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**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Today's theme:  
Sight for the Blind**

**Welcome, guests!** God’s love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from— and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God’s authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first-time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

If you would like to know more about Lamb of God, visit our website [www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com), like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Lamb of God is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod WELS ([www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)) est.1850.

**Children’s “My Worship Notes”** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

### **Sight for the Blind**

We know that unbelief will have consequences in the future— eternal separation from God. But unbelief also has consequences now. It makes you blind, in a sense. The unbeliever is unable to see the world as it really is. That which is harmful the unbeliever considers good; that which is good he considers meaningless. The unbeliever cannot see the danger that lurks behind temptation. He cannot see the blessing contained in God’s Word. The unbeliever cannot see the tragic fate that lies in his future, and he certainly cannot see the Savior. The Old Testament said that restoration of sight to the blind was one of the works of the Messiah. In his ministry, Jesus healed those who were physically

blind. But even if our eyes work just fine, we still need Jesus to give us spiritual vision. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Christ comes to shine his light into our darkened eyes that we might see him and live. Jesus meets our greatest needs. He provides sight for the spiritually blind.

## **Invocation**

*[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.]*

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

*Stand*

## **Gathering Rite God of Creation**

*Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the Kyrie.*

Processional Song:

v.1 - God of creation, giver of life, be the light in our darkness;  
grant us peace in our strife.  
Show us your mercy; give us new birth. You have made us your  
children to bear fruit on the earth.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

v.2 - Lord our Redeemer, healer of souls, be the hope that restores us; with your touch make us whole.

Grant us your pardon, make us your own, give us strength for our journey to our heavenly home.

Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,

Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

v.3 - Spirit most holy, comforter blest, be the fire that consumes us and our hearts' welcome guest.

Form us, renew us, call us by name. Raise us up from the ashes and create us again.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son,

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note Bb4. The second measure contains a half note C5. The third measure has a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F5, all under a slur. The fourth measure is a half note G4. The fifth measure has a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note C5, all under a slur. The sixth measure is a half note D5. The seventh measure has a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5, all under a slur. The eighth measure is a half note A5. The ninth measure is a whole note Bb5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

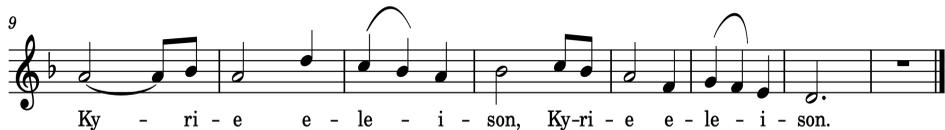
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

v.1 - Lord Jesus Christ, pour out your compassion; grant your people pardon.



v.2 - Lord Jesus Christ, bring healing and wholeness; give your people comfort.

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Detailed description: A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts on G4, moves to A4, then B4, and continues with quarter and eighth notes. There are two measures with a whole note G4. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' with hyphens under the syllables.

v.3 - Lord Jesus Christ, the source of forgiveness, show your people mercy.

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Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

v.4 - Up from the ashes we now arise, we now live for our Maker who has answered our cries.

Knowing God's mercy, we now are healed; through the means of God's grace his forgiveness is sealed.

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# The Word

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

**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*

## First Reading

*Isaiah 42:14-21*

<sup>1</sup>As he went 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>“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

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

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore 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.”

<sup>16</sup>Some 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.

<sup>17</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>34</sup>To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

<sup>36</sup>“Who is he, sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in him.”

<sup>37</sup>Jesus said, “You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye

*Psalm 121D*

*\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.*

*Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*

*Refrain*



Keep me, keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me, hide me in the shadow of your wings.

*Tone*

I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—  
 where does my help / come from?  
 My help comes / from the LORD,  
 the maker of heav- / en and earth.  
 He will not let your / foot slip—  
 he who watches over you will not / slumber;  
 indeed, he who watches over / Israel  
 will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—  
 the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;  
 the sun will not harm / you by day,  
 nor the / moon by night.  
 The LORD will keep you / from all harm—  
 he will watch o- / ver your life;  
 the LORD will watch over your coming and / going  
 both now and for- / evermore.  
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**  
**and to the Holy / Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- / ginning,**  
**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 5:8-14*

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

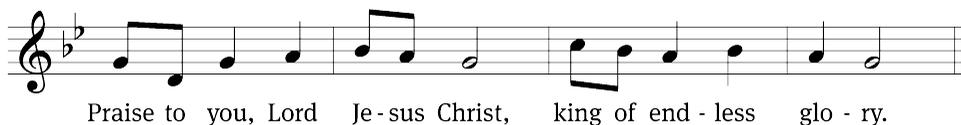
## Gospel Acclamation

*Hebrews 12:2*

*\*Soloist will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.  
Soloist will sing the verses. Congregation will sing the refrain.*



*Refrain*



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

## *Refrain*

## **Gospel**

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

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The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated*

### **Children’s Sermon**

*Children are invited to sit in the front of the church.*

### **Christ Is the World’s Light**

*CW 515*

**Sermon**

**based on Ephesians 5:8-14**

**Once Darkness, Now Light**

*Stand*

### **Confession of Faith**

† *Public confession is faith’s response to God’s saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible’s teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy*

*Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **Offering**

If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website,  
[www.lambofgodlafayette.com](http://www.lambofgodlafayette.com) and click **GIVE** in the upper right corner or text

any dollar amount to **84321** to give or mail a check to the church—1893 E 600 North West Lafayette, IN 47906, or you may scan this QR code:



## The Sacrament

*Stand*

### **Preface**

*CW 199*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts, heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his

disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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*Be seated*

## Distribution

### 713 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CW 713

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## The Blessing

*[This blessing has been spoken over God's people for the past 3,500 years, when God commanded Aaron, Moses' brother, to bless the Israelites, "...and so I will put my name on them." Numbers 6:22-27]*

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.**

## **Acknowledgments**

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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## **Serving at Worship**

Pastor Paul Horn

Vicar Jonah Schlomer

Piano: Liz Schmidt

Usher/Greeter: Jeff and Jen Holmes

Acolyte: Henry Horn

### **Serving Next Week (3/26)**

Usher/Greeter: Dawn/Kennedy Family

Acolyte: Kaylee Bednarski

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer Service March 22th**

During the season of Lent we offer an evening prayer service on **Wednesdays at 7pm**. This year's theme is: His Final Steps. The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus' resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb.

His Final Steps...

Mar 22 - ...Led to his Father's house

Mar 29 - Pizza and canvassing for Easter (6pm)

### **FAMILY BIBLE HOUR—SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15**

**Pre-K—8th Grade**—Bible history stories, apologetics, crafts, games, songs and more!

**Catechism Class—7th & 8th grade (after worship)** - This class prepares young people for confirmation and receiving the Lord's Supper. We use Martin Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible as textbooks for an in-depth study of the six main teachings of the Bible (Ten Commandments, Apostles Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Lord's Supper, Keys and Confession).

### **Building up the Body of Christ**

It's amazing when you read Romans 12:3-8 and then look around at all the folks in our church family and see it in action... how God uses all of us with our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ and expand his kingdom. Here's a couple ways you can do that in the next couple of weeks.

**Easter Canvassing and Pizza Night (No training required!)**

On **Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, in place of our midweek Lent service, we will meet at church at 6pm to go out into the surrounding neighborhoods and hang door hanger invites to our Easter service. We'll go out for an hour and come back for pizza. Please register with Pastor Horn by sending an email [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com) to confirm your attendance.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- If you would like to be an **Acolyte**, help with the **Livestream crew** or **bring snacks** on Sunday mornings, please sign-up. New sign-up sheets are located by the kitchen.
- The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary choir will be in concert at Lamb of God on **Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. We still **need 10 or more hosts** to house a total of 50 students overnight. For more details contact Vicar Schlomer, [jonah.schlomer@wisluthsem.org](mailto:jonah.schlomer@wisluthsem.org). Note: Both Pastor Paul and Vicar sang in the choir in the past.

### **Property Improvement**

The leadership team has started remodeling the basement. If you are able to help with installing drywall, electrical work and finishing work contact Eric Becker, [42ofvarget@gmail.com](mailto:42ofvarget@gmail.com), for more details.

## **Prayer Requests**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

**Keep in your prayers this week:**

All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, the loss of a loved one or emotional hurts; for Joan Bonnet who was hospitalized this week, Jim Holmes and Gail Rathgeber, who are experiencing health difficulties; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help.

That the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday. That our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

For all of us to reach out to those struggling with mental health that we might be a listening ear and compassionate voice of encouragement.

For each of us as we seek to build relationships with the unchurched and find confidence from the Holy Spirit to invite them to our Easter service.

For our Pastors, teachers and staff ministers as they reach the lost sheep of their communities with the Good News of Jesus; Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our outreach efforts as we invite friends, relatives, and neighbors to our Bible studies, worship, and fellowship events.

For all military families who are separated by deployment or other training/schools.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between

Ukraine and Russia as well as between the warring nations in Africa.

That the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and for the 118th US Congress, that they be guided by sound reason and the wisdom that comes from God above to pass bills that allow us to flourish in our vocations and spread the gospel in peace; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need.