze on the beauty / of the LORD
and to seek him in his / temple. Refrain**

He will hide me in the shelter of his / sacred tent
and set me high up- / on a rock.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land / of the living.

Wait / for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in / the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

*Normally, we
prepare to hear
the words and
works of Jesus by
standing and
singing “Alleluia”
—praise the Lord.*

*During Lent,
“alleluias” are
omitted.*

*Jesus came to
bring sight to the
blind and to blind
those who think
they are seeing.*

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 12:2

Refrain



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith. *Refrain*

Gospel

John 9:1–7,13–17,34–39

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath."

But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

¹⁷Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened."

The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁴To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

515 Christ Is the World's Light

Sermon

John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39

Stand

Apostles' Creed *Credo*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come 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.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by your blessed Gospel, and hide us in your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the true confession of your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, uphold in mercy all authorities, especially parents and the civil servants of our nation. Strengthen our homes, and keep families firm in the Christian faith. Preserve us from wickedness, and uphold order and justice for a peaceful life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord God, you have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, *[especially ...]* that they would take heart, trust you for healing, and find you even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Lord, those who wait for your salvation have the promise that you will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach our hearts to be content with your will and to trust that you will answer with what is best for us and at the right time for our need. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Known as the
Aaronic Blessing,
these words have
been spoken to
God's people for
3,500 years.
Wherever God's
name is
proclaimed, God
promises to be
present with his
blessing (Numbers
6:22–27).*

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Be seated

Hymn

576 Amazing Grace

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Good News Lutheran Church was established in 2013 as a mission effort of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona. Our mission is to help people find relief from life's distressing noise by preaching, teaching, and sharing the Bible's good news.

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