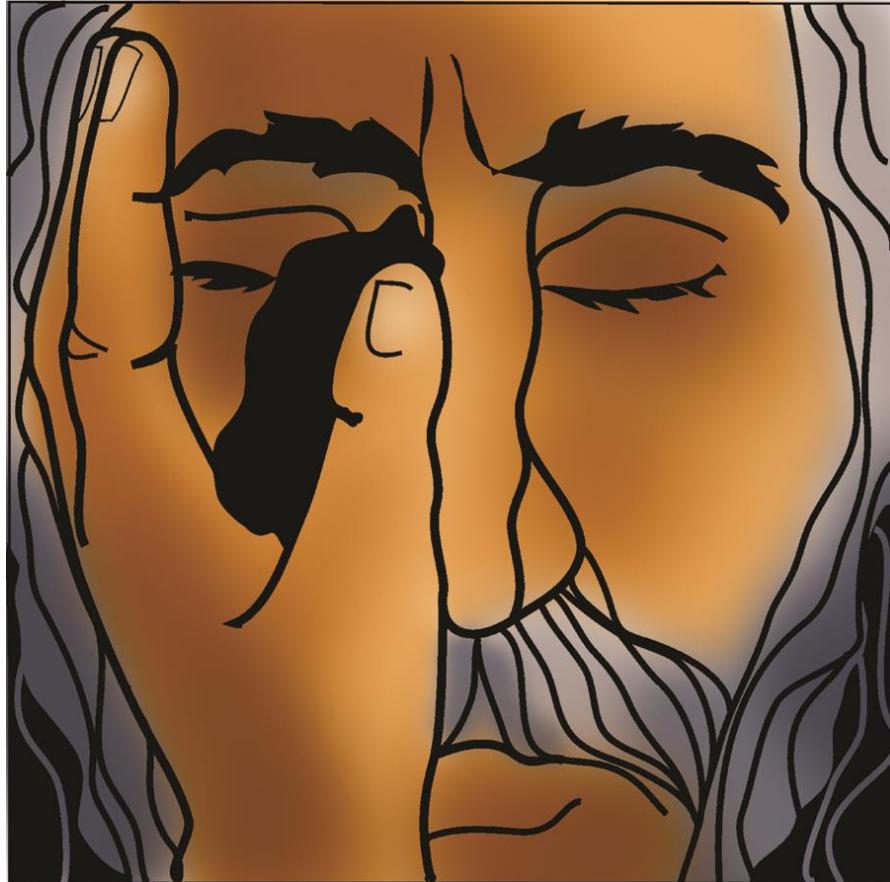


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March 15, 2026



“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!”

*Welcome to worship! We are so pleased that you are able to join us today to worship our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, please know our door is always open to you. We welcome all our guests. If you are visiting today, **please sign our Guest Book**, so that we may properly acknowledge your visit with us.*



Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Sue Tarkka
Worship Band: The Enduros
Pianist/Organist: Becky Brantner
Reader: Steve Gripp

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.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

* **Gathering Song** “Open the Eyes of My Heart” GTG #452

* **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 READING 1 Samuel 16:1-13

A: Word of God, Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation --- **Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life. (John 8:12)**

A: The holy Gospel, according to John **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

* *GOSPEL READING:* John 9:1-41

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Meditation

“A Prayer of Need”

Insert

* Hymn for the Message

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW #779

* *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* The Prayers

C: Your mercy is great

* Sharing the Peace

C: And also with you.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Choral Anthem

“Precious Jesus”

Offertory

“Like a Little Child”

* Offertory Prayer

COMMUNION

* Lord's Prayer

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* Communion Distribution

* Communion Blessing

* Benediction

* Sending Song

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

ELW #324

* P) Go in peace. Believe the good news. C) Thanks be to God.

We believe that Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and we hope you gain strength and comfort from that belief as well. All are welcome to Holy Communion. Please come forward as the ushers instruct. Elements will be distributed at altar (wine is red (outside edge), juice is amber (middle). Children who have not received first communion instruction, are invited to come forward for a blessing.

*- Denotes a time to stand during service. Please stand as you are able.

HEARING ASSISTED DEVICES are available. Please see an usher for assistance.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Find us on

March 15, 2026

TODAY'S Verse:

“You anoint my head with oil.”

Psalm 23:5

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

Psalm 130

Children will be dismissed for Children's Church before the Sermon.

Thank you to today's volunteers:
Cindy Anthony & Heidi Hansen

Pastor Sue Tarkka:

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Leah (Church Office):

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COFFEE HOUR!

Join us in the fellowship hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.



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In Our Prayers

Luke Burkholder, Lyle Roberts, Isabella Haaland and the Haaland Family, Ted Felling, Ossi Tarkka, Lea Pidgeon, Chris Erickson, Chip Freeman, Donna Morlan, Dan Morlan, Grace Traynor, Jessica, Sophia, Ben, Delia, Amber Morlan, Tanya Wright, Jerry Etsa, Marie Mott Stevenson, Bobbie Neward, Dylan Dossett, Barbara Latham, Doug Cox, Jake Burkholder, Louie Tremonti, Don Mott, Melinda Lickteig

Please update the office regarding any prayer requests by sending an email or filling out a prayer request card.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

TODAY — Coffee Fellowship

March 18th — Mid-Week Events:

- Chili Meat Deluxe 6:00pm FH, Please bring a dessert to share.
- Holden Evening Prayer 7:00pm Chapel
- Choir Practice 8:00pm Chapel

March 25th — Music aLive/L'arche Heartland

Present: Hudspeth & Taylor Concert
1:00pm FH All are welcome to attend.

March 26th — GFN Team Meeting Potluck 6pm

Please bring a dish to share.

March 29th — Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser 8:30-11am \$5 a person, \$10 a family, benefitting SM Meals on Wheels and Hollis Renewal Center

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Drive: March 1st-March

29th. Collecting: Twin Bed sheets, pillow cases, pillows, bedspreads (all items new). Thanks for your help! Contact **Jean Stippich** with questions.