

Take a moment to notice the \* at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The \* indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

QUINQUAGESIMA (50 DAYS TO EASTER)

Faith Alone

February 19, 2023

**AS WE GATHER:** The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31-43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him "Son of David." Indeed, Jesus is the Lord's anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1-13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1-13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3-7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord,

People: mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GIFT OF FLOWERS TO THE GLORY OF GOD:

Celebrating Grandson Adrian's Birthday  
- Gene and Linda Brown

PARTICIPATING:

Worship Leader/Preacher  
Organist  
Worship Elder  
Lay Reader  
Greeters

Pastor Justin D. Kane  
Mrs. Kolleen Hosford  
Mr. Gene Brown  
Mrs. Lu Kafer  
Arlin and Bev Schmidt

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Matins

Organ Prelude

Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB 849  
"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

\*Confession and Absolution: (Printed)

"O Lord, open my lips..." LSB 219

PSALMODY

Venite: LSB 220ff

READINGS

Catechism Review

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Pew Bible Page 443

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Pew Bible Page 1787

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 18:31-43  
Pew Bible Page 1630

\*Common Responsory LSB 221

Office Hymn: LSB 685  
"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Sermon

Offertory LSB 956

\*Canticle LSB 941

PRAYER

\*Kyrie: LSB 227

\*Lord's Prayer: LSB 227

\*Prayer of the Church

\*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

\*Collect for Grace: LSB 228

\*Benedicamus/Benediction: LSB 228

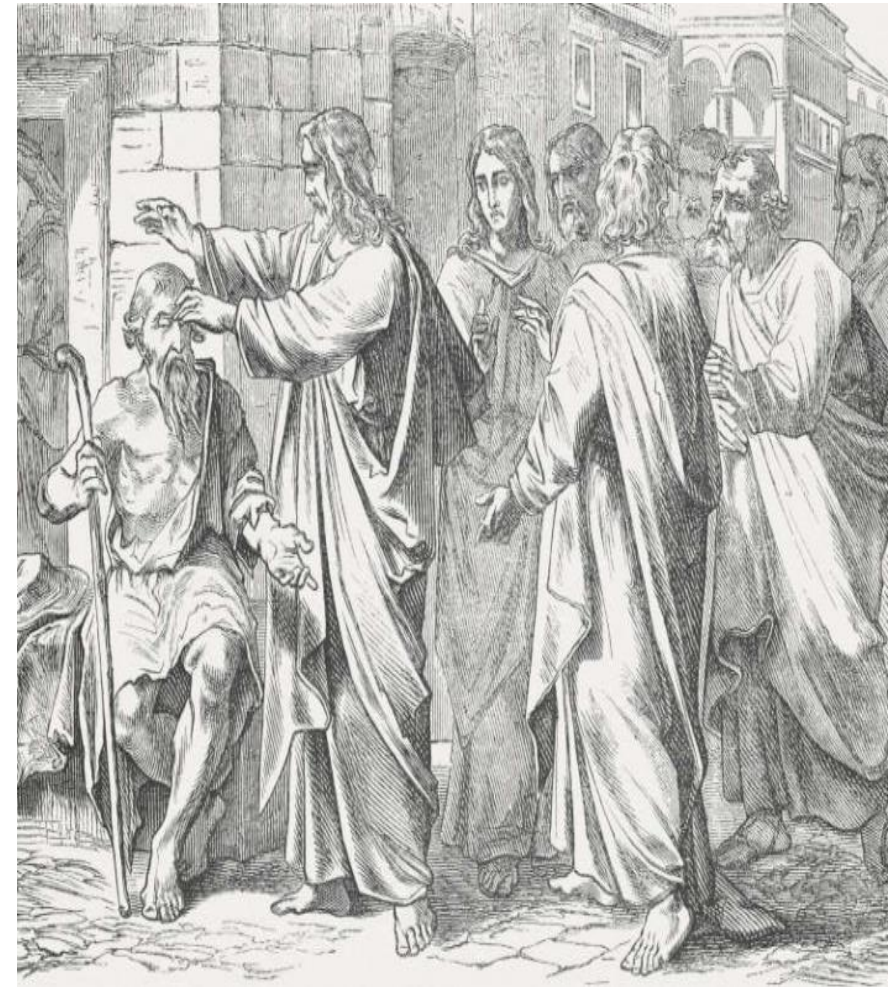
Closing Hymn: LSB 417  
"Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

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## Prayers continued:

***Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.***

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman please pray for financial stability, healing for her foot after surgery, and for her grandson with a hip problem. a woman please pray for her success. a woman please pray that her family would stay healthy and happy. Also please pray she will be able to start at the post office soon. a woman please pray for her life to become stable, and to be better off financially. a woman please pray for her pain to lessen. a woman please pray that she will continue to be able to walk. a woman please pray that she gets a job soon to cover the very basics of her 4 children's needs. a woman please pray for financial security. a woman please pray for peace, and for stability as she grieves her mother's death. a woman please pray that she can get her life together, and her family. Please pray that she has a job soon. a woman please pray for her aunt with cancer. a woman please pray over her heath, and for the demands of being a mom. a woman please pray for her friends, family to find peace - help with her mental health - be on a right path for her children. a woman please pray that her baby is born healthy, and that she can find a better job. a woman please pray for her body to completely heal after breaking her back last May. Also, please pray over the pain she is feeling. a woman please pray that her struggles would be less, and that she would have financial security. a woman please pray for her brother's 9 children as she helps him raise them since her sister-in-law's death. a woman please pray over her life, and circumstances. a woman please pray for her children's father to get over his addiction so he can have a good relationship with his children. a woman please pray over her daughter's health. a woman please pray for her to experience the Lord's love and to find a church home. Please pray for her to find healthy relationships. For men – a man please pray over his extensive health issues, and for strength. a man please pray for peace of mind, and striving for good decisions. a man please pray that his health will continue to improve, also, please pray that his sister will follow the doctor's orders to lose weight. a man please pray for his cousin's back pain. a man please pray for God will move in His life so he will do God's will and not his own. Also, that he not quench the Holy Spirit's work in his life. a man please pray that his health will improve, and that he can find the right job. a man please pray for him to feel hopeful, not hopeless, and to return to a church



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Add these prayers next week

This request is for Begin Now:

Pray God would bring all the volunteers and participants He desires into the program this February.

Pray for discernment and a spirit of prayer in the planning and preparation.

These requests came in from the participants of Begin Now:

- Please pray for me to get back on my feet & get a place to live.
- I'm really struggling financially & emotionally. I am hoping through the Lord I can heal.
- Please pray a diabetic niece who is in and out of the hospital.
- Pray for two friends both have pancreatic cancer.
- Pray for incarcerated sons, that God will show them favor.
- Pray for health, Self image, To move forward from my past, Grandchildren, Finances.
- Peace.
- Health & Working with difficult people.
- My sister needs prayers for her health.
- To pray for a better life in the future.
- Pray for a man in poor health, that he would come to saving knowledge of Jesus.
- Pray for a young mom struggling severely with mental health issues.