

Augustana Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ringling of the Bell

Jazz Prelude

Jazz trio instrumental

Welcome

Gathering Song “Beginning to See the Light”

Apostolic Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We Are All Related

Leader: We share our stories.

People: Each of us brings a unique story and gifts from the Creator.

Leader: Our stories are about journeys of faith.

People: We walk a path of righteousness.

Leader: We share our path with all creation.

People: We are all related.

From Eastern Cherokee prayer tradition by Z. Susanne Aikman (Eastern Cherokee) @ 1992

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.**

First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Children’s Time “This Little Light of Mine” (ALL)

Gospel Acclamation (All)

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Reading of the Gospel **John 9:1-41**

Leader: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song **“Till There Was You”**

Sermon **“God Looks On The Heart”** **Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson**

Hymn **“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”** **ELW 327**

<p><i>Stanza 1</i> Through the night of doubt and sorrow, onward goes the pilgrim band, Singing songs of expectation, marching to the promised land. Clear before us through the darkness gleams and burns the guiding light; Pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim stepping fearless through the night.</p>	<p><i>Stanza 3</i> One the strain that lips of thousands lift as from the heart of one; one the conflict, one the peril, one the march in God begun One the gladness of rejoicing on the far eternal shore, where the one almighty Father reigns in love forever more.</p>
<p><i>Stanza 2</i> One the light of God’s own presence on the ransomed people shed, chasing far the gloom and terror, bight’ning all the path we tread. One the object of our journey, one the faith which never tires, one the earnest looking forward, one the hope our God inspires.</p>	<p><i>Stanza 4</i> Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers; onward, with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its battle till we rest beneath its shade. Soon shall come the great awak’ning; soon the rending of the tomb! Then the scatt’ring of all shadows, and the end of toil and gloom.</p>

<p>Act of Faith We believe in God, Mother and Father of all, who has called us all to work together to build a new world of unity and peace.</p>	<p>in his victory over death. We believe in the Spirit, in the power of truth, of peace, and of love.</p>
<p>We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and our brother, who suffered, died and rose again for us, that we might learn to live for others, and find hope</p>	<p>We believe in the church, the unity and fellowship to which all are called, that we may heal the shattered world, and find a new and better life, through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>

Prayers of the People

Response: **Receive our prayer**

Offering Prayer: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy holy holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Holy Communion

Musical Selection

"Both Sides Now"

Joni Mitchell

Bows and flows of angel hair and ice cream castles in the air,
And feather canyons everywhere, I've looked at clouds that way,
But now they only block the sun, they rain and snow on everyone
So many things I would have done, but clouds got in my way
I've looked at clouds from both sides now,
From up and down and still somehow
It's cloud's illusions I recall,
I really don't know clouds at all.

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I've looked at love from both sides now,
From win and lose and still somehow,
It's love's illusions I recall,
I really don't know love at all.

Moons and Junes and Ferris wheels the dizzy dancing way you feel,
When every fairy tale comes real, I've looked at love that way
But now it's just another show, you leave 'em laughin' when you go,
And if you care don't let them know, don't give yourself

Tears and fears and feeling proud, to say, "I love you" right and loud,
Schemes and dreams and circus crowds, I've looked at life that way,
But now old friends are acting strange, they shake their heads,
They say I've changed,
But something's lost but something's gained in living every day,
I've looked at life from both sides now,
From give and take and still somehow,
It's life's illusions I recall,
I really don't know life at all.

Post-communion Prayer

The Benediction

Closing Song

“Amazing Grace”

ELW 779

<i>Stanza 1</i> Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind but now I see.	'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
<i>Stanza 2</i> 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed!	<i>Stanza 4</i> The Lord has promised good to me: His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
<i>Stanza 3</i> Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;	<i>Stanza 5</i> 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.

Go in peace; serve the Lord!

Ringling of the Peace Bell

10:00 a.m. service Musicians may include Marilyn Keller, vocals (**3/19, guest singer Thea Enos**)
George Mitchell, piano; Ron Steen, drums; Kevin Deitz, bass; Walter Krueger organ

11:30 Spanish language Service with leaders/musicians Francisco Aguirre, Carlos Guevara, Elvio Gonzalez, Jackeline Luna, Dora Reyna, Aranza and Miranda Aguirre

Livestream/Tech Crew (rotating): Ben Joy, Dave Schmidt, Jenny Schmidt, Lane Johnson, Andy Fort, Mark Wells, Francisco Aguirre, Marilyn Keller, Glen Jacobs, Nate Fort, Peggy Thatcher-Aguilu, Calvin Stuczynski, Linnea Smith, Annali Smith, Ed Granshaw, Brandon Knutson (remote), Rev. Tom Campbell-Schmitt (remote), Tamrah Knutson (remote), Rick Gordon (advisor); David Schmidt (webpage); Mark Knutson (advisor)

Bell ringers, Property, Tellers: Ansel Johnson, Jeremy Barber, Glen Jacobs, Judy Embler

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