

## Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession: Hear Us O God. Your Mercy is great,

### MEAL

#### Offering

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### SENDING

#### Benediction

Sending Hymn    *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead US"*    # 789

#### Dismissal

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# Welcome to Worship at Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm, ND



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 15, 2026 9:00 am**

## Introduction

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," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children.

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

(L) Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

(L) Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,

**(All) have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

(L) God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace. **(All) Amen.**

*Gathering Song "O God of Mercy, God of Light" # 714*

*Greeting p. 138*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*Kyrie p.138*

*Lent Hymn # 335 v. 1&3*

*"Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"*

### Fourth Sunday of Lent Prayer of the Day

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

## WORD

### Scripture Readings and Psalm

- **Psalm 23** *You anoint my head with oil. (Ps. 23:5)*

*Gospel Acclamation "Return to the Lord" p. 142*

*"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.*

- **John 9:1-41** *Baptismal image: the man born blind*

*Hymn of the Day "Amazing Grace" v. 1-3 #779*

*Sermon Rev. Linda J. Schauer*

*Hymn of the Day "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #502*