

**Fourth Weekend of Lent
MARCH 18-19, 2023**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
Invocation
Thanksgiving for Light
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Message
Creed, Prayers and Peace

The Words of Communion
Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing & Sending

Sunday Contemporary – 8am

Gathering Song & Welcome
Call to Worship
Song of Praise
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Today's Message
Song of the Day
Creed, Prayers & Peace
The Words of Communion
Lord's Prayer & Distribution
Song of Praise
Blessing & Sending
Closing Song & Dismissal

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
Confession & Forgiveness
Opening Hymn ELW 843
Greeting p. 147
Kyrie
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Psalm of the Day Psalm 95
Gospel Acclamation
Today's Message
Hymn of the Day ELW 779
Creed, Prayers & Peace
Offertory
Offering ELW 184
Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer p. 206
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Benediction & Sending Hymn ELW 793
Dismissal



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BULLETIN FOR
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Today's Bible Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13	Pew Bible p. 226
Ephesians 5:8-14	Pew Bible p. 951
Psalms 23	Pew Bible p. 435
John 9:1-41	Pew Bible p. 871

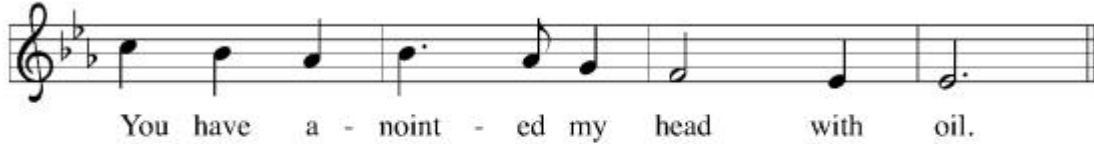
Today's Message "Are you blind?!"

by Rev. Erik Young

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE:



Psalm 23:5
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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, Sandy Alwens, and the Sanders family.

Cancer treatments: Ellen Stevens

Friends of the congregation: Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Brian Boam, Kay Knobloch, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

Cancer Friends: Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky and Nicole C.

EASTER GARDEN

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we remember loved ones and friends by decorating our Sanctuary with beautiful Lily and Primrose plants. You are invited to contribute in honor or in memory of individuals you know and love. Each child who attends Easter worship is invited to take home a Primrose plant from the cross at the front of the Sanctuary. After the Sunday Traditional service, adults are welcome to take the Lily plants they donated. Volunteers will donate the remaining Lilies to church members and friends who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in assisted care facilities so they too can enjoy a reminder of the Good News of Easter. Though dedications are unlimited, a limited number of Lilies and Primroses will be purchased. Any excess funds will be applied to our Altar Flower and Candle Fund. Please place this order form in an envelope marked "Easter Garden" with your check or cash and return it to the church office by noon on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Your order may also be placed in the offering plate during worship.

GIVEN BY _____ PHONE # _____

IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ (suggested donation \$14 per plant) Cash ____ or Check # _____

____ I would like to help with the ministry of delivering flowers ____ More dedications on additional sheet

+ ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT +

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.