

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

ELW Pg. 152

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy and gracious God,

I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of Light (vs.1-3) ELW #815

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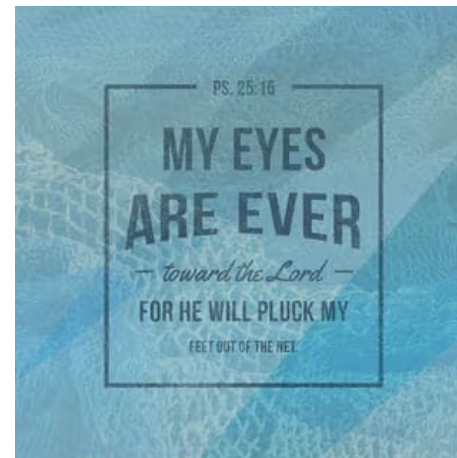
Psalm 25:15

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

APOSTOLIC 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.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PRAISE

Blind man

SCREEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Almighty God, grant that we, who for our evil deeds worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of your grace, may mercifully be relieved; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

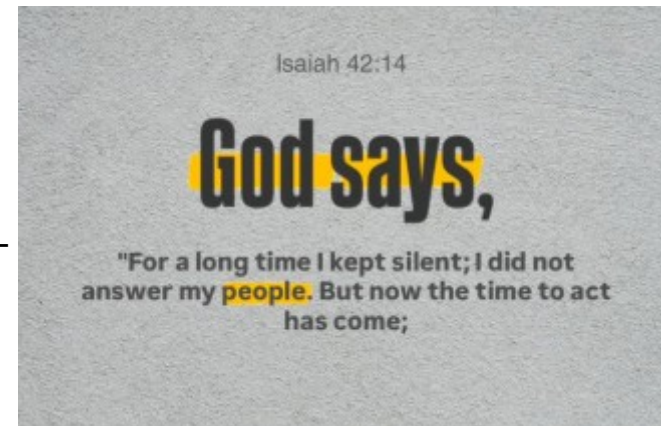
THE WORD OF GOD

TODAY'S READING **Isaiah 42:14-21** **God Restores His People**

¹⁴ For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵ I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶ And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷ They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." **Israel's Failure to Hear and See**
¹⁸ Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? ²⁰ He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.
²¹ The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 142 God Our Refuge

¹ With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for mercy to
the LORD.

² **I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.**

³ When my spirit faints within me, you
know my way! In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.

⁴ **Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me; no one cares
for my soul.**

⁵ I cry to you, O LORD; I say, “You are
my refuge, my portion in the land of the
living.”

⁶ **Attend to my cry, for I am brought very low! Deliver me from my
persecutors, for they are too strong for me!**

⁷ Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks to your name! The righteous will
surround me, for you will deal bountifully with me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (vs 1)

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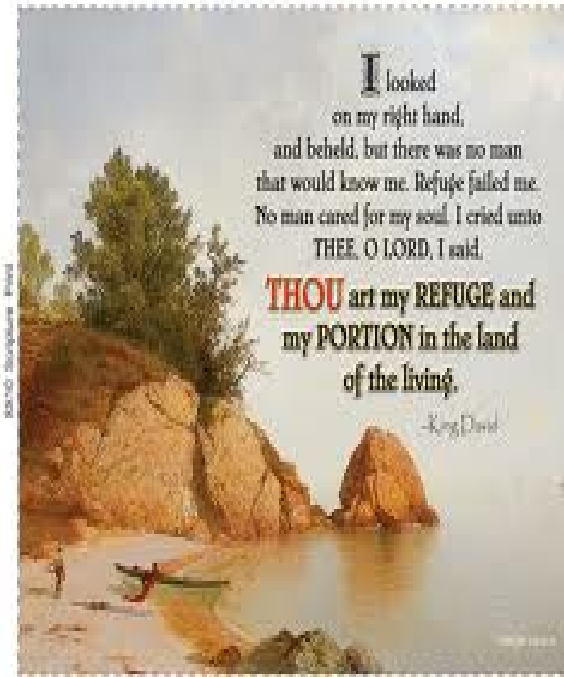
WORD OF GOD: Gospel Lesson

The holy gospel according to St John the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: : John 9:1-41 The Blind Will See

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked
him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus
answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of
God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me
while it is day; 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 Having said these things, he spit on the
ground and made mud with the saliva. ⁴ Then he anointed the man's eyes with



the mud ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰ So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹ He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight” ¹² They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” ¹⁸ 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 ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”) ²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷ 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?” ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes.

³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.



The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY **Amazing Grace (vs. 1,2,4)**

ELW #779

APOSTLES CREED

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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN He Leadth Me: Oh, Blessed Thought! (all) LBW#501

OFFERTORY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy”

ELW# 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

Let us pray...

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Jesus came to seek the lost and restore the dead to life. Though we have lived wastefully, squandering our inheritance, by his grace we are your beloved children.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness
of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



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we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.

Make us a new creation in Christ; reconcile us to yourself, so that we may bear your message of reconciliation to all the world. Let us be ambassadors for Christ, ministers of your grace and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

LBW #92

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

O Bread of Life from Heaven	LBW# 222
Give me Jesus	ELW# 770
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms	ELW# 774

DECLARATION OF GRACE

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.
Amen



SENDING SONG Be Thou My Vision (vs.1,2,4)

ELW# 793

DISMISSAL

God's peace is upon us for He healed our spiritual blindness.
Thanks Be to God!



This Week's Events

Sunday, March 15
 No Sunday School Spring Break
 9:15 AM Worship Service
 Blessing of the Quilts

Monday, March 16
 10AM Bible Study -
With All Your Heart - Making Space for God
 6:00 PM Whittling for Christ

Tuesday, March 17 St Patrick's Day
 9:00 AM Music Planning Team
 9:00 AM Quilter's meet
 6:00 PM Bible Study
"The Chosen"
Season 1 Episode 4 Bible Study
You Change Course

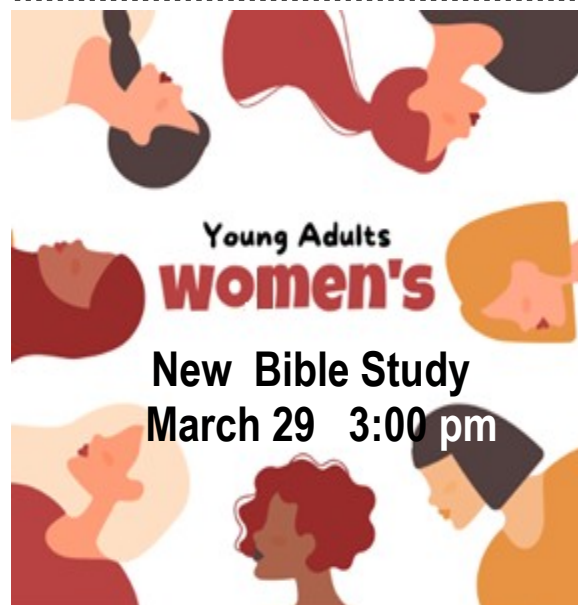
Wednesday, March 18
 4:30 PM Confirmation
 5:00 PM Soup Supper
 6:00 PM Lent 4 Service
When We are Uncertain about the Future
(Genesis 15:-12, 17-18)
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 19
 9:00 AM Office help

Sunday, March 22
 8:30 AM Sunday School
 9:15 AM Worship Service



Info due this week



Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:

Virginia Altman	Howard Kruse
Ashley Armatys	Donald Lange
Florence Bentke	Kathy Nordt
Tom Bentke	Helen Schulze
Phyllis Bickham	Verna Mae Sefcik
Milton Bosse	Delores Seeker
Jerry Cochran	Connie Seward
Janice Cordova	Laura Sulaica
Donna Deleon	Vernon Wagner
Ruth Finke	Carol Westerfeld
John Haarmeyer	Florence Wolff
Elsie Herrmann	
Marjorie Hohlt	

Our Family and Friends

Cheryl Davis	Sandra Lange
Mary Angel	Keith Mikolajchak
Beau Brauninger	Mr./Mrs. Greg Schmitt
Gladys Campion	Patricia Thaler
Weldon Haevischer	Rain

Names remain for 60 Days unless otherwise notified.
 Please use the back of the attendance card if someone
 needs to be added or removed from the list.

Please complete a card each time you attend.

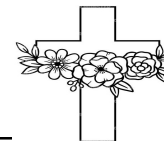
UPCOMING

Mark your Calendars!

Ladies

Make Plans to attend
 WNALC South Texas
 Mission Gathering
 Saturday, April 11, 2026
 8:30AM- 2:00PM
 \$20 Breakfast/Lunch
 Register by March 25

See Sandy
 Ordner for
 more details



Sign up
 in Church
 Foyer

Lesson 2 Making Space for God
WITH ALL YOUR HEART **NEW**
10AM **Monday**
March 16

Whittling for Christ
Scripture and woodworking
6 PM on
Monday nights In Activity Center.

6PM Bible Study **Tuesday**
March 17
The CHOSEN
 FIND YOURSELF IN THE STORY
 Season 1, Episode 4 -
You Change Course Bible Study

Altar Flowers
 IN HONOR OF
 THEIR 36TH ANNIVERSARY
 BY RUSSELL & TINA SEEKER

5PM
Soup
Supper
6PM Lent 4
Worship
This Wednesday
March 18

March 18

Soup:
1. Hailey Kruse
2. Sherry Randermann
3. Jennifer Schroeder
4.
5.
Cornbread:
1. Jennifer Schroeder
2. Jill Eckert
3.
Cookies:
1. Sherry Randermann
2. Jill Eckert
3.
Set-up & Clean-up:
Jill Eckert
Council Members:
1.
2.

Happy Anniversary !
Russell & Tina Seeker
 3/17 36 years
Reagan & Taylor Lawhun
 3/19 5 years

On the Anniversary of Your Baptism

Gary Schulze	3/15
Debra Westerfeld	3/15
Penny Randermann	3/18
Derek Gaskamp	3/19
Justin Neuendorff	3/21

MEN'S BREAKFAST
 Meeting this month on the 4th Saturday
March 28
7:30AM

ST JOHN LUTHERAN'S
Quilters
 This **Tuesday**
9:00 AM
March 17

NAOMI CIRCLE
 Meeting on the **1st Thursday**
10 AM

RACHAEL CIRCLE
 Meeting on the **2nd Tuesday**
10 AM

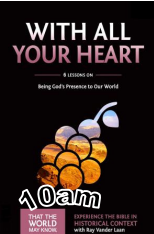


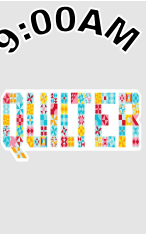



Ladies Aid
 Meeting on the **2nd Thursday**
2:00PM



The Ladies of St. John Lutheran will be taking orders for Easter Lilies to bless our sanctuary for the Easter Holy days. The Lilies are available for \$13.00 each. They are white lilies in 6 inch pots wrapped with gold foil. The Easter lilies may be placed in honor of or in memory of your loved ones as the flowers decorate and add to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection in the sanctuary.



The Church Library & Gift Shop are always open. Come in and see what's available for you or a loved one.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
  <p>9:00 AM Tuesday</p>	 <p>9:00 AM</p>	  <p>5 PM 6 PM</p>	  <p>9:00 am</p>

Contact Information for Pastor Norm
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REACHING YOUR CHURCH OFFICE

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Special Offering for MARCH
 Habitat for Humanity