

MARCH 15, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



Jesus brings light and new life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind
Monday	1 Samuel 16:1-13	David is anointed king
Tuesday	Ephesians 5:8-14	Living as people of light
Wednesday	James 4:11-12	Warning against judging others
Thursday	Isaiah 55:6-11	God's ways are not our ways
Friday	Matthew 7:1-5	Judging others
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 11:1-45	The raising of Lazarus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. **Ephesians 5:8-9 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, thank you for overcoming our darkness with the light of Christ; help us live as children of light and to be filled with all that is good and right and true through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind and food to the hungry. We thank you for your kindness and praise you for your goodness. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the light of Jesus shine through you.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord of All Hopefulness



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Think or tell of a time that you felt you were “in the dark” and needed help to see something more clearly.
- How does the light of Christ help you see the world with hope and love?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and John 9:1-41.

In John 9 Jesus sees in the blind man a person who needs mercy and sight. This story is built on an important theme that Jesus is the “*true light, which enlightens everyone*” introduced in John 1:9. Just as Jesus gave sight to the blind man, Jesus gives divine light for all the world. Jesus’ light challenges the Pharisees who think they see yet do not truly see. In 1 Samuel the prophet is to anoint a new king, but Samuel is not able to perceive or see what God sees. A scrawny, youngest son (David) who is originally not even considered as a candidate, is chosen by God to be king. Thankfully, God sees and decides by a standard far different from our own. In our blindness, Jesus comes to us and shows God’s work of healing and new life. The light Jesus brings into the world helps us to see ourselves and others with mercy.

Discuss: How has Jesus, the “*true light,*” enlightened your life and helped you see others with mercy?

Pray: **Almighty and merciful God, thank you for your ways that conquer human blindness with hope and new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who can you reach out to that needs words and acts of compassion and kindness?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the fourth week in Lent, light four of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym **ACTS** (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents “**S**”, for Supplication, meaning to humbly ask God to provide something for yourself or on behalf of someone else.

Pray: **Dear God, just as you healed the blind man, I ask for your healing in the lives of those who are in need of your loving presence including . . . , in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.**



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