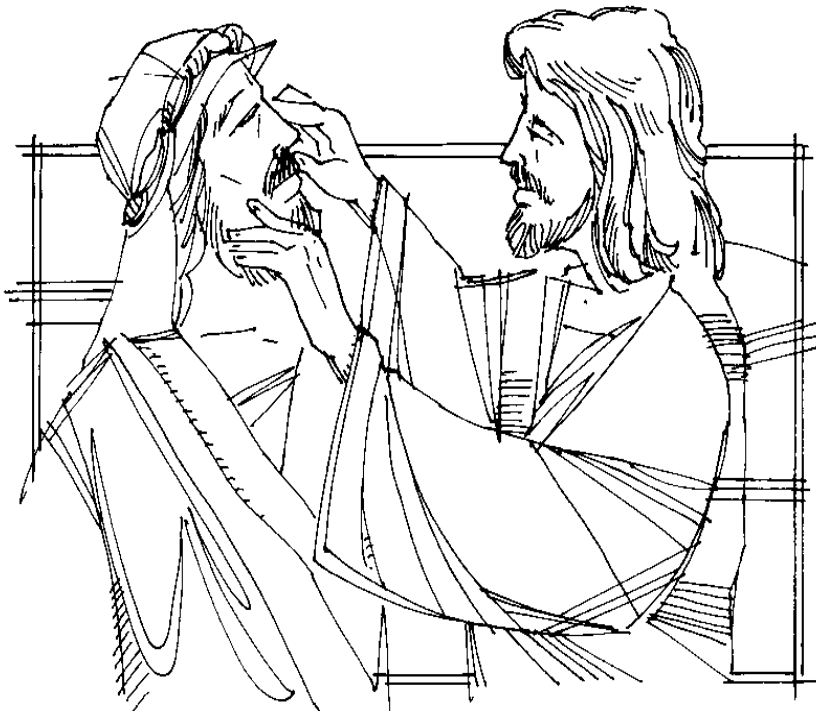


One thing I do know...



*...that though I was blind,
NOW I SEE!*

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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2011

Pre-service Meditation

Psalm 143; pg. 155

Opening Hymn 361

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

Our Order of Worship:
Lutheran Hymnal pg. 5

PSALM OF THE DAY:

(from Psalm 19)

- P:** The law of the LORD is perfect,
- C: Converting the soul;**
- P:** The testimony of the LORD is sure,
- C: making wise the simple;**
- P:** The statutes of the LORD are right,
- C: rejoicing the heart;**
- P:** The commandment of the LORD is pure,
- C: enlightening the eyes;**
- P:** The fear of the LORD is clean,
- C: enduring forever;**
- P:** The judgments of the LORD are true
- C: and righteous altogether.**
- P:** More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold;
- C: Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.**
- P:** Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
- C: And in keeping them there is great reward.**
- P:** Who can understand his errors?
- C: Cleanse me from secret faults.**

P: *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;*

C: Let them not have dominion over me.

P: *Then I shall be blameless,*

C: And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

P: *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart*

C: Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

P: *Glory be to God!*

ALL: ♪ "Glory be to the Father..."

- THE COLLECT -

P: *Let us pray - Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

ALL: ♪ "A - - men"

Scripture Readings

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." - John 20:31

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ ISAIAH 42:14-21 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, *and* refrained myself: *now* will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once. 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods. 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. 19 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger *that* I sent? who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant? 20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not. 21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honourable.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ EPHESIANS 5:8-14 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

P: *As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:14-15)*

ALL: ♪ Powers on earth, ordained by God,
Willfully o'er justice trod
Though they knew Thee innocent,
To Thy death gave their consent. Lord have mercy.

(Text: Wm. G. Kennell, 1948; Tune: TLH #190)

P: *Our Gospel lesson for today is from the Gospel according to John, reading today the ninth chapter.*

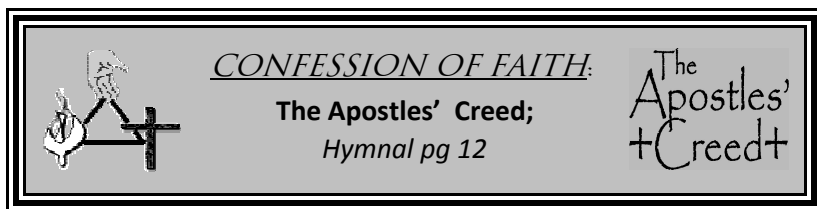
C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON ~ JOHN 9 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. 7 And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. 8 Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?" 9 Some said, "This is he." Others said, "He is like him." He said, "I am he." 10 Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight." 12 Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know." 13 They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. 14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. 17 They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 "but by

what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." 24 So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." 25 He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." 26 Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29 "We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from." 30 The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! 31 "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. 32 "Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. 33 "If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." 34 They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?" 36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" 37 And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." 38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him. 39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind." 40 Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

P: So far our Gospel lesson.

C:  Praise be to Thee, O Christ!



Hymn 512

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"

~ THE SERMON ~

JOHN 9 - Read for the Gospel Lesson

THE WORKS OF GOD REVEALED

- Seeing

- Confessing and worshipping

~ THE OFFERTORY ~

♩ "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..."

Hymn 777



"Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound"

*~ Offering of Thankful Hearts ~
~ Prayers and Lord's Prayer ~
~ The Benediction ~*

Hymn of the Month 723

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WELCOME TO YOU ALL! We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

CLC NEWS Trinity Lutheran Church (Spokane, WA) has called Pastor Dave Fuerstenau (Holy Truth, Ketchikan, AK).  Ascension Lutheran Church (Batavia [Chicago], IL) has called Pastor Caleb Schaller (Redemption, Lynnwood, WA).  Teachers Beth Sydow (Messiah, Eau Claire, WI) and Sharron Schierenbeck (Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL) have announced their retirement at the end of this school year. Messiah has called Mrs. Carrie Reim to teach 1st grade all day and 2nd grade in the afternoon. Immanuel has called Miss Anita Meyer (Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI).

UPDATE ON PASTOR WALT SCHALLER *From Pastor Schaller:* "Everything to date continues to give evidence of a successful (full) hip joint replacement (right). The pain has not been as severe as the Dr. expected, though I continue to take meds for pain daily. For three weeks following the 3/17 surgery I will be taking an anti-coagulant to lessen the chance of blood clots developing. It will take some time for the muscle to reattach that was pulled loose from the hip in order to insert the new joint. The thigh (quad) and other surrounding muscles will have to regain strength and "learn" how to work with the new joint. For this purpose exercises are done 2X daily and sessions with a physical therapist (3X weekly) have begun."

We certainly praise our Great Physician for the successful surgery and pray He would continue to grant His servant, Pastor Schaller, improved strength and mobility!

HYMN OF THE MONTH As we examine the second verse of our hymn of the month, hymn 723, we look at verses 3 and 4. In verse 3 the author writes of us singing to God and to the Lamb, who is Jesus Christ. This reminds us of that which John saw in the book of Revelation. In Revelation 5 we read, "***Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!***" (Rev 5:13) Likewise how the author speaks of how "millions join the theme" of singing to God and the Lamb, also reminds us of the scene of heaven in Revelation, "***Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!'***" (Rev. 5:11-12)

How long will we sing this hymn of praise to our God and the Lamb that was slain to save us? Now and into eternity! In verse 4 the hymn writer speaks of being free from death and signing our love for Jesus throughout eternity. Being free from death, likewise, reminds us of what John wrote in the book of Revelation, "***And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.***" (Rev 21:4)

What wondrous love this is that Jesus would bear the dreadful curse of hell for us, so that we might live on eternally with Him in heaven! May God ever give us the voice to sing His love for us through eternity!

Next Sunday we begin a new "Hymn of the Month," hymn 721 which the choir will introduce.

QUARTERLY MEETING NEXT SUNDAY The Board of Elders have set the agenda for the 2nd Quarter Voters meeting on April 2. Some of the items to be aware of:

- **CONFIRMATION** - Two of our young people, Lydia and Shelby, are ready to be confirmed this spring. We are planning to have the examination and confirmation on Sunday, May 22. The examination would be at 9 am and the Confirmation service with Communion would be at 10 am.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** - The Voters will be considering whether or not to include a worship service on Good Friday this year. Services times could be:
 - 9am (when Jesus was crucified)
 - 3pm (when Jesus died)
 - 7pm (our usual time for evening worship services).

Scheduling possibilities for Holy Week could be:

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service only (maintain our current tradition)
- Maundy Thursday AND Good Friday services
- Maundy Thursday OR Good Friday services (alternate each year)
- Good Friday services only

You are asked to consider these possibilities for our Holy Week schedule and share your thoughts with the Voters.

- **BUILDING COMMITTEE** - In January, Steve and Judy Hansen have offered to donate their current house to the church for use as a parsonage. This would involve moving it from their property to our property in Hecla, preparing the land, laying a foundation, and other remodeling items. If this is something the congregation wants to pursue further, the Voters will want to give Steve and Judy some direction at this meeting. If you have any input on the matter, please speak with our Building Committee members: Marvin, Mick, and Steve.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Parents are asked to review their summer schedule and suggest possible VBS dates.

- **VALLEYFAIR OUTING** - We would like to try and plan a group outing to Valleyfair in Minnesota again this year. The Voters will be considering possible dates.
- **3rd QUARTER PLANNING** - We will also want to plan ahead for a couple of events in the 3rd Quarter:
 - Church Picnic - Suggested date of July 3 following the 3rd Quarter meetings
 - Harvest Festival - August 14 or 21? Afternoon service? Guest speaker?

If there are any other items that need to come before the Voters, please speak with President Paul Hansen.

APRIL CLEANERS NEEDED! We are very grateful to all who are able to give of their time and ability to help keep the Lord's house clean. We are in need of a cleaner during the month of April. Might you be able to serve your Lord and His congregation in this way? If you cannot take the whole month but are able to take a week, please make a note on the bulletin board in the entryway. And thank you!

This Week @ Prince of Peace...

Today

- 10:15 Bible Class (*Daniel 2*) and Sunday School (*L4-3 - NT14; L2 - NT50; Pre - NT37*)
- 11:00 Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

- 5:00 Confirmation Class
- 6:15 Meal for class (*Pfeiffer*)
- 7:00 Mid-Week Lenten Service (Profiles of the Passion - Caiaphas: A Profile of Unbelief)

Thursday

- 7:30 Aberdeen Bible Class (Study of the Passion)

Sunday, April 3, 2011 - 4th Sunday in Lent

- 9:00 Worship Service with Holy Communion
- 10:25 Bible Class (*Daniel*) and Sunday School (*L4-3 - NT15; L2 - NT51; Pre - NT38*)
- 11:00 Adult Choir practice
- 11:30 Potluck
- 12:00 Quarterly Meetings

SERVING IN APRIL:
Cleaners: ???
Ushers: Paul and Steve

"The Bread of Life"

Daily Bible readings for home devotions.

	<u>Scripture:</u>	<u>Hymn:</u>
Mon -- 28	<u>1 Thessalonians 4:1-7</u> This is God's will for our welfare.	400
Tues -- 29	<u>Hebrews 5:5-10</u> Jesus' perfection compensates for our sins.	385
Wed -- 30	<u>Psalms 116:1-19</u> Can we identify the psalm's three speakers?	600
Thur - 31	<u>Luke 22:31-38</u> Such self-assurance is Satan's workshop.	516
Fri -- 1	<u>Matthew 26:36-46</u> Don't sleep away your hours with Jesus.	163
Sat -- 2	<u>Ephesians 5:1-10</u> We enjoy living in/with Jesus' love.	342