

Old Testament

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who 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? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He 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." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put

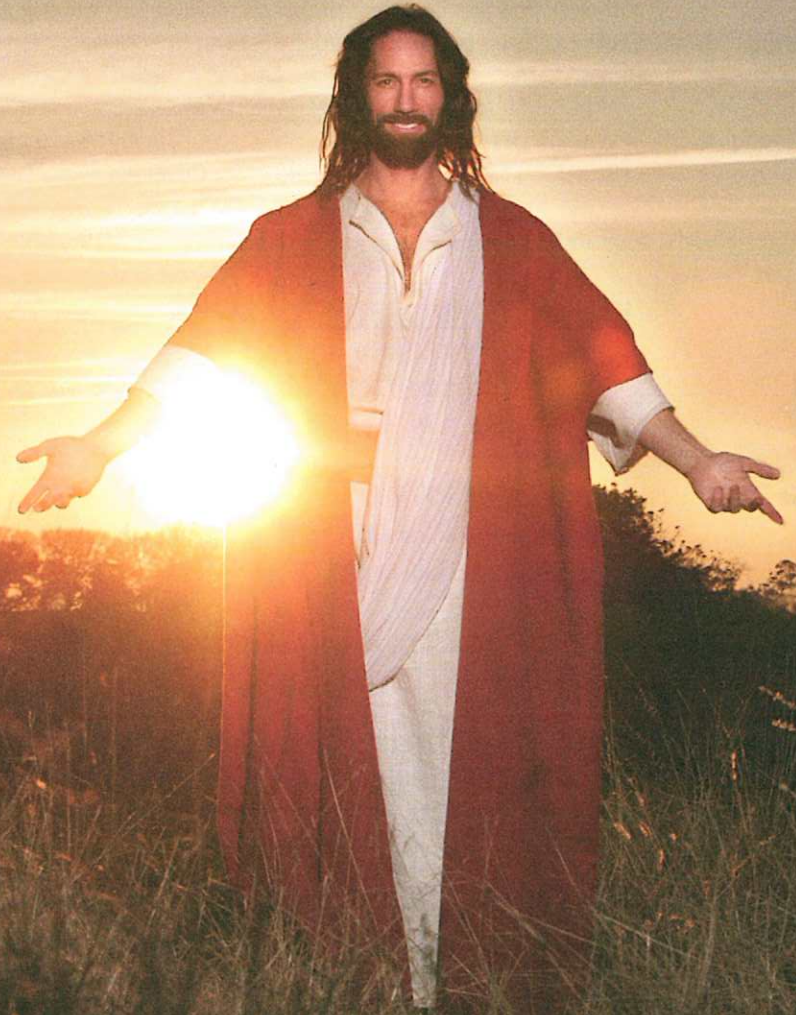
mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The 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 ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But 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.) ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So 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." ²⁵He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He 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?" ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



About the Cover: Jesus is our light and our salvation! Even though He is no longer physically with us on earth, as He was with His disciples, He is still with us in His Word and Sacrament. Therefore, when Jesus says, "I am the light of the world," He is still leading His people out of the devil's sinful darkness into the marvelous light of salvation. Thanks be to God for His Son, our light!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 26, 2017

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 571 vs. 1-4, 422, 425, 427, 420 vs. 1-2, 6-7
Sermon: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Galatians 6:14

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 3/15 (Wed.): 61	Offering: \$ 511.25
Attendance 3/19 (Sun): 102	Comm.: 85
S.S. - 21	Staff - 6
Budget Needs: \$3,330.00	B.C - 8
	Scrip Profit 3/19: \$ 67.75

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (3/27)	Easter Flower Deadline
WEDS (3/29)	3:30-4:30 p.m. Confirmation (8 th grade only)
	5:45-6:45 p.m. Lenten Meal
	7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
SUN (4/02)	8:00 a.m. S.S/B.C.
	9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
	10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Alice Koerth who is having knee-replacement surgery on Monday.

JIM HENDRICKS CONCERT sponsored by the Bd. of Stewardship/Evangelism will be held on Sunday, April 9 at 1 p.m. at the EPAC. The concert is free. There will be a free-will offering. This is open to the public. Invite your friends. Mark your calendar.

JOIN US "AT THE CROSSROADS" on Wednesday – This week we hear from Peter who is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus and he decides to deny his Savior. When we come to the crossroads of declaration, may we be ready to announce our allegiance to the Lord.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Please sign up on the bulletin board for food donations as well as if you plan to attend. Breakfast will be served between the Easter services April 16th from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

LENTEN FISH FRY will be Friday, April 14th from 4-7:00 p.m. The youth are looking for volunteers to help fry fish, provide desserts, and help serve. Please sign up on the bulletin board. If you are planning to attend or order fish, there is an additional sign-up sheet so the youth group can estimate the amount of food needed.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 7-9 – 9-11:30 a.m. – Register your children. Volunteer to help. Go to www.vbsmate.com/stbartholomewbrillionwi or find the link on the church website. Register today!

BASKETS OF PROMISE - Donate items for LWR's Baskets of Promise campaign. Next week we'll be collecting *nailed clippers (metal, attached file optional)*. Please bring your donations to worship next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

LENTEN MEALS: Meals are Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. *Menu – Mar. 29: Chili, Chicken Noodle Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert, & Beverage*

EASTER & CONFIRMATION CARDS are available in the card room.

EASTER FLOWER order deadline is tomorrow March 27. New this year, you may purchase an Easter flower elsewhere and bring it to church after the Good Friday service to be used in the chancel display. Please remember to mark it with your name and let the church office know if you are providing it in honor or memory of someone/something.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

Psalm 142:5 I cry to You, O Lord; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control – so we can follow His Word in confidence.

DISTRICT MISSION PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Remember our "SOS" Center's ministry to the children of Milwaukee's inner city this week asking the Lord to keep our children safe from those who would harm them, and equip them with the armor of faith through those who provide after-school programs, meals and guidance in the Word of God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON: The children learned about "The Lord's Supper" (Luke 22:1-23) in Sunday school today. In your family discussion ask, *"What benefits and blessings do we receive in the Lord's Supper?"*