



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

10:00 am  
March 22, 2020  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Camas, Washington  
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Welcome and Announcements

### GATHERING

Invocation

P: We start today as we start any day.  
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and  
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Gracious God,

C: ***have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and  
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known  
and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to  
do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that  
we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in  
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have

been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ,  
C: ***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.***

### WORD

Responsive Reading

Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: ***He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me  
beside the still waters.***

L: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

C: ***Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I  
will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they  
comfort me.***

L: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

C: ***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.***

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

C: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the

saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The 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?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He 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." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then 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." <sup>16</sup>Some 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. <sup>17</sup>So 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." <sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but 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." <sup>22</sup>His 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. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup>So 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." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>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?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who

worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus 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." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: ***Praise to you, O Christ!***

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

*Silence for reflection*

Hymn of the Day

*"Amazing Grace"*

Number 779

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
4. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will  
my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Apostles' Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

Prayer

P: Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A time for prayer*

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

***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.***

**SENDING**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. ***Amen.***

**DISMISSAL**

P: Be at peace. Christ is with you.

C: ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude/Silent Meditation