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Lisa Giroir

Pastor Rich & Bridgette

Fourth Sunday In Lent	March 15, 2026
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Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Kade & Karoline Cormier whose wedding took place on March 14, 2026.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor.

Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

Introit

Psalm 27:4–6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

Pastor: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

People: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Pastor: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People: he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

Pastor: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shout of joy;

People: I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Pastor: My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

People: for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!

Divine Service

Fourth Setting

Lutheran Service Book, Page 203

Pre-Service Music

1. Opening Hymn # 551
2. Confession and Absolution p. 203
3. Introit Bulletin
4. Kyrie p. 204
5. Gloria In Excelsis omitted
6. Salutation p. 205
7. Collect of the Day Bulletin
8. Old Testament Bulletin
9. Psalm 142
10. Epistle Reading Bulletin
11. Alleluia and Verse omitted
12. **Glory to You, O Lord.** p. 206
13. Holy Gospel Bulletin
14. **Praise to You, O Christ** p. 206
15. Apostles' Creed p. 207
16. The Word for Children
17. Sermon Hymn # 420
18. Sermon
19. Meditation
20. Prayer of the Church p. 207
Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord;
People: Lord, have mercy.
21. Preface p. 208
22. Sanctus p. 208
23. Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 209
24. The Lord's Prayer p. 209
25. The Words of Our Lord p. 209
26. Pax Domini p. 209
27. Agnus Dei p. 210
28. Communion
29. Distribution Hymn # 873
Guitar Hymn:
How Great Is Our God Insert
Distribution Hymn # 422
30. Nunc Dimittis p. 211
31. Post Communion Collect p. 212
32. Benediction p. 212
33. Closing Hymn # 890

Postlude

Offering boxes are on each side of the doors exiting the sanctuary.



EXPLAINING LUTHERANISM TO NON-LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Dr. Jordan Cooper, author of the new book "Lutheranism for Non-Lutherans," at issuesetc.org/nonlutherans.

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;

I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.

¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;

I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.

¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.

I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.

¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”

¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!

¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?

Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the Lord?

²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake,
to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Psalms 142

¹With my voice I cry out to the Lord;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.

²I pour out my complaint before him;

I tell my trouble before him.
³When my spirit faints within me,
 you know my way!
In the path where I walk
 they have hidden a trap for me.
⁴Look to the right and see:
 there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
 no one cares for my soul.
⁵I cry to you, O Lord;
 I say, "You are my refuge,
 my portion in the land of the living."
⁶Attend to my cry,
 for I am brought very low!
Deliver me from my persecutors,
 for they are too strong for me!
⁷Bring me out of prison,
 that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me,
 for you will deal bountifully with me.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
"Awake, O sleeper,
 and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you."

Gospel

John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed

in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a

man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves

**The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice**

**How great is our God
How great is our God
How great, how great is our God**

**Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb**

**How great is our God
How great is our God
How great, how great is our God**

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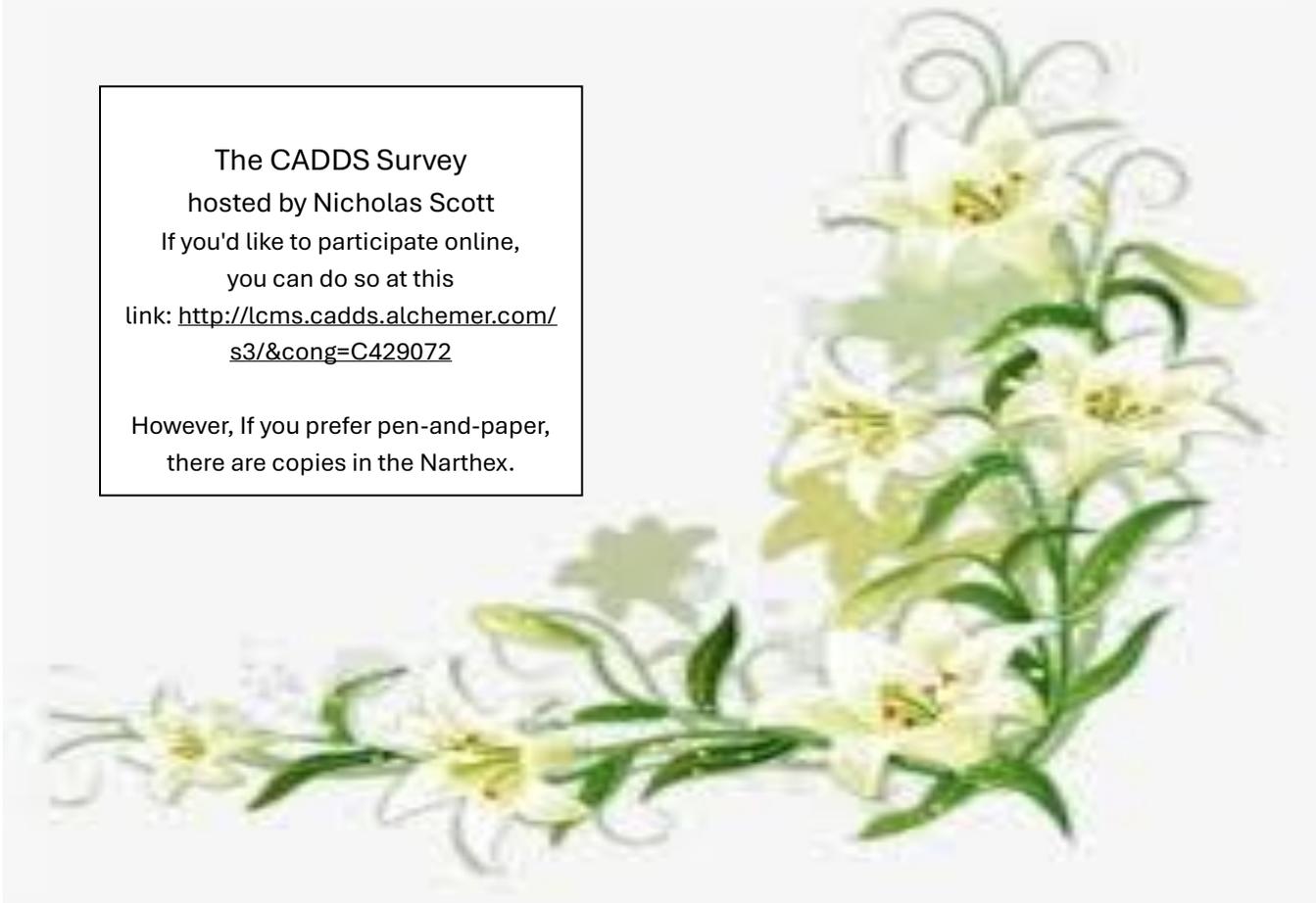
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hosted by Nicholas Scott

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However, If you prefer pen-and-paper,
there are copies in the Narthex.



This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship
	Coffee & Youth Biscuits
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
	12:00 p.m. BOD Meeting
Monday	6:00 p.m. Bible Study
Wednesday	1:00 p.m. Bible Study
	6:00 p.m. Lenten Midweek Worship Service
Saturday	2:00 p.m. New Member Class

For the week March 15 - 21, 2026

Birthday

03/15 Eric Lapeyrouse
03/16 Alyssah Kinsella
03/20 Lyle Souther

Baptismal Anniversaries

03/18 Gavin Ledet
Kenny Ledet
03/19 Brigitte Kinsella

In the palm of God's Hands...

PRESSING HEALTH CONCERNS: Carmen Cunningham, Henry Stegall, and Renee Rodgers.

BATTLING CANCER: Alyssa Roger, Charlene Shroyer., Connie Deroche, Marilyn Beach and Mike Moss.

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Betty Hummel, Connie Oswalt, Donna Bass, Donna Von Burgsdorff, Elroy Ledet, Frank Alessio, Harla Lemmerman, Henry Stegall, James Hillman, Jackie Webb, Jim Lemmerman, John Partain, John Wegner, Josephine Hebert, Juanita Blanchard, Kim Cape, Mike Wallace, Richard LaCour, Sofie Arceneaux, and Toni St. Amant.



MOURNING A LOSS: The families of Donna Elke and Joy Porche.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Nikki and baby Boudreaux and Sierra and baby Thalheim.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY:

Haize Shroyer, Jason Reid-O'neill, Jaxx Dardar, Julia Shroyer, Kyle Turcott, Lei'Lyn Hebert and Noah Scheufens.

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Abbie Schmitt, Alyssah Kinsella, Jonathan Dahl, Nicholas Scott, Niyah Shroyer, Victoria (Shroyer) Alcantara and Victoria Thalheim.

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