

# **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## **LOST. FOUND. FORMED. FOR SERVICE.**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 26, 2017  
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

*“Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!”*  
*-Psalm 98:1a*



#### **AS WE GATHER**

From the start of His public ministry to its conclusion, Jesus performed many miracles. In bringing sight to the blind, He gave them a new vision of the world and opened new possibilities for them. As the One who brings the light of salvation to His people, Jesus opens new possibilities for our lives. As our perfect substitute, He takes the weight of sin from us and lightens the burdens we bear. Both lightened and enlightened, we rejoice in the miracles we experience each day by His grace.

**↓ means to be seated**

**↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult**

**↓ CALL TO WORSHIP**

**↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**↑ OPENING HYMN #545**

*“Word of God, Come Down On Earth”*

**+ DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING TWO +**  
(Hymnal, p. 167)

**↑ INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**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.**

**↑ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**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.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)*

**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.**

↑ **LENTEN HYMN**    *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*    *LSB 422*



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together.

**Heavenly Father, Your Son came not to be served but to serve. As we follow in His steps, give us wisdom, patience, and courage to minister in His name to all who suffer and are in need; for the love of Him who laid down His life for us, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

↓ **OLD TESTAMENT READING**    Isaiah 42:14–21

*(The Lord will turn darkness into light.)*

R: The Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, chapter forty-two.

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **EPISTLE** Ephesians 5:8–14

*(Walking as children of the light)*

R: The Epistle reading is from Ephesians, chapter five.

*(After the reading...)*

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

↑ **LENTEN VERSE**




**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

↑ **HOLY GOSPEL** John 9:1–41

*(Jesus heals a man who was born blind.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## ↑ APOSTLE'S CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

*We invite the children forward as we sing: L.U.Y.H. #56*

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

## ↓ CHILDREN'S TALK

### ↓ SERMON HYMN #849

*"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"*

### ↓ SERMON Text: John 9:1-41

Title: "Other People's Sins"

## ↓ TITHES, PLEDGES, AND OFFERINGS

[Please take a moment and sign the attendance book at the end of the pew]

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## ↑ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn us from all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Your kingdom come. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith, that the number of Christians be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit, according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need [*including . . .*], praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

(Additional prayers may be offered here)

P: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### ↑ PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.



And al-so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



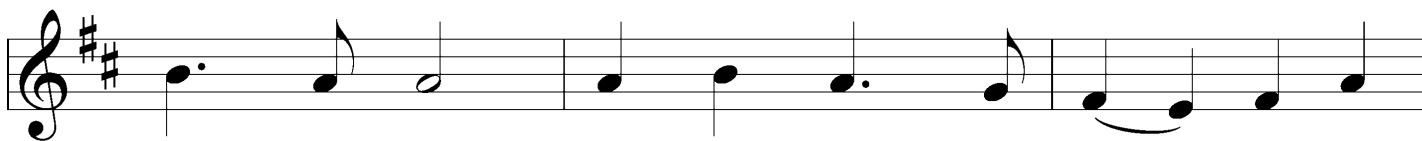
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## ↑ PROPER PREFACE

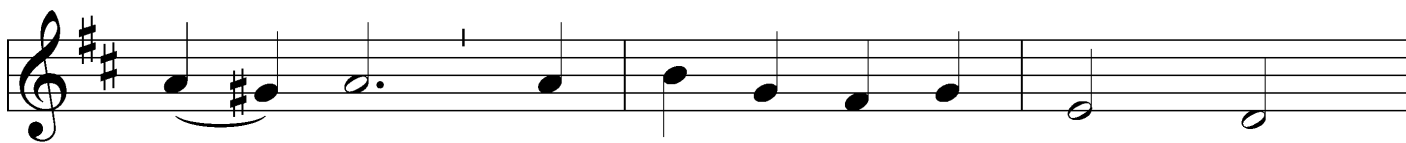
## ↑ SANCTUS



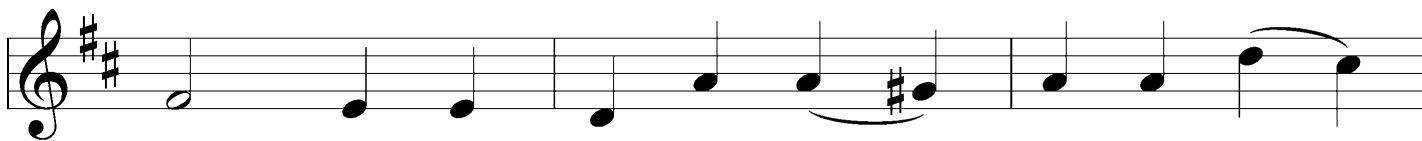
**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



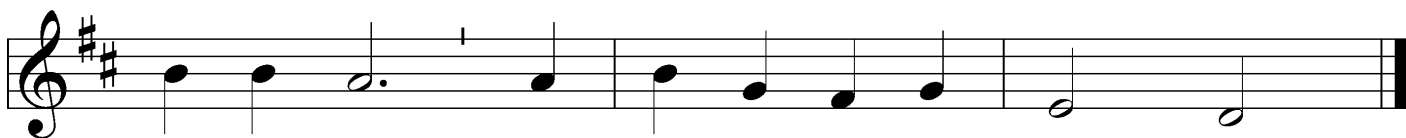
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## ↑ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### ↑ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

### ↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL: 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.**

### ↑ PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

### ↑ AGNUS DEI



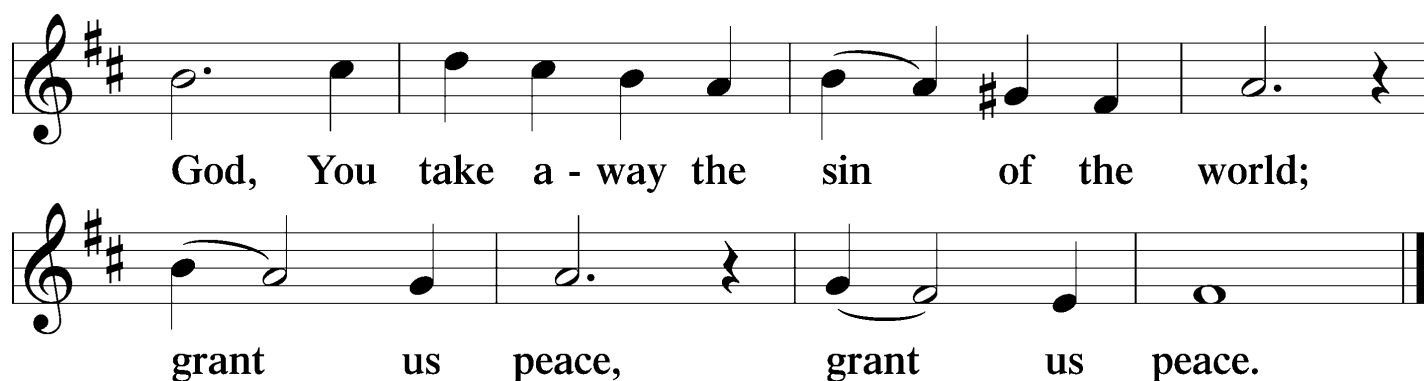
☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.



## COMMUNION INVITATION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation 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, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, are unclear on what all this means, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

## ↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#537 “*Beautiful Savior*”

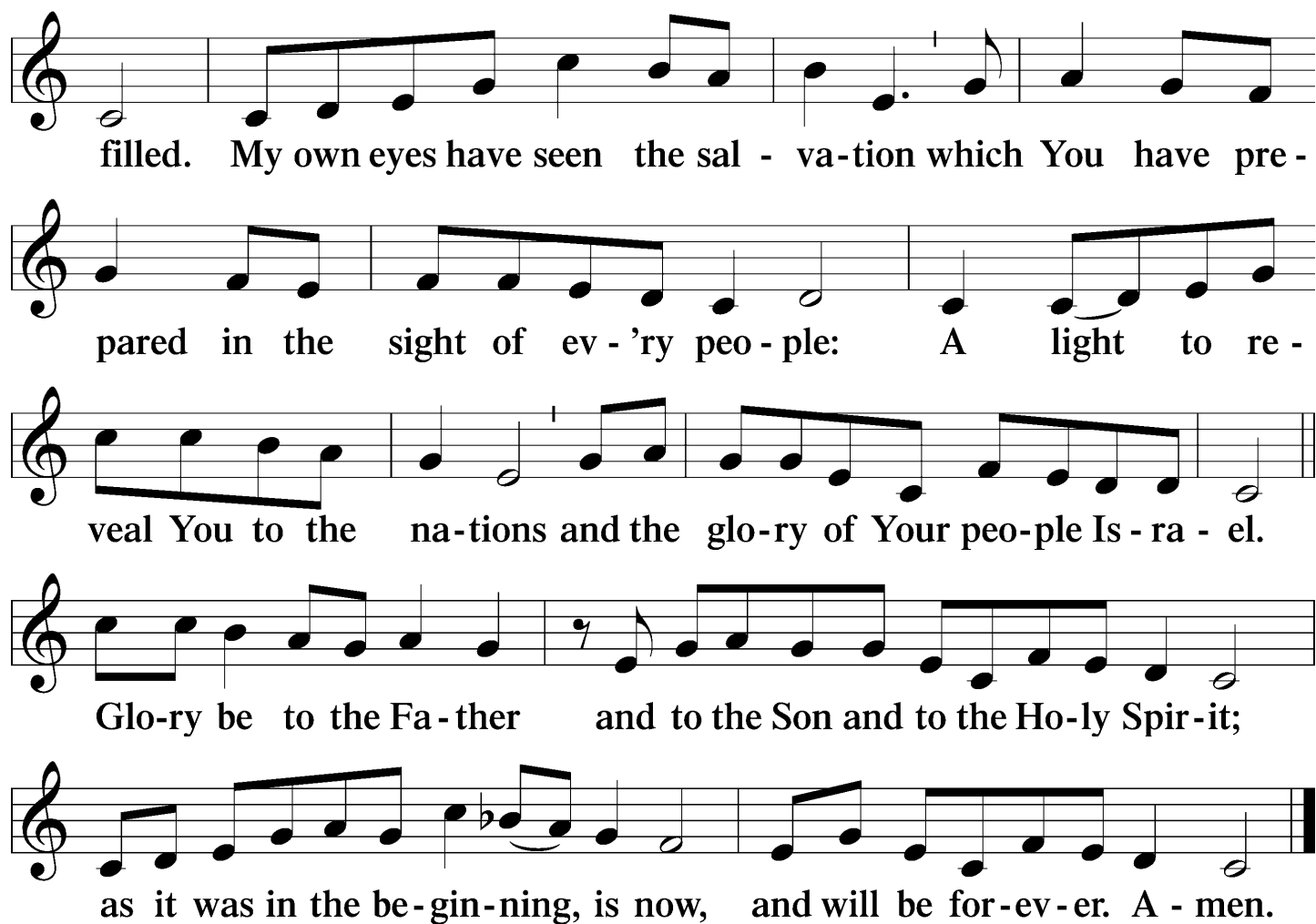
#571 “*God Loved the World So That He Gave*”

#420 “*Christ, the Life of All the Living*”

## ↑ NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## ↑ POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

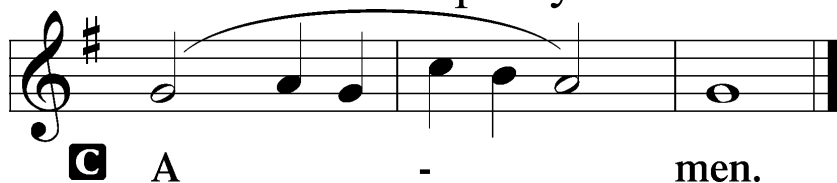
**C:** Amen.

## ↑ BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



## ↑ CLOSING HYMN #744 “Amazing Grace”

## ↑ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 13-15)

### VERSE OF THE WEEK

And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.”

(John 9:2-3)

## ↑ MISSION HYMN (*sung together*)

Lift high the Cross, the Love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

## POSTLUDE

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## IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD TODAY:

Officiants	Rev. Emil Gretarsson
Organist	Cindy Golem
Assisting Ministers	Mr. Bob Shives, Mr. Frank Waldron Mr. Jim Gann, Mr. Fred Tichnell
Usher	Ed Asper/TBD
Acolyte, 8:00	Erin Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Madison Bearman
Lector, 8:00	Bob Shives
Lector, 11:00	Sylvia Shives
Greeters, 8:00	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Vermilya
Greeters, 11:00	Cheryl Dawson
Nursery	Stephanie Gore

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Dale Hollinger.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

### NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Church: [concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com](mailto:concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com)

Open Arms: [openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com](mailto:openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com)

This week: - Monday – WV Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
(Tichnell home)

PA Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
(Amt home)

- Tuesday – CCDC Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

- Wednesday – LifeLight Bible Study, 12:00 p.m.

- Soup & Sandwich Supper, 5:45 p.m.

- Lenten Midweek Worship, 7:00 p.m.
- Confirmation Class, 8:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday – Men’s Group Breakfast & Bible Study,  
8:30 a.m.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDIES , 9:30 a.m. (in the fellowship hall)**

**NEW MEMBER CLASS today, 3/26, 3-5 pm. Join us!**

**Our “Mission of the Month” for March SED Sandtown Project.  
We will take a special offering after each service.**

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Request forms to have a prayer shawl made for you or a loved one are on the bulletin board to the left of the mailboxes. Please complete the form and put it in Jane O’Farrell’s mailbox. If anyone would like to share their talent of knitting or crocheting for this ministry please contact one of the members: Jane O’Farrell, Stephanie Gore, Cheryl Dawson.**

**CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES: Anyone interested in using church offering envelopes (old and new members alike), please see or call Mitzie Bowman 301-733-3234.800-5687.**

**Call for instrumentalists! Concordia would love to have instrumentalists add to our holiday celebrations, accompany the choir or add to our services on special occasions, and our new praise service. If you think you'd like to serve the Lord in this way, please contact Pastor Emil or Kathy Schleef at 717-401-0474/ksschleef@prodigy.net. Eagerly anticipating your calls!**

**Church Library News:** The Church library has a link on Concordia's Church Website (Our Library) and now under that link has the main library catalogue divided under four headings; PreK-Kindergarten, Children/Youth, Adult Fiction and Adult Non Fiction.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR – LUTHERAN COALITION:** Don't forget! We continue to collect funds to help serve the poorest of the poor in Haiti. \$2 per week from all our member families would mean \$10,000 to help alleviate their tremendous suffering.

### *Close Encounters – The God Kind*

Lent is a season that encourages a more intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. As we move through this period of reflection and repentance, He brings us through death to new life. We walk with Christ as He endures great suffering on our behalf and conquers the grave on Easter. As we do, He changes us. He helps us see things we've never seen before. He helps shape us more into the people He desires us to be.

This Lent, join us as we more closely examine the encounters others have with Jesus in the Scriptures. Each Wednesday will include a first-person narrative sermon from an eyewitness to the events of our Scripture readings. By walking in their shoes, we pray their transformative experiences will help to transform us all.

*Lenten Midweek 4 – March 29, 7 pm – Jesus Walks on Water*  
*Lenten Midweek 5 – April 5, 7pm – Jesus Heals Malchus' Ear*