

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.)²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”²⁴So 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.”²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. 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?”²⁸And 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, “Why, this is an amazing 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 if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind.³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him.³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

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March 19, 2023

**+Fourth Sunday
in Lent +**



Treasuring God's Truth, Living out His Love

Welcome to worship. May God's Word help us each see something or someone in a new way today.

God, as I encounter others at worship today, help me look on their hearts, as you do. Then lead me to share a caring word.

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What's Happening

1. In House services * Personal hearing devices are available at the AV desk.
2. Sunday School September- May (Ages 3 - 6th Grade)
3. Confirmation - Thursday Nights 6 - 7pm
4. Recorded services: Web, YouTube, Facebook
5. Bulletins will be mailed on Wednesday afternoon to those w/o internet services and are unable to attend a service in person.
6. Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 11:30, Friday - drop in for mail.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Mike @ 952-388-3858.

In Person and On Line Bible Classes:

Sunday - God's Word: Sustenance and Sword @ 10:38am
Tuesday - Men's Bible Study @ 7am
Wednesday (Starting in April) - Women's Bible Study @ 10am
Thursday - Bible Study @ 9:30am
Friday - Harrison Bay @ 1pm & 2pm

Acolyte: Eli Klein-Wyman

Altar Duty for March: Darryl & Shelley Frederickson

Counters: Rita K & Brian P

Reader: Harriet Gustafson

Lenten Attendance: 13

Lenten Offering: \$95

Sunday 3/12/23 Attendance: 35

Sunday 3/12/23 Offering: \$4,445

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Opening Hymn: 841 O Son of God, In Galilee

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Holy Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

Sermon: Seeing and Believing

Prayer of the Church

Preface

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Service of the Sacrament

Communion

Pax Domini

Hymn: 430 My Song is Love Unknown

Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure sts. 1-4

Nunc Dimittis

Benediction

Announcements

Hymn: 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure st. 6

Treats in the Fellowship Hall

contact person, email address, phone number and a team photo or logo (if you have one) to officemanager@wecanmn.org

Events Happening This Week

March 20 - Spring Begins

March 22 - Lenten Service

March 22 - BOD Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Happy Spring!



Spring into Action to Kick Hunger!



Food Collection

WeCAN is putting together a friendly competition in conjunction with Minnesota FoodShare Month. Community members, businesses, churches, families, co-workers, or anyone else who comprises their team, are invited to register for an opportunity to win one of 2 gift cards to Lulu's Pizzeria. Register now by sending your team name,

Easter Choir?

Are you interested in singing a song (once well loved by our former choir) on Easter Sunday? We're looking for people of all ages to try and pull together a choral group to sing on Easter Sunday.

Many of you know the song *You Are The Christ* was very well loved by the choir and the congregation alike, and for those of you that were once part of the MOLC choir, the song and your respective parts will come back to you in a hurry. If you're interested in singing, but don't know the song, we'd love to have you learn it and will help you do so!

If you're interested in helping to make the Easter service a bit more festive through a special choral appearance, please talk to Jan Preble. If there is enough interest, we will have 4-5 rehearsals on Sunday mornings right after worship. Rehearsals would run just 30-60 minutes. Sunday rehearsals would be planned in an effort to minimize anyone from having to schedule another day/another appointment into already busy lives and schedules! Please consider lending your voice to this effort.

Easter Garden

Once again we'll be asking for members and friends of the congregation to provide an array of potted and/or cut flowers for our beautiful annual Easter garden. You will be able to give your Easter flowers in honor of or in memory of someone if you wish. You will be able to take your flowers back home with you after the Easter service. More information will be forthcoming, but start thinking about tulips, lilies, hydrangeas, and ALL kinds of beautiful blooms you may want to contribute for the Easter service. Stay tuned!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you earn Choice Dollars on your Thrivent investments, please call to designate your

dollars starting in January 2023 for your earnings from 2022. You are able to designate the Choice Dollars to Mt Olive or any other non-profit of your choice. Call 1-800-847-4836. If you do not designate your Choice Dollars, Thrivent may have other plans on how to best use them. Designate 2022 dollars by **March 31st, 2023**.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴For 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. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who 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? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

EPISTLE Ephesians 5:8-14

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

HOLY GOSPEL John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He 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." 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. ¹⁵So 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." ¹⁶Some 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. ¹⁷So 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." 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 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