

4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



Why was the man born blind?
*"So that
the works of God
might be displayed
in him."*

~ John 9:3

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WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF CLARENDON HILLS

We offer our worship to God! Join in as you are able with all song and prayer, knowing that God hears us. Thank you for being a part of the virtual worship experience. If you are a Facebook user, "check in" and let your friends know you are here!

We greet each other with a sign of peace. Although we are not able to gather in person at this time, God's peace extends from our hearts through God's spirit, to one another. If you are worshipping near people, you are invited to share a sign of peace with them. If you are worshipping away from people, you are invited to say a brief prayer of peace for people throughout the world.

During this season of Lent, we are fasting from the table. Although Lutheran worship always centers around Word and Sacrament, presiding Bishop Eaton has suggested that we fast from the eucharist during this time of global pandemic. God surely remains present in our worship and in our lives. Use this fast as an invitation to remember those throughout the world who do not know God's presence in their lives or are unable to share it because of personal or local circumstances.

Offerings. Although we have moved to gathering 'in spirit' instead of 'in person,' the CLC staff continue to ensure that CLC's ministry continues, and our regular bills continue to come in. Please mail your offering to CLC at:

Christ Lutheran Church
ATTN: Cyndy Wedryk
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We are also working on a virtual platform to receive offerings. Watch for updates.

Questions? If you have a question about the worship, life and ministry of this congregation, email Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant at office@yourchrist.org or Pastor Erin at pastor@yourchrist.org. You may also call the church at 630-325-2220, or visit www.yourchrist.org.

Need something? Social distancing and self isolation can be difficult for individuals and families for a variety of reasons. If you find that you are anxious, worried, feeling hopeless, or just need spiritual support, please give us a call. Pastor Erin will be happy to provide care via phone or a virtual platform. If you find that you need something else – groceries, help contacting medical professionals, etc., please also give us a call. CLC's council is committed to ensure that everyone in the congregation has what they need to weather this challenging time.

How long until we gather in person again? You won't be surprised to hear that we cannot answer this question at this time. We will continue to pray for one another and stay in touch with each other as things unfold. We will continue offering virtual worship (and we are working on offering virtual meetings and Bible studies as well). If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask!

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

We Gather in Worship With Singing

Gathering Song: “This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is might and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place. That you would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you’ve done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King of glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place. That you would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you’ve done for me.

Worth is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worth is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worth is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy, worthy, worthy

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place. That you would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh Jesus I sing for all that you've done for me.

Moment for Breath

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Living God, we stand before you: As mortal beings, we injure those around us.

All: We confess.

Pastor: For the ways we hurt our human family:

All: We confess.

Pastor: For the ways we hurt the animals around us:

All: We confess.

Pastor: For the ways we hurt the earth.

All: We confess.

Pastor: For the ways we hurt ourselves.

All: We confess.

Pastor: For the ways we hurt you.

All: We confess.

Pastor: For the hurtful things we do and say.

All: Forgive us.

Pastor: For thinking only of ourselves.

All: Forgive us.

Pastor: For living as though we have only right answers.

All: Forgive us.

Pastor: For the ways we court prejudice and evil.

All: Forgive us.

Pastor: For the ways we ignore your blessings.

All: Forgive us.

Pastor: Teach us a more perfect way, and bring us into a life of peace and joy.

All: Amen.

Song: "Kyrie Eleison"

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
Hear our cry and heal our land
Let kindness lead us to repentance
Bring us back again.

For you name is great and Your heart is grace
Kyrie Eleison
Over all You reign You alone can save
Kyrie Eleison
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy on us now.

Prayer of the Day

All: 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.

Verse of the Season

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 121:1-2

We Listen for God's Word to Us

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before

the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

{Please embody reverence for the reading of the Gospel}

John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed 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." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then 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. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." 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 we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would 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 they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. 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?" ²⁸Then 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, "Here is an astonishing 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 he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Message

"Crucial Conversations on Life, Sin and Salvation"

Deacon Steven Dickens

The Creed

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating one
God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection that we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our judge and our defender suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high.

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Prayers of the People

{Please stand as you are able}

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Sending Song: "Jesus Messiah"

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

Jesus Messiah Lord of all
The Lord of all. The Lord of all

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news.
All: Thanks be to God.