

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?”

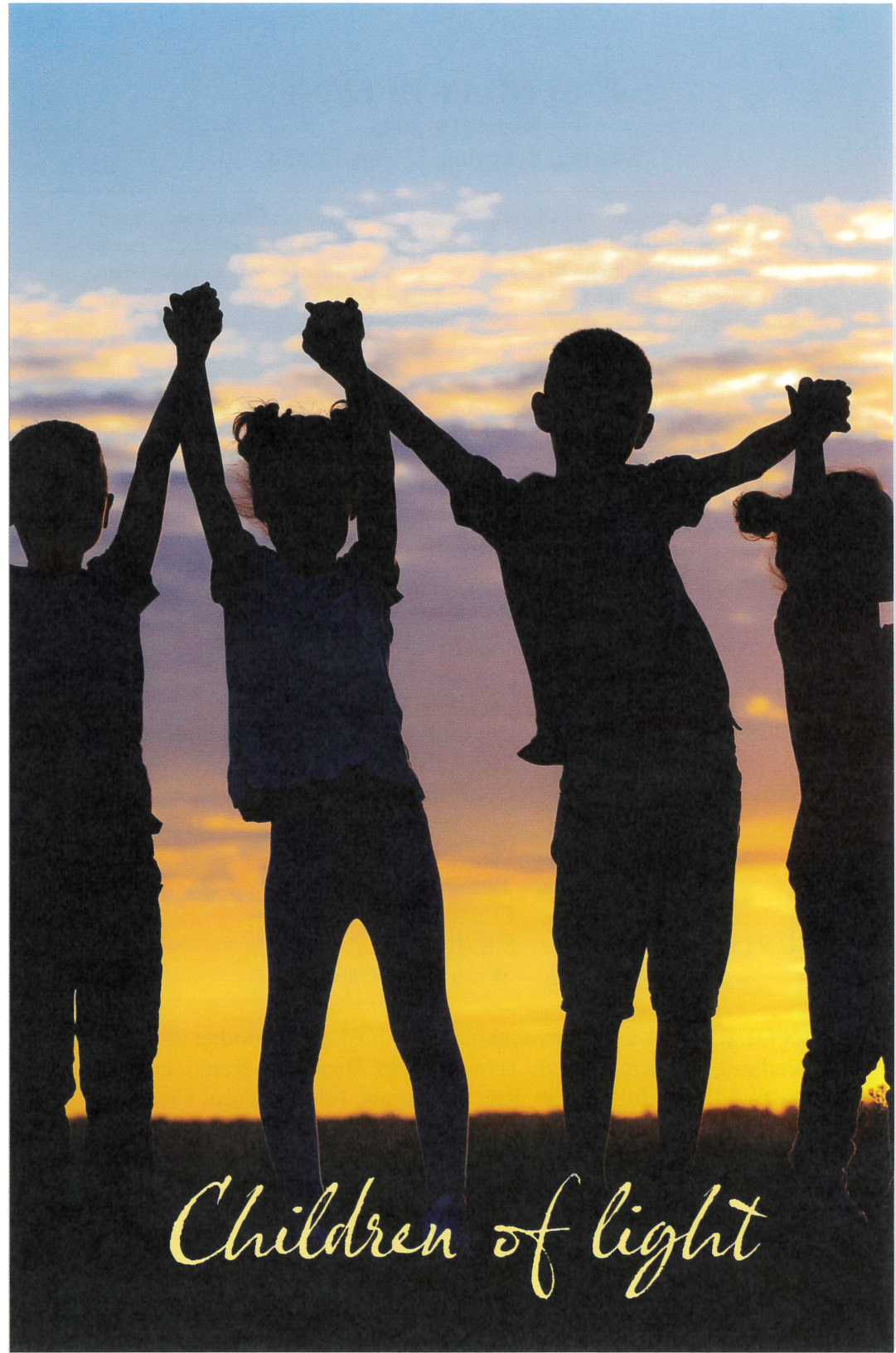
²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed 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.”



About the Cover: As children of light, we have no room for the works of darkness. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Christ is our light, who—having gone through the darkness of Good Friday, which leads to the morning light of Easter—has scattered the darkness of our sin and given us the light of salvation. His Word is the lamp to our feet and the light to our path (Psalm 119:105).



4th SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 3/8	(Wed): 47	Offering: \$716.00
Attendance 3/12	(Sun): 59	Comm.: 46
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Offering: \$1,171.18
S.S. – 6	Staff – 3	B.C. – 11

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

TUES (3/21) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastors' Conf., New Holstein
6:00 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism

WED (3/22) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation
5:45 p.m. – Lenten Supper
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Lenten Worship
7:45 p.m. – Council

SUN (3/26) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Alvin Bladow (brother of Roger Bladow), Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausung, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, and Terry Brandenburg.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Bryan & Jeanine Krepline in memory of Nathan Krepline.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Dave & Debbie Kamps in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – We are making a new pictorial directory for church. The dates are May 4, 5, & 6. There will be a picture sign-up sheet ready after church services.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS are available on the table in the narthex.

EASTER CARDS are available in the card room.

LENTEN MEALS – Wednesdays, 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. Sign-up on the bulletin board if you will be attending. Menu for March 22nd – Pan fried salmon, hot beef sandwich, potato salad, coleslaw and cake.

MILITARY BIBLE STICKS – Lenten Mission Project – Place your donations in an envelope marked "Military BibleSticks" and put them in the offering plate or drop them off in the church office. Each one costs \$25. Checks should be made payable to church.

SCRIP ORDER FORMS – There have been a lot of updates. Come and check out the order sheets for all the details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

WANTED: Items to place in a variety of gift baskets for the Silent Auction (sponsored by Stewardship/Evangelism) to be held at our Fish Fry April 7th. If you have any questions or would like to donate any items for the silent auction, please contact Kayla Behnke, Alice Koerth, Amy Krahn or Rhonda Geiger. The money raised will go towards the furnace fund. Thank you for your support.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

John 6:5 – "Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?'" Of course Jesus knows the answer to that question — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. This knowledge frees us for generosity without fear.