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Our Mission Statement
Grounded in the Word,
we
Gather in Grace
Grow in Faith
and ***Go*** with love to change the world!

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation

As such, we uphold the words of the Apostle Paul: "In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) Christ has made us all one. We believe that this oneness extends to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identities, or religious, economic, or political affiliation.

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10:00 Worship
March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Gathering Song: *Open the Eyes of Our Heart, Lord*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
God, who said of all creation, “It is good;”
God, who redeems our lives and our ways in God’s own self, Christ Jesus;
God, the Holy Spirit, who breathes within us the gift of faith.
Amen

Opening Song: *The King of Love My Shepherd is (ELW 502)*

Responsive Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul, and guides me along right pathways for his name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Psalm 23)

Kyrie

Reading: *Ephesians 5:8-24*

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹**for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.** ¹⁰Try to find out 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 mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. **Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”**

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Announcement of the Reading of the Gospel: John 9:1-41

Return to the Lord

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, **“Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed 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.**” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, **“Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”** (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, **“Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?”** ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, **“I am the man.”**

¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then 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. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” 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 we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would 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 they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. 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?” ²⁸Then 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, **“Here is an astonishing 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 he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, **“And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”** ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, **“Lord, I believe.”** And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Homily

Song: *Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone*

A Word about Prayer . . .

The Prayers of the Church

We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need. O God, in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, open our eyes, that we may see.

**Mercy, we abide in you,
Stir in us we pray.**

That your world might learn to care for the neighbor.

**Mercy, we abide in you,
Stir in us we pray.**

That we would rejoice with those who have had occasions for joy

**Mercy, we abide in you,
Stir in us we pray.**

That those who are sick would find healing

**Mercy, we abide in you,
Stir in us we pray.**

That you would bring peace to all who grieve . . .

**Mercy, we abide in you,
Stir in us we pray.**

Move us O God to trust you.

**Mercy, we abide in you,
Stir in us we pray.**

Holy God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that in Christ Jesus, your only Son, our Lord, your hand is leading us and your love supporting us. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song: *Tree of Life (ELW 334, vs. 1 and 4th Sunday of Lent verse)*

Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right and good. . . evermore praising you, and singing: *Holy, Holy*

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Reception of the Meal

Songs: *Lamb of God (ELW 336); Shepherd Me, O God (ELW 780)*

Communion Blessing

Announcements. (See below)

Benediction

The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord Look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

Song: *Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)*

Sending

Go in peace to serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

And All God's people said-

Amen!

Announcements

Happy Birthday to Carter J., and Larry K. We give thanks to you on your birthdays this week!

-Check out sign-up table where you can sign up to bring altar flowers, to assist at worship, bring soup for Lenten suppers and much more.

Thank you to all for your help last service. **Next week March 26th:**

Altar Flowers: ___; **Assist Pastor:**___; **Children's Sermon:** *Elaine*; **Usher:** ___;

Communion Prep:___; **PowerPoint:**___; **Coffee Host:** *Marion*,___; **Offering counters:**___,___

Soup Supper and Worship on Wednesdays - March 22, and 29th

Join us for soup dinners at 6:15 and worship at 7:00. Sign up to help with the Soup Suppers in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Evenings, we will use "That You May Have Life" in worship. Our theme will be "Returning." Members of our congregation will share what it has meant to them, at times, to "return".

Our Pre-Holy Week Prayer Vigil will begin at noon on Friday, March 31 and go through noon on Saturday, April 1. You can sign up to be a prayer host or partner in the Fellowship Hall.

Peggy Sackmann will be leading a pre-vigil reflection on how to pray, and what it means to pray, on Thursday, March 30, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Check out our webpage on the “Lent Material tab” for a Lenten Children’s Activity; and Lenten Compline Worship.

All are invited to celebrate the life of Derek Wray, Sat. March 25 at 11:00.

Next Covid vaccine clinic: TUESDAY March 28, 12 – 6.

Coming soon! On-site Covid testing kiosk, please read our March newsletter for more details.

Registration for Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse has officially closed, if you missed registering and would like to attend, please see Pastor Karen ASAP. The event is next Sunday at 2:00.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 2

Maundy Thursday worship: April 6, 7:00

Good Friday worship: April 7, Noon and 7:00

Easter: breakfast at 9:00, service at 10:00, Easter Egg Hunt following service.

We will be assembling homeless bags Saturday, April 22nd at 10 am. We are collecting the following items: Travel size toothpaste, Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging), Moist wipes, Bandages, Chapstick, Socks, Ponchos, Travel size tissue packet, packs of tuna or chicken (individual snack pack), Bars (granola/protein). *These items can be found at the Dollar Tree Store, in the past we have found the tuna/chicken packs at the Business Costco.

Personal care kit items needed (assembling in May), items needed: Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging), Bath Towels (light-weight, between 20”x40” to a maximum 27”x52”, dark color recommended), Soap (bath size bars 4-5 oz. in original wrapper)

Prayer Requests

Keep Sheila in your prayers as Derek passed away recently Also keep Sheila's friend Donna Van Bramer in your prayers, she just received a kidney transplant, prayers for healing and that her body accepts the new kidney.

Please keep Cara and the family in your prayers as she deals with cancer.

Keep Brenda's mother (Marie), in your prayers. Her friend Beth Pacquette passed away, pray for Bruce (widower) and son Danny in your prayers.

Prayers for Lynne's brother Rob who is very ill and has been in the hospital this week with complications of end-stage kidney disease. He began dialysis and will now continue dialysis three times a week and is trying to be approved for a kidney transplant.

Please keep Sherry, Chris and their kids in your prayer, as they continue to recover from covid.

Please keep Agnes in your prayers who is dealing with some health issues, as well as the death of her son Michael who passed away suddenly.

Please keep Jennifer and Suzanne in your prayers, Jennifer's nephew Joshua has died. Pray for peace, hope and comfort for the whole family.

Please keep friends of Nancy Zahnnow in your prayers, Jim Baggs (wife Gloria) is being treated for cancer, and Kristy Powell for breast cancer.

Please keep Nikki's sister-in-law, Beatrice Elliot, in your prayers. She is living with cancer.

Keep Josephine Hanson in your prayers, she is now at Life Care in Puyallup.

Please pray for Ann, Gail's sister-in-law, as she heals from surgery, and other health concerns.

Please keep Cindy and Bill's brother-in-law Hans in prayer as he deals with cancer, and other medical complications. Prayers for strength and peace.

Pray for all who have been affected by Covid.

Please pray for common care and productive civic discourse to find root and growth amid the turbulence our country is experiencing.

Please pray for a cessation of hostility in those places in our world in warfare or on its brink, especially Ukraine.

Upcoming at Resurrection

Pastor Karen is at church Monday-Thursday, 9-1. Afternoons and evenings for visitations and meetings. You're welcome to contact her, walk in, or arrange for a visit.

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Sunday, March 19

Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online
Worship

Fellowship after worship! All are welcome!

Monday, March 20

9:00-1:00: Office Hours

Tuesday, March 21

9:00-1:00: Office Hours
9:30- Worship and Music meeting
9:00-12:00: Ashley House meeting
6:30: Zoom Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

9:00-1:00: Office Hours
9:30: Worship Team Practice
4:00-5:30: Jump Into Music Lesson
6:15: Soup Dinner
7:00: Mid-week Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 23

9:00-1:00: Office Hours
10:00: Quilting
6:30-7:30: Jump Into Music Lessons

Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

11:00: Derek Wray Memorial service

Sunday, March 26

Fifth Sunday In Lent

10:00: In-Sanctuary and Online
Worship
Fellowship after worship! All are welcome!
2:00 - Approximately 4:30, Dinner
Following: *Rick Rouse presentation on
Christian Nationalism*