

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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," declared the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are; His 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.

SCHEDULE

Today 11:30am Special congregational meeting
06:00pm LYO meets
Mon 03/16 10:30am PLC worship re-broadcast Ch 12 (Premier)
Wed 03/18 05:30pm Praise Team rehearsal
05:45pm - Lent midweek worship
05:45pm Soup supper
06:30pm Worship service
Wed 03/25 05:45pm & 06:30pm Lent midweek supper and worship
Sun 03/29 10:15am Palm Sunday worship
Thu 04/02 06:30pm Maundy Thursday worship
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Fri 04/03 06:30pm Good Friday worship
Sun 04/05 Easter Sunday
07:45am. Easter Sunrise worship
08:30 - 09:15am. LYO Easter Breakfast
10:15am. Easter worship with
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sun 04/19 11:30am Retirement lunch for Pastor & MaryAnne
Mon 04/06 07:00pm Council meeting
Sun 04/26 10:15am Pastor Bill's final Sunday worship
Sat 05/09 Spring clean-up and work day

PRAYER FOR LOCAL CONGREGATION

Church of Christ, Pastor Dustin Bolks

DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Our church leadership; prayers answered for families in our community; Evert DeBondt, Lorene Franken, Lura Gayer, Orville Rehder, Shirley Rehder, Irene Sneller (CrPointe Estates SC).

SERVING TODAY (and next week)

Lectors: Trent R (Jeff R) Deacon: Tim H (Steve R)

Praise Team sings today (off)

A/V: Steve R, Neil R (Tim S, Ryan R, DeZeeuw)

Acolyte: Mark H (Davyd H) Organ: Becky S (Marlene C)

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK (ESV)

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Call Cttee thanks all for their presence and participation in the pastoral visit last Sunday. As noted, there will be further discussion at the special congregation meeting following worship today.
- Other agenda matters for special Congregation meeting today include: approve payment of moving expenses for Pastor and MaryAnne; approve payment for parsonage updates/repairs, including roof replacement. All members are encouraged to attend.
- Midweek Lent services continue this Wed Mar 18 06:30pm, and conclude next Wed Mar 25; they are not livestreamed. Soup supper is served before each midweek service starting at 05:45pm Evening Bible Study is on hold during Lent, plan to resume after Easter.

About Our Church

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To purchase PLC logo tshirt, contact Marissa Rehder 712-203-1234

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMC



March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. William Loefke, Pastor

Faith Alive Service 10:15am

Youth Sunday School 09:00am

Adult Sunday School 09:15am

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Faith Alive Worship Hour!

Praise Team

a time of preparation for worship

Announcements

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymn #688

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*"He calls His own sheep by name
and leads them out." John 10:3*

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Bend Your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By Your gracious life and death, bring light to the darkness of our world, and anoint us with Your Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Children's Time

"Let the children come...!" Luke 18:16

with Amanda Borchers

First Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Responsive Reading

Psalms 23

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Congregation Response to Epistle Reading:

"Thanks be to God!"

Congregation Sings Hymn #311

"Hallelujah, What A Savior!"

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

"Glory to You, O Lord"

Congregation Response to Gospel Reading

"Praise to You, O Christ"

Sermon

"In Our Blindness ...Enlightenment!"

Sermon Notes available in the Narthex

Hymn of the Day #358

"Because He Lives"

"Because I live, you also will live."

John 14:19

Apostle's Creed

Sharing of God's Peace

Offertory

Blessing of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn #815 "Doxology"

Prayers of the People

Reader: "God, in Your mercy,"

*Congregation: "**Hear our prayer.**"*

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn #562

"Be Thou My Vision"

*"Whatever was to my profit I now consider
loss for the sake of Christ." Philippians 3:7*

Dismissal

Pastor: "Dynamic Love!

Dynamic Ministry! God's Holy Word!"

Congregation: ***"Thanks be to God!"***

Postlude

March Benevolence

(Sundays) Cherish Center, Spirit Lake IA

(Midweek Lent) Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk NE

Welcome Visitors! Please sign guest book in the Narthex.

Enjoy coffee in the Narthex, \$3 donation requested.

Hymns are from *The Celebration Hymnal* unless noted.

Scriptures are from ESV (English Standard Version).

Offerings are received when the plate is passed during worship.