

TUESDAY, APRIL 14



2 Corinthians 3:12–18 ♦ Psalm 27

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold. 2 Corinthians 3:12

## To See His Face

There was a time when God's face was feared. It was believed that if a sinful human were to see the holy face of God in all its glory, that person would surely die. Moses, for example, was allowed to see only God's back, not His face (Exodus 33:18–23). Moses' brother Aaron gave a blessing that spoke of God's face shining on His people. That was no small matter. How could God's face shine upon us . . . and give us peace?

God Himself took on flesh; the Son of God's face now looks like ours. Jesus looked down from the cross, and His blood-stained face was one of love and mercy.

In our Bible reading today, Paul explains that we are now "very bold" when it comes to the presence of God. Why? Because of Jesus, we are forgiven. Because of the Spirit, the veil is lifted from us. Jesus has a face and body of flesh, and we are now being restored to the image of God when we look to Jesus.

"From His face Shines the grace Meant for all our fallen race" (LSB 462:3).

One day, we will see God in all His glory, and our resurrected bodies will see our Lord face-to-face. Instead of cowering in fear, we will be able to see Him with joy, for He will wipe every tear from our eyes.

*Son of God, we look forward to the day we can see Your face,  
filled with love and grace for us. Amen.*