FULL VERSION
March 15, 2026
10:30 a.m.
In Person, YouTube &Facebook Live;
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About the Cover:

Jesus brought mud, washing, and His Word together to give sight to a man who was born blind. Then Jesus used His Word to let the man know whom he was looking at. The gift of physical sight was only a preamble to the spiritual sight the man needed to see the Son of Man. Jesus is still granting us the eyes of faith to see His work. He unites His Word with water to wash away our sin. He brings His Word together with bread and wine to give us His very body and blood, given and shed for us. Jesus continues to open eyes by faith, helping people see Him at work and delivering them forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The Theme for Worship: : This morning we'll hear the account of Jesus healing the man born blind. When Jesus heals him, the leaders of the temple raise a fuss. The man is dragged around and asked about Jesus. When they finally finish questioning the man, Jesus appears to the man and reveals to him who He really is. From this, we'll learn not to pretend to see, but to truly recognize Jesus—and to become aware of our own blindness.

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♫ Pre-Service Music *Spiritwind*

Ringing of the Bells; Welcome

♫ Opening Song: "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

I will call upon the Lord Who is worthy to be praised.
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock And may the God of my salvation be exalted.
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The Invocation

P We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

Service of the Word

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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."

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Children's Message *Pastor Marty*

Holy Gospel *John 9:1–41*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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. [17]So 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."

[18]The 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 [19]and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" [20]His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. [21]But 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.) [23]Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

[24]So 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." [25]He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." [26]They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" [27]He 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?" [28]And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [29]We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." [30]The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. [31]We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. [32]Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. [33]If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." [34]They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to You, O Christ.**

♫ Sermon Song: "Let the River Flow"

Verse 1 **Let the poor man say I am rich in Him**
Let the lost man say I am found in Him Let the river flow
Let the blind man say I can see again
Let the dead man say I am born again Let the river flow Let the river flow

Chorus 1 **Let the river flow Let the river flow**
Holy Spirit come Move in power Let the river flow
Repeat vs 1 and chorus
(Bridge) **Let the river flow (let the river flow) Let the river flow (let the river flow)**
Let the river flow (let the river flow) Let the river flow

Sermon: "Seeing"

Rev. Marty Marks

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The Offering *The plates are brought forward*

(An offering plate is available in the narthex; plates will not be passed during the worship service. Immanuel has the ability to accept offerings through online giving. Families can easily give one-time or set up as recurring gifts. Simply make a secure donation via electronic check by visiting www.ImmanuelDeKalb.com. If you choose to set up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts.)

♫ The Offertory *Spirit Wind*

Announcements

The Intercessory Prayers

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "**Hear our prayer**."*

The Lord's Prayer

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is 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**

The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it.)

P The Sacrament of Holy Communion delivers to us the forgiveness of sins earned for us by the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross. His real Body and Blood come to us in, with and under the bread and wine. Not only are our sins forgiven through this meal, our faith is strengthened, and the Holy Spirit guides us to be better and more effective servants to God. To help prepare our hearts and minds as we receive these gifts, please join me in praying:

P & C **Father I trust in Your Son, Jesus, as my Savior. As I prepare to receive His real Body and Blood into me, please make my heart inclined to receive it in a way pleasing to You. Create a true sense of repentance in my heart and a sincere desire to follow You after it is received. Please empower me to serve You better in a sense of unity with You and with others. Amen**.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way, also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it all of you; this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.

P Come, the table is prepared, and the Lord awaits.

C **We come in the name of Jesus.**

The Sacrament is Distributed for Us to Receive

♫Distribution Songs:

♫ "Come to the Water"

1. You said you'd come and share all my sorrows;
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows..
I came so close to sending you away,
But just as you promised you came there to stay.
I just had to pray. And Jesus said,

Refrain: **"Come to the water, stand by my side.**
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied.
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died."

2. Your goodness so great, I can't understand,
And dear Lord, I k now that all this was planned.
I know you're here now and always will be.
Your love loosed my chains and in you I'm free,
But Jesus, why me? And Jesus said. *Refrain*

3. Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul.
I know now without Got I'd never be whole.
Savior, you opened all the right doors,
And I thank and praise you from earth's humble shores,
Take me I'm yours. And Jesus said. *Refrain*

♫ "Sing for Joy"

Sing for joy to God our strength Sing for joy to God our strength, our strength
If we call to Him, He will answer us If we run to Him, He will run to us
If we lift our hands, He will lift us up Come now praise his name, all you saints of God.
Draw near to Him, he is here with us Give Him your love, He's in love with us
He will heal our hearts, He will cleanse our hands
If we rend our hearts He will heal our land.

♫ "You Are My All in All"

1 You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus: **Jesus, Lamb of God**
Worthy is your Name
Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your Name

2 Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all

Chorus: **Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is your Name**
Jesus, Lamb of God Worthy is Your Name

♫ "Grace Alone"

1. **Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,**
   every difference we will make, is only by his grace.
   Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
   every blessing left behind, is only by His grace.
   Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
   Christ in us, our Cornerstone. We will go forth in grace alone.

2. **Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,**
   everywhere we share His peace, is only by His grace.
   Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
   every sorrow turned to praise, is only by his grace.
   Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown He will provide.
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Benediction
Silent Prayer
Postlude

PARTICIPANTS March 15, 2026 **Altar Guild:** Carolyn McQuillan		
	8:00 a.m.	**10:30a.m**
Musicians	Linda Conrad, *Organist;* C-J Motisi, *Pianist & Choir Director*	Angela Pringnitz*, Spiritwind*
Pastor	Rev. Marty Marks	Rev. Marty Marks
Children's Message	---	Rev Marty Marks
Acolyte	Mikey Martinez	Irene Pringnitz
Lay Reader	Donna Boldt	Kyle VonSchnase
Radio Narrator	Chris Ewald	---
Videographer/Sound	Ted Stone	Doug Nelson
Slides	Doug Nelson	Mia Yelich
Communion Assistants	Dennis Martinez, Tom Sawyer	Keith Nelson, Will Michels
Ushers	Jeff Banister, Tom Sawyer, Ron Feldmann	Chloe Marks, Dan Lohmeier, Keith Nelson

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