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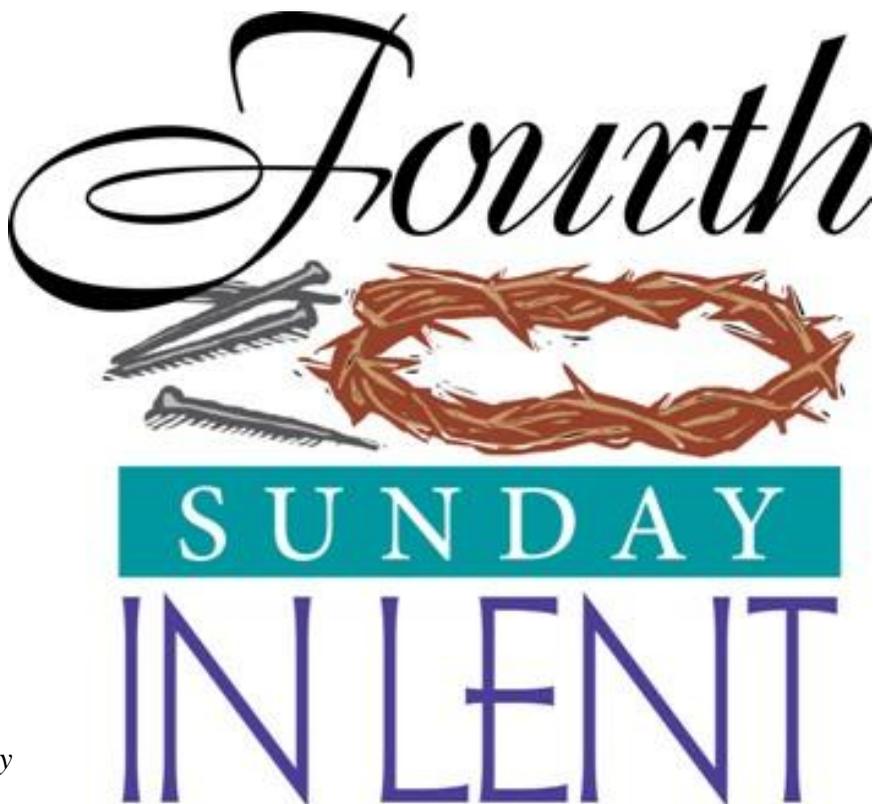
Rev. Kevin Barron
Pastor

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Bible Class
8:45 a.m. - Sunday
11:00 a.m. - Tuesday

Sunday School
8:45 a.m.

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CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
“Forward in Faith and Mission”

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

10 a.m.

March 22, 2020

OPENING HYMN *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* #873



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,



Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise; Tri - umph o'er the shades of night.



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.

†THE INVOCATION/CALLING

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

C: Amen.

†THE CONFESSION/ADMISSION OF SINS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father,

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

† THE FORGIVENESS/PARDON

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PSALM 142

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.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

L: Let us pray:

Bend Your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By Your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with Your Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

(For those who have not heard or seen, the Lord will turn darkness into light.)

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 turn the rivers into 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.”

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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

(Live as children of the light, with all goodness, righteousness, and truth.)

⁸ for 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), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jesus says, I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will have the light of life.
(John 8: 12)

✠ **THE HOLY GOSPEL** *(Jesus heals a man born blind.)* John 9:1-41

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. 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Amazing Grace”* #744

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

GOD’S WORD FOR TODAY

Rev. Kevin Barron

† **THE APOSTLES’ CREED/PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the
 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

† **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord in Your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

† THE LORD’S PRAYER

C: 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.

† THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING HYMN “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” #411

I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Je - sus.

Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first four staves correspond to the lyrics provided. The fifth staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics 'In Him there is no dark - ness at all.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. There are rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

The night and the day are both a - like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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