

y, March 29 - 6pm - Simple Supper 7pm - Worship Service

pril 2 - 5th Sunday of Lent Worship at 9:30am

ly, April 5 - 6pm - Simple Supper 7pm - Worship Service

pril 9 - Palm Sunday

Worship at 9:30am

**April 13 - Maundy Thursday** Candlelight Service at 7pm

ril 14 - Good Friday - Service at 7pm

, Apríl 16 - Easter Sunday:



Family Pancake & Ham Breakfast at 8am; **356** Free will offering collection



**Easter Sunday Service** 9:30am



## Faith Lutheran Churc

Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring th **Sunday, March 26, 2017** Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ 9:30 ar

## **PRELUDE**

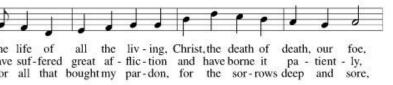
# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

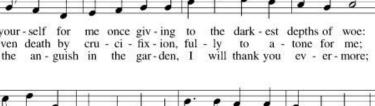
- P: In the name of the Father, and of the 

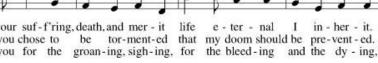
  → Son, an Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all of known, and from whom no secrets are hid: clear thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your that we may perfectly love you and worthily mag holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God a another. (A brief silence.) Most merciful God,
- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and ca ourselves. We have sinned against you in the word, and deed, by what we have done and b have left undone. We have not loved you wit whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus C mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead we may delight in your will and walk in your the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when v dead in sin, and made us alive together with Ch grace you have been saved. In the name of + J your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live hearts through faith.
- C: Amen.

## YMN

## Christ, the Life of All the Living









of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the n of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## ON

s sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for lay is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. Id, but now I see, declares the man. In baptism God r eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved daughters. As David was anointed king of Israel, in God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear of the light of Christ in our daily lives.



Please join us in praying for: Aaron Hill, Ada, AJ, A Jarrett, Aunt Pat, Barb, Barry & Shelby, Ben & Beth Betty, Bev, Bill, Bob, Bonnie and Marcella, Boyd ar Miller, Brayton, Brett, Brian, Butz Family, Carl, Cinc Claudine, Connie, Connie and Denny Price, Conley Debi, Dennis, Diane A., Dick, Don, Don Banker Fam Doug Congdon, Emily, Ethel, Gary, Gavin, George, Cliffe, Harriet, Heather, Heidi, Howard, Ian, Irene, Ja Jaleena, Janet, Janice, Janie, Jeff, Jessica, Jimmy Hatch Family, Julie, June, Kelli, Kennadi, Kenny, K Larry Coots, Lisa Wright, Lucas, Marion, Marjean, I Nancy, Norvain, Patti, Patty, Rich, Robin, Roger, Sa Sarah, Scott Wright, Shalom, Shelly, Shirley, Steph Steve, Sue, Ted Balk, Teresa, Terri, Tim, Tina, Rick Todd, Tom, Tristan, Vance, Vicki, Vida, Viola, Zach, service men & women, all homeless & unemployed shut-ins, our college students, and those in the mil their families. We pray that God watches over them them safe from harm.



Spaghetti Fundrais \$480 was raised the PLUS \$170 collected morning, for a total Each student must to participate in the in Tennessee. Than

Pictured L to R:Taylor Gruenberg, Rachel Strasso Bailey Binder, Dakota Smock, and Zach Hedrington

# Worship

Faith Lutheran Church. We are so happy to have with us today! Please join us after worship in our Room for beverages, snacks and conversation.

**n** is by intinction. Come forward as directed by the eive the bread with an open hand then dip it in the or juice (light). If you accidentally eat the bread before rop it, please ask for another piece. You don't have to er of Faith or be Lutheran to take Communion. Christ the meal - ALL baptized believers are welcome!

As always, if you are unable to attend worship, please o catch up with your **offering** the next week. Or, if lease mail it to the church office and write "offering" ope and it will be included in that week's offering and the designated counters for the day. Thank you for I in giving generously to God's work here at Faith urch!

## cials for Sunday, March 19, 2017 - Week 12

Attendance - 106	
Offering Actual	\$1,769.98
Offering Budget	\$2,111.00
D Actual Offering	\$24,124.43
D Offering Needed	\$25,332.00
s YTD Toward Roof Loan	\$935.00

# 2-April 9: Candy Collection

er Egg Hunt will be held y, April 15th @1pm for all n 5th grade and younger!



## - APRIL 9 EASTER FOOD DRIVE

ons of canned goods will be donated Stone Church Food Pantry in Rockton. n Karen Murr & Patti Dunaway, stry Co-Chairs



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (A brief silence.)

C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and among us. By your gracious life and death for light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoi your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Fat Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# CHILDREN'S CHUR

## Psalm 23 – A Responsive Reading

R: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: The LORD makes me lie down in green pasture leads me beside still waters.

R: You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me alon ways for your name's sake.

C: Though I walk through the valley of the shado I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your r your staff, they comfort me.

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cu running over.

C: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me a days of my life, and I will dwell in the house o LORD forever.

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14**

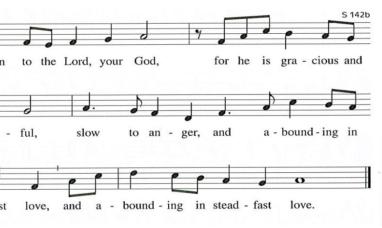
A reading from Ephesians, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness. expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what people do secretly; but everything exposed by the ligh visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Th says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Chris on you."

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

### CCLAMATION



## John 9:1-41

y gospel according to John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## o you, O Lord.

alked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was " Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in ust work the works of him who sent me while it is day; ning when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, nt of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the , saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which t). Then he went and washed and came back able to ighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar sk, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some g, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone e kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called e mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." o him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They he Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now bbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had resight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I d now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is od, for he does not observe the sabbath."

#### **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's fact shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord loc upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Choral Benediction"
May the light of God shine on us today.
May the light of God shine on us today.
May it show us where to travel,
lead us back if we should stray.
May the light of God shine on us today.

May the love of God live in us today. May the love of God live in us today. May the warmth we feel within us, show in all we do and say. May the love of God live in us today.

May the peace of God be with us today. May the peace of God be with us today. May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways. May the peace of God be with us today.

### **DISMISSAL**

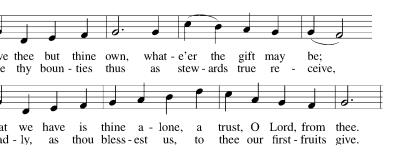
P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Guild - Carol & Roger Frey
Computer Technician - Anne and Rachel Stra
Offering Video - Anne and Rachel Strasser
Counters - Laurie and Pat Wicks
Fellowship - Pat Wicks
Greeters - John and Laurray Coots
Musician - Betty Comins
Reader - Ellen Olson
Ushers - Ray Wendell and Shawn Guffey
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Richard J. Meier

### **RESPONSE**



### RAYER

y. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called ity from chaos, and brought life into being.

Word of life, O God,

ou thanks and praise.

be with you.

with you.

ur hearts.

em to the Lord.

e thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

to give God thanks and praise.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### **PRAYER**

who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our as we forgive those who trespass against us; not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, ever. Amen.

## TER COMMUNION

ionate God, you have fed us with the bread of sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our e song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perfo signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had had received his sight until they called the parents of the received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents ar know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; bu know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who of eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." H said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the J already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parent of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whe sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open you answered them, "I have told you already, and you would Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to be disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his d are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not kno comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this m from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "Y entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And the out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and wher him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He ar who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jes him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said this world for judgment so that those who do not see ma those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pha him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not ha now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

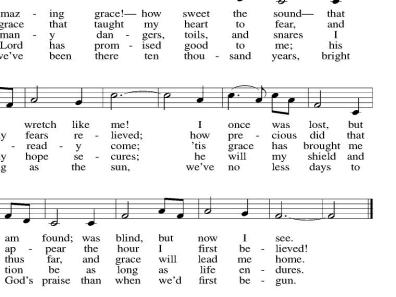
P:The gospel of the Lord.

C:Praise to you, O Christ.

# SERMON "Spiritual Blindness"

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## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



## TLES' CREED

God, the Father almighty,

- of heaven and earth.
- Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
- as conceived by the Holy Spirit,
- f the virgin Mary,
- ed under Pontius Pilate,
- a under i onitius i nate,
- ucified, died, and was buried;
- cended to the dead.
- third day he rose again;
- ended into heaven,
- eated at the right hand of the Father,
- will come to judge the living and the dead.
- the Holy Spirit,
- y catholic church,
- nmunion of saints,
- giveness of sins,
- urrection of the body,
- e life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- P: Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let u the church, the earth, and all who are in need. silence.) God of the ages, as your church preparable for all to celebrate in one holy meal, restounity of those who gather in your name. Hear u
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: You shed light on your creation. Let the changi seasons bring forth growth and new life from w dormant and fallow. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Shine your light on the people of every nation. your reconciling love in places where fear and thrive (*especially*). Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: God of wholeness, bring clarity to those in contimes, bring healing to those in painful times, b to those in trying times. (We pray especially for Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Restore, renew, and enliven the ministry and w congregation. Help us to see your purpose clear Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: We remember and give thanks for those who h you in eternal light. Let their lives of faith shine hearts and guide our paths. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Into your hands, merciful God, we commend al we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through our Lord.
- C: Amen.

#### PEACE

- P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: And also with you.
  - ~ VIDEO DURING OFFERTORY ~ "All That Matters" by Colton Dixon