

# The Fourth Week in Lent

March 21/22, 2020

5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:30 a.m. Sunday

*Central Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, Minnesota*

**Please note:**  
Congregational  
responses are  
printed in bold.

## PRELUDE

*Prelude from Suite for Cello*

J. S. Bach

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*A time of silence*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,**

**that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell**

**in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive the good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace to you.

**Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

you sent your Son among us to be the light of the world.

As Christ shines in our midst, may we learn to be light for one another

always seeking goodness and truth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

*following the reading:*

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

*before the reading:*

The holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*following the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Sarabande* from the Suite for Cello

J. S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done**

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

#### BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time.  
Now is the day of salvation.  
Holy God,  
speaking spoken, and inspiring + bless you, unbind you,  
and keep you in love and in peace.  
**Amen.**

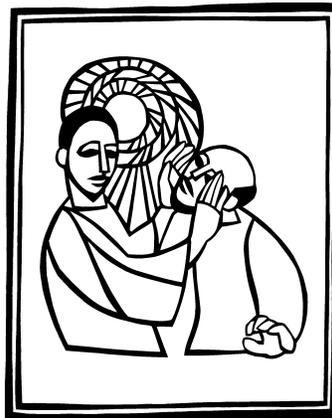
#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

#### POSTLUDE

Minuet from the Suite for Cello

J. S. Bach



#### Worship Leaders

Presiding: Pastor Stephanie Friesen  
Preaching: Pastor Melissa Pohlman  
Assisting: Sara Masters  
Readers: Pat Hansen, Jim Hart  
Guitarist: Nick Mordal