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**THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

Drive-in Worship Bulletin

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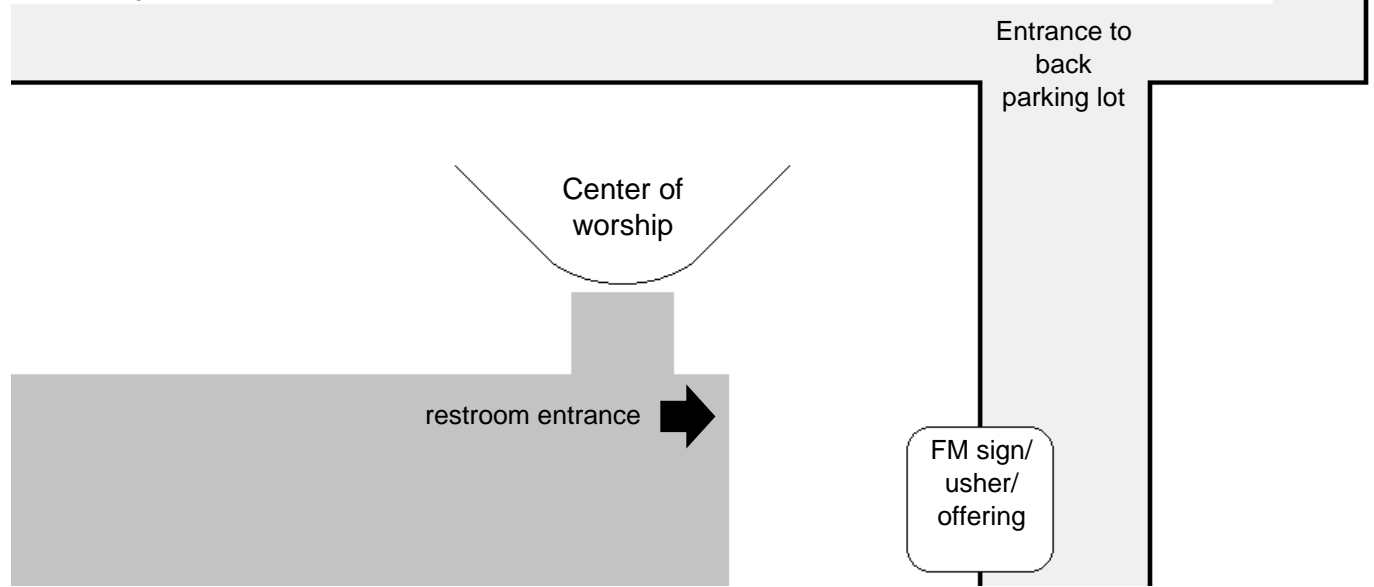
Welcome to All Saints! We warmly greet you in the name of Christ and give thanks for your participation in worship with us.

This global rally to diminish the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic is many things: unique, strange, and scary to say the least. Yet it is also a time that is pauseful, reflective, and humbling. As we practice social distancing, we are afforded the opportunity to think of the many ways that we are meant to be in relationship with one another and with God.

We hope this “drive-in worship” – whether practiced in the parking lot or viewed through the internet – will allow you to experience relationship with God and others while also taking the recommended measures to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 to one another.

For those attending drive-in worship in their vehicles, a few notes for you:

- Please attempt to print this bulletin at your home. That will limit the amount of direct distribution the usher will do.
- Note which FM frequency you need to tune your car stereo. A sign will be posted with the frequency as you enter the parking area.
- An offering box will be available near the usher as you enter. The usher can assist you with placing items in the box.
- The usher will also do a headcount of all people as they enter.
- Park in the back parking lot, facing the church building.
- A set of double-doors to the Parish Life Center will be unlocked in case someone needs to enter the restroom. We cannot prevent anyone from exiting their vehicles, but we ask that you take seriously health officials' instructions by practicing social distancing and remaining in your vehicles as much as possible.



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## + GATHERING+

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

### SABBATH MEDITATION

*Be still, know that I am God*

*Be still, know that I am*

*Be still, know that I*

*Be still, know that*

*Be still, know*

*Be still*

*Be*

Meditative practice based on Psalm 46:10

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**Amen.**

O Lord, if you were to keep watch over sins, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*We practice a moment of silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**We have deviated from your care for all creation.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find  
what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**Amen.**



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai-ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
 Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
 guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king-dom shore, to thy shore.

Text and Music: North American traditional

**GREETING**

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

**And also with you. *[flash headlights]***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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+

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*The psalm is spoken in unison.*

### **PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord. *[flash headlights]***

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such

signs?” And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup>He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup>They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup>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?” <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup>The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ. *[flash headlights]***

## SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

By *Gracious Powers*

ELW 626 (tune: MORNING STAR)



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: MORNING STAR, James P Harding, 1850-1911, adapt.

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## CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of peace, show your compassion for the whole human family that is in turmoil and burdened with illness and with fear. Come to our aid as the coronavirus spreads globally, heal those who are sick, support and protect their loved ones from being infected. Grant us your spirit of love and self-discipline so that we may come together to control and eliminate the virus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, send your Holy Spirit over all people and nations. Anoint leaders who seek goodness and truth on behalf of all. Frustrate the efforts of those who would seek to cause violence, confusion or terror. Strengthen and encourage those in public health services and in the medical profession and all who commit themselves to caring for the sick and their families. Inspire, give insight and hope to all researchers focused on developing a vaccine. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, you care for our needs even before we ask. Come quickly to all who need prayer this day, especially those living or working in: hospitals, nursing homes, testing sites, schools, grocery stores, food service, cleaning services, state and local institutions, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention and The World Health Organization, as well as all those we name before you now... Give calm to all amidst uncertainties in the workplace and in our homes, especially those caring for children or elders, as well as facing financial uncertainties. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear all our prayers through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you. *[flash headlights]*

*The people may greet one another with signs of Christ's peace: waves, shouts of "Peace be with you," horn honks, etc.*

## +THANKSGIVING+

*We give thanks to God.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## +SENDING+

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*Amazing Grace*

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt. , sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**Thanks be to God. [flash headlights]**

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