

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

April 2, 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



Accounts of life coming out of death are found throughout the Bible. In the Old Testament, there is the story of the Valley of Dry Bones, which is celebrated in a familiar spiritual song that ends with this refrain: “Now hear the word of the Lord!” Our Lord Jesus Christ has words for us to hear—important, eternal words. In today’s Gospel we hear Him say: “I am the resurrection and the life!” Life came out of death for Lazarus and, by God’s gracious action, it does for us as well.

↓ means to be seated

↑ means to stand, unless repeated standing is difficult

[P: Pastor] [C: Congregation]

↓ CALL TO WORSHIP

↑ RINGING OF THE BELLS

↑ OPENING HYMN #864, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

“Shepherd of Tender Youth”

+ **DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE** +
(Hymnal, p. 151)

↑ 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.

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

↑ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

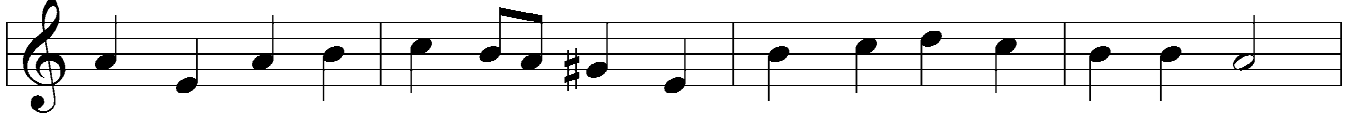
P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

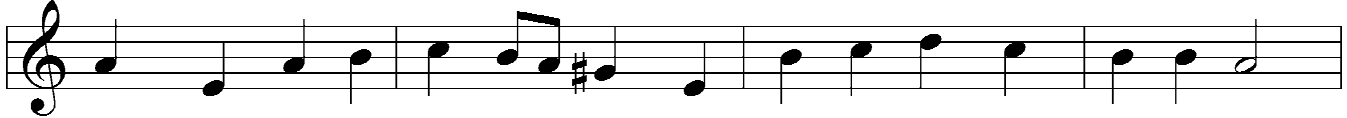
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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



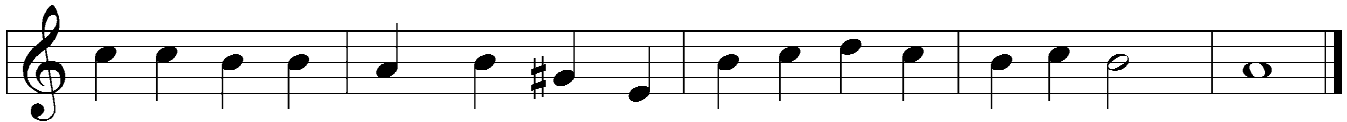
On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



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.

O Lord and giver of life, You call Your people from death and despair to faith and faithfulness. In Christ, we are assured of resurrection and life. Enlighten our hearts that we may have a right understanding in all things and may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your Word among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end. Amen.

↓ OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 37:1–14

(Life is restored in the Valley of Dry Bones.)

R: The First reading is from Ezekiel, chapter thirty-seven.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↓ EPISTLE READING Romans 8:1–11

(Life in the Spirit through Christ)

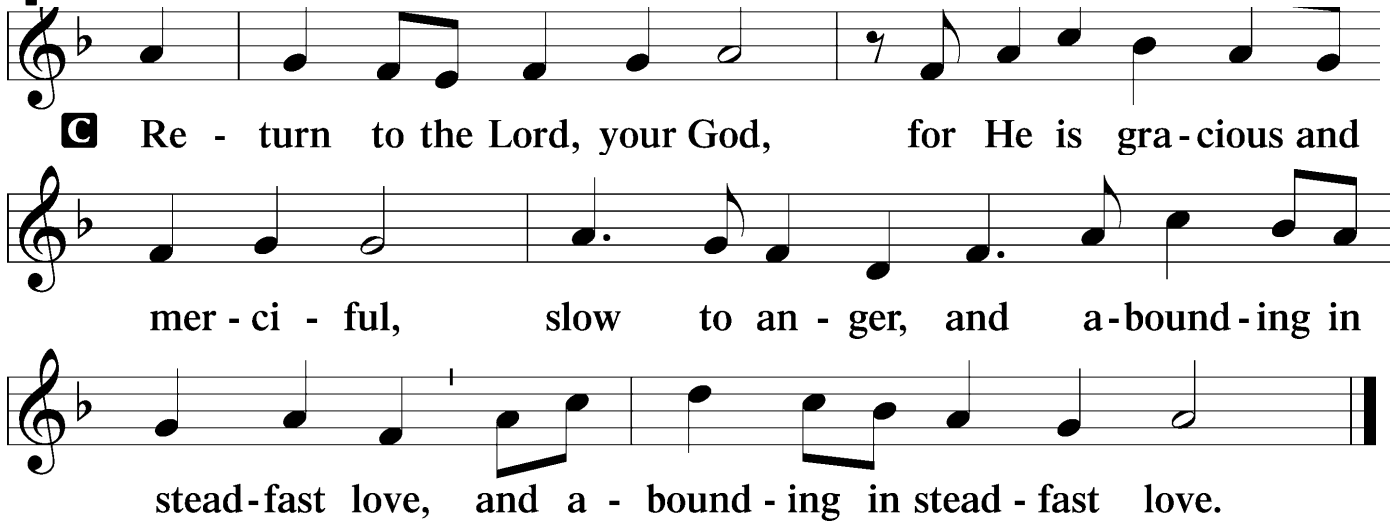
R: The Epistle reading is from Romans, chapter eight.

(After the reading...)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

↑ LENTEN VERSE



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 11:1–45

(The sign of the raising of Lazarus from the dead)

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



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Afer the reading:

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: LSB #861, v.1

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care,
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

↓ CHILDREN'S TALK

↓ SERMON HYMN #867

"Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

↓ SERMON

Text: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Title: “Better Than All the King’s Horses and All the King’s Men”

↓ 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: Grant us grace dear Lord. We pray for Your kingdom on earth. Around the globe may there be an increase of the Word of life. May the Spirit’s power be made evident in the Church, as it reaches out to all parts of the world, bringing the good news of sins forgiven through Christ to every place. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us love, dear Lord. We pray for our household of faith, for our families, and for our neighborhoods, that we may be filled with a sense of appreciation for all Your good gifts. As we are blessed by the care of others, so may we bless them with care in Your name. Loving God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us health, dear Lord. We pray at this time for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they may be supported by God’s people with care in the name of Christ. Healing God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant care, we pray, in mercy, Lord. Lead us by the working of the Holy Spirit to do that which God intends for us to do, bringing aid to the poor and hope to the oppressed, working for justice in our communities, and being agents of care and concern in our circles of relationship. Caring God, in mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers may be offered here.)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

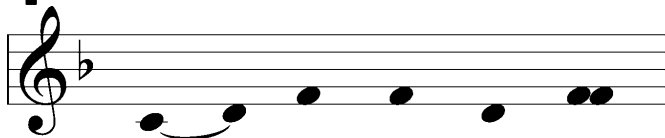
↓ **CONFIRMATION (11:00)**

↑ **DOXOLOGY (11:00)**

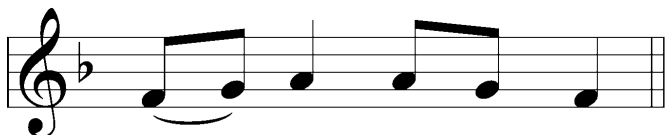
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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

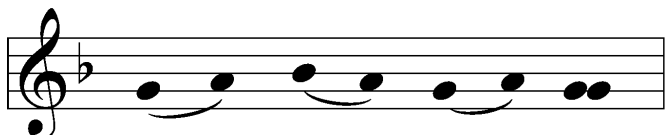
↑ **PREFACE**



P The Lord be with you.



C And also 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, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

11:00 service continues here

↑ 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*

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

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

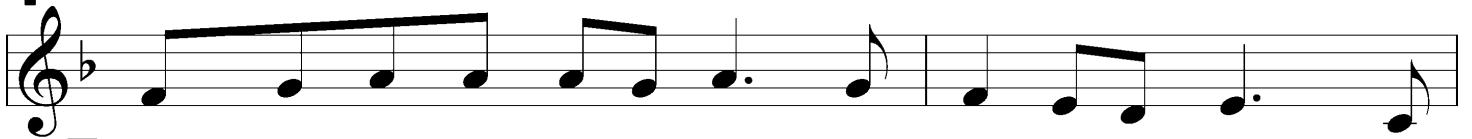
All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

↑ PAX DOMINI

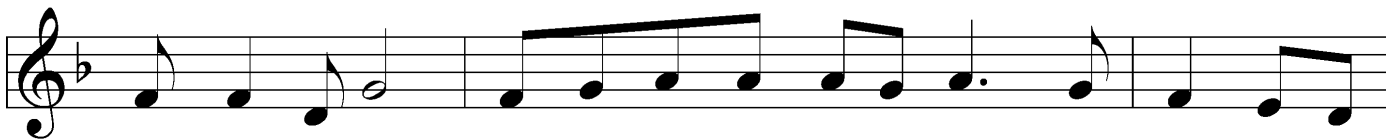
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

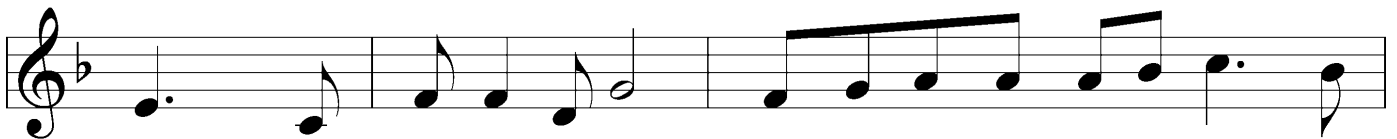
↑ AGNUS DEI



☐ 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



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.

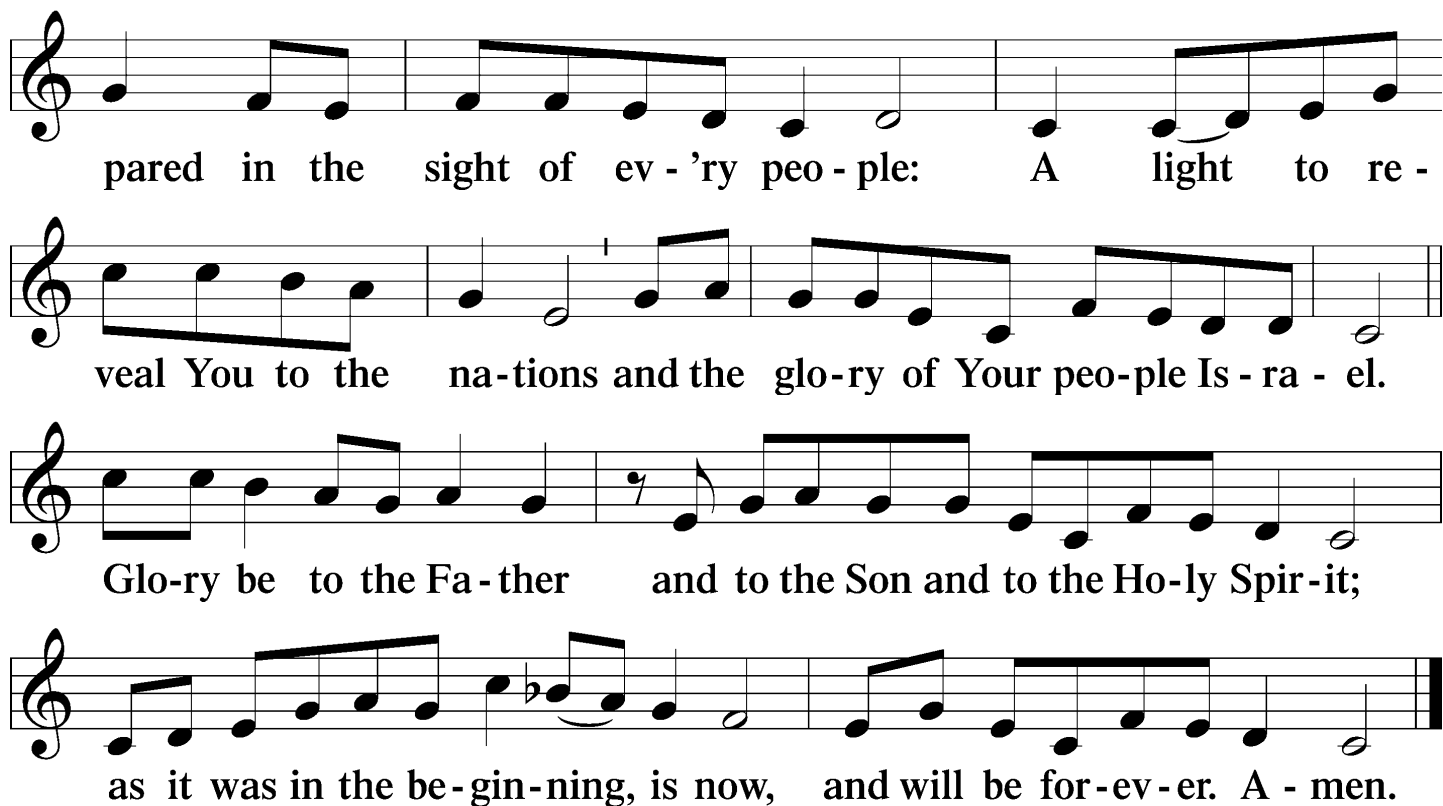
↓ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- #856 “*O Christ Who Called the Twelve*”
- #430 “*My Song Is Love Unknown*”
- #741 “*Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense*”

The 11:00 service continues with the Post-Communion Collect

↑ NUNC DIMITTIS





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 A - men.

↑ 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.



C A - men.

↑ CLOSING HYMN #922

“Go, My children, with My Blessings”

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS (p. 14-16)

VERSE OF THE MONTH

**If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your
mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.**

(Romans 8:11)

↑ MISSION HYMN (*sung together*)

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

POSTLUDE

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/Hugh McSweyn
Acolyte, 8:00	Tim Davidson
Acolyte, 11:00	Chase Baker
Lector, 8:00	Roland Foster
Lector, 11:00	Jim Gann
Greeters, 8:00	Mr. & Mrs. Les Braun
Greeters, 11:00	Mr. & Mrs. John Mullican
Nursery	Becky Brown

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Shives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please check the newsletter for additional announcements]

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Church: concordia.hagerstown@gmail.com

Open Arms: openarms.hagerstown1@gmail.com

- This week: - Monday – MD Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
(Shives home)
- 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.
 - Thursday – LWML Meeting, 10:00 a.m.

‘BE OUR BREAKFAST’ – Reception for Confirmands following the 11:00 service. All are welcome.

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

NEW MEMBER CLASS today, 4/2, 3-5 pm. Join us!

TODAY, 1-3 p.m. - OPEN ARMS PRESCHOOL Open House.

Our “Mission of the Month” for April is Orphan Grain Train. More info to come.

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 5 – April 5, 7pm – Jesus Heals Malchus' Ear
