



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

# UNFINISHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL  
IN THE NOT YET

CALLED TO ATTENTIVENESS

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest City, Iowa

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March 19, 2023 9:15am in person / online / on the radio

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*Building community in the name and likeness of Jesus Christ.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Lord is my Shepherd

**C: I shall not want.**

L: The Shepherd calls.

**C: We hear the Shepherd's voice.**

L: The Shepherd cares for our every need.

**C: We are loved.**

L: The Shepherd searches for us.

**C: We are found.**

L: The Shepherd leads us through the deepest valleys.

**C: We will not be afraid.**

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

**C: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

GATHERING HYMN: "Praise the One who Breaks the Darkness"

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### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

L: Gracious God,

**C: we confess that we often invest our attention in misguided places and in misguided ways. We admit that where we focus our attention can prevent us from recognizing you at work right in front of us. Forgive us, and help us to center our lives in you so that cross-marked and Spirit-sealed we may join in your creative and redeeming work for all the world. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

L: God who is rich in mercy, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love has come to us in Jesus, who by his holy cross has redeemed the world. Buried with Christ by baptism into death, your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name. Cross-marked and Spirit-sealed, you are raised to new life. Almighty God strengthen you in faith to live each day renewed in God's call for your life. Amen.

### 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

When we are distracted by things that cause us to lose track of your call, O God, turn our attention back to you, that we might recognize you at work in our lives. Direct the ponderings of our hearts toward where you call us to pay attention. Teach us to regard your work in all creation and to be attentive to what you are doing. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 *David is chosen and anointed*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14 *Awake from sleep, live as children of light*

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

*Announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*Conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

CHILDREN'S SERMON / SERMON

Pastor Zech

HYMN OF THE DAY: **"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"** by Lauren Daigle, Dwan Hill, Paul Mabury  
*chorus*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face,*

*And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.*

Oh soul, are you weary and troubled, no light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

Through death into life everlasting He passed, as we follow Him there.

O'er us sin no more hath dominion, for more than conquerors we are. *chorus*

His word shall not fail You, He promised. Believe Him and all will be well.

Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell. *chorus*

*ending (repeat several times)*

*Oh, turn your, oh, turn your, oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus.*

APOSTLES' CREED

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: *L: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**Ruby Sue** Albertsen

**Bill** Hamm

**Ashley** Rayhons

**Liam** Bartleson

**Sonja** Johnson

**Tim** Schmidt

**Hazel** Barloon

**Ken** Melby

**Marge** Solberg

**Hayden** Despenas

**Jill** (Lewison) Nedved

**Jennie** Spencer

**Clara** Eisenmann

**Lisa** Overlie

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Magallanes**

**Jon** Ranheim

**Missionary Karen** Anderson

SHARING OF THE PEACE: *L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.*

OFFERING: "Come Unto Me"

Choir

OFFERTORY: **"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**

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OFFERING PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Eucharistic Prayer / Lord’s Prayer

“Lamb of God”

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COMMUNION:       **“Amazing Grace”**  
                          **“Lead Me, Guide Me”**

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

SENDING HYMN: **“O Living Bread from Heaven”**

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BLESSING

DISMISSAL:    Go in peace. Serve in love.  
                  **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Worship Participants:**

Altar Care: Joan Beebe

Greeter: Shirley Rollefson

Coffee Fellowship: Bell Choir

Piano/Organ: Amy Thorson

Communion Set Up: Ruth Melby

Choir Director: Linda Ferjak

Assisting Minister/Scripture Reader: Kathy McEnelly

Ushers: Banta family

Sound/Video Techs: Dave Midtgaard/Bruce Midtgaard

Song Leaders: Cindi Lehmann, Steve Olmstead

Communion Servers: Tasha Banta, Sandy Lillquist

**Today’s worship is broadcast** at 11:00am over KLOW 107.3 FM. Broadcast is given in memory of Don & Edell Westerberg from Steve & Nancy Westerberg.