

**WELCOME TO SPIRIT OF TRUTH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here. Please sign our guest book near the entrance.*

\*Indicates to stand as you are able.

**PRELUDE ~ “Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”**

**WORDS OF WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**\*OPENING HYMN ~ “My Jesus”**

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**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS ~ Reclaim page 21**

**\*RESPONSIVE READING ~ Psalm 142:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> With my voice I cry out to the LORD; with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> I pour out my complaint before him; I tell my trouble before him.

<sup>3</sup> When my spirit faints within me, you know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap for me.

<sup>4</sup> Look to the right and see; there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

<sup>5</sup> I cry to you, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”

<sup>6</sup> Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me!

<sup>7</sup> Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will surround me; for you will deal bountifully with me.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY ~**

Holy One, you give sight to the blind and life to those who trust in your Son. May the light of your Christ pierce through our blindness and open us to your way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON ~ Isaiah 42:14-21**

**SECOND LESSON ~ Ephesians 5:8-14**

**CHILDRENS’ SERMON**

**\*GOSPEL HYMN ~ “Thy Word”**

**\*GOSPEL ~ John 9:1-41**

**SERMON ~ “No Theodicy–Just God with Us” ~ Pastor Jim Steen**

**\*SERMON HYMN ~ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” #223**

**\*NICENE CREED ~ RECLAIM Page 27**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING ~ “Lamb of God”**

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE ~ “Sanctuary”**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

C: *We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**HOLY COMMUNION/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Music ~ "Nothing but the Blood"

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

**CLOSING HYMN** ~ "Thine the Amen" # 41 verses 1, 3 and 4

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God!*

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*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*



*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes,  
He will guide you into all the truth.  
He will not speak on his own;  
He will speak only what he hears,  
And he will tell you what is yet to come.  
John 16:13*

*March 15, 2026*

*9:30 am Worship Service*