

Sermon

Hymn of the Day WOV #776
"Be Thou My Vision"

Statement of Faith

We believe we are chosen by God, our Creator, to participate in the ongoing work of creation by holding life sacred and being good stewards of God's gracious gifts. We believe we are chosen by Jesus Christ, our Savior, to participate in the ongoing work of spreading the Good News of God's saving love and serving others in the name of the Lord. We believe we are chosen by the Holy Spirit, who calls us through the Gospel to believe in Jesus Christ, gathers us as a community of believers to worship together and support one another, and enlightens us with gifts of love, forgiveness and everlasting life. We believe the Holy Spirit nourishes our growth, preserves us in faith, and keeps us in God's grace forever. Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Red Folder
"Everybody's Got Something to Offer"

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray: Merciful God, **in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace**

our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven,

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn Red Folder
"We Can Make a Difference"

Bells

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Transfiguration of Our Lord
9:00am

Prelude

Lorri Pederson

Bells

Welcome & Announcements

Children's & JR Choir

Julie McNeill & Laura Hulterstrum, dir

Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Merciful Lord, **we come before you with heavy hearts. We do not always follow our Savior's lead. We insist on our own way, putting worldly things before you. We doubt, we discriminate; we scatter—preferring darkness to the brilliance of your truth. For all this we ask your mercy and forgiveness, that our hearts may be made clean again. Amen.**

As a loving shepherd gathers his sheep, so our Lord protects and cares for us. As patient as a parent for a wayward child, so is God's mercy for us. Let us rejoice that we have received forgiveness, and that every day our Lord seeks to renew us in the image of our Creator, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn "Pass It On" Red Folder #20

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

"Kyrie Eleison" Red Folder

Dialog

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
In the Word was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

"The Journey of Praise" Red Folder

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: God of miracles, **sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 John 3:13-17

¹³Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters, that the world hates you.

¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another.

Whoever does not love abides in death.

¹⁵All who hate a brother or sister are murderers, and you know that murderers do not have eternal life abiding in them. ¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalms 27:1-4, 13-14

(read responsively by verse)

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴**One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.**

¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

“Giver of the Heartbeat” Red Folder

Gospel: John 9:1-41

As he 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.

Children’s Sermon

Gospel Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

WOV #716

Ushers: Tom Hollingsworth, Jerome Lysen, Daren Schuerman, Al Grussing
Acolytes: Sam Grussing, Kermit Overlie
Lector: Jeremy Michaelson

Prayer concerns: Jane Dehne, Elle Miller, Rose Wogan

WELCA will have their February meeting today Sunday Feb 11 during the coffee hour. The March meeting will be on Sunday March 11 during coffee hour.

ROCK group will be meeting on Wednesday, February 14, from 3-4:30 p.m. at Marlene's house. We have a good movie to watch. Bring a friend.

Ushers needed! We are looking for people willing to usher Lenten services. If you are willing to help one week or more talk to Darrell Davidson or Jerry Lysen.

Martin Luther was born in Eisleben, Saxony, in 1453. Saxony is now known as...a) Czech Republic, b) Austria, c) Germany, or d) Liechtenstein? Learn the correct answer at "*Celebrating Luther*" on February 18 at 4:00pm.

Trinity is delivering Meals on Wheels February 26-March 2. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you to everyone who volunteers.

This Week's Schedule

Sun. 9:00-Worship
2/11 10:00-Coffee Hour - Taylor Duncan, Emma Heinzig, Cameron & Kyra Gronseth, Sara Larson, Nick Molden, Chaden Carroll
10:15-Sunday School
10:15-WELCA meeting
. Wed. Ash Wednesday
2/14 3:0-Rock Youth Group
4:30-Confirmation
5:30-Lent Supper
6:30-Ash Wednesday Worship
Thurs 8:00-quilting
Sun. 9:00-Communion Worship
2/18 10:00-Coffee Hour - Sam & Abby Lundebrek, Allison Egenes, Koby Goff, Shane Grussing, Zoe Halvorson, Danielle Reuss
4:00-Celebrating Martin Luther