## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

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Some of the central people in the Gospel narratives we get to know by name; others we do not. Although the man born blind is a major person in John 9, we never learn what his name might be. We meet his parents and his neighbors and we meet the Pharisees to whom he tells the story of the miraculous restoration of his sight. Although we do not learn his name, Jesus said of the man born blind that the works of God were displayed in him. As the One brightening our lives with the light of salvation, Jesus brings a new vision to our lives—an eternal vision of life with God that never ends. God knows our names. He directs the cross currents of our daily lives. In His light we see light—and that is what matters!

Opening Hymn: LSB #426 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Confession and Absolution
Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 142; antiphon: v. 5

Kyrie LSB 152

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading

Epistle Reading Ephesians 5:8–14

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

LSB 157

Holy Gospel John 9:1–41

Hymn of the Day: LSB #744 "Amazing Grace" (Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

Sermon: Rev. Lowell Dennis

Nicene Creed



For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and tru to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Ephesians 5:8-10

Isaiah 42:14-21

## Prayer of the Church

**Offering** (offerings previously gathered are brought forward)

| Offertory                          | LSB 159 |
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| Service of the Sacrament           |         |
| Preface                            | LSB 160 |
| Sanctus                            | LSB 161 |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving             | LSB 161 |
| Lord's Prayer                      |         |
| The Words of Our Lord              |         |
| Pax Domini                         | LSB 163 |
| Agnus Dei                          | LSB 163 |
| Distribution Hymns: LSB # 637 &571 |         |
| Nunc Dimittis                      | LSB 165 |
| Post-Communion Collect             |         |

Closing Hymn: LSB #861 "Christ Be My Leader"

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**Benediction** 

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