

# THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US

**Pastor Jakob Valsson**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Look with the Light*

March 22, 2020 / 10:30 am

### AS WE GATHER

It's said that darkness is nothing more than the absence of light. Darkness and blindness are words often used throughout Scripture to describe our sinfulness—the absence of the true Light. In our continued Lenten journey, we prepare our hearts for the dark afternoon of Good Friday at the cross. Yet even in that darkness, Jesus Christ brings the light of life. In our times of spiritual blindness and comfort in the darkness of this world, we gather again today to see His light through our vision of Spirit-given faith, that our eyes may look to Him who is the light of the world—the light no darkness can overcome.

### PARENTS OF SMALL CHILDREN

A well-equipped Nursery is available for your use should your little one need to leave during the service. There are quiet toys, a washroom, and comfortable chairs for Mom or Dad. A good sound system and large windows mean you won't have to miss the service.

### PROCESSIONAL

*Lift High the Cross*  
[LSB 837; vv 1-4,6]

### LSB DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR

## PREPARATION

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*  
[MP 712]

### INVOCATION

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *p203*

### KYRIE

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### HYMN

*Alabaré*  
[LSB 799]

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**  
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+ **WORD** +

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** **Isaiah 42:14–21** *(Amid the unbelief of His people, God will turn darkness to light.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm of the Day** ~ *Psalm 142*

**EPISTLE READING** **Ephesians 5:8–14** *(Once in darkness, we are now children of light in the Lord.)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Psalm 36:9*

**ALL:** **With You is the fountain of life;  
in Your light do we see light.**

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** **John 9:1–41**  
*(Jesus heals a man born blind.)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

**APOSTLES' CREED** *p158*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Rise, Shine, You People*  
*[LSB 825]*

## **SERMON**

**OFFERING / OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends with: *Lord, in Your mercy,*

and we respond with:  
hear our prayer.

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**BENEDICAMUS** *p212*

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*This Little Light of Mine*  
*[Sheet]*