



First Lutheran Church

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A Man Born Blind Receives Sight

Saturday February 10, 2018

5:30pm

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, bend your heart to our prayers and dwell among us. Shine your light into our hearts, and help us to walk in the light. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

pew Bible p. 1069

“The word of the Lord” Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

pew bible p. 978

Response after the announcement: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Response after the reading: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

Sermon

Hymn

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

ELW 445

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Offertory

We Praise You, O God (v.1)

ELW 870

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

Postlude



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8:30am & 10:45am

Spirit Bells

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. by Tammy

Waldrop

Call to Worship

All are Welcome

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All are welcome friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior All are welcome all are welcome here.

From the woman who comes crying leaving tears at Jesus' feet

To the man who knows the right way but cannot see

All are welcome friend and stranger at the banquet of the Savior All are welcome all are welcome here.

From the ones who feel forgotten those who sense their place is gone

To the ones who live in hunger here you belong

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Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families Tell about the splendid table God's mercy

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Welcome/Announcements

New Member Welcome (8:30)

Prayer of the Day

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Opening Song

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

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Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart.

Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God. One day every knee will bow.

Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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Come. Come. Come, just as you are come. Come.

Milestone Presentation

Children's Sermon

Spirit Bells

Simple Gifts

arr. by Lloyd Larson

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Gospel Acclamation	Change My Heart, O God	ELW 801
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Hymn	Shine, Jesus, Shine	ELW 671
Sermon		
Hymn	Morning Has Broken	ELW 556

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Offering

Oceans

Offertory

We Are An Offering (used by permission, 1984 Word Music, LLC, CCLI #473052, Song No. 16220)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you. We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives. They are yours. We are an offering. We are an offering.

Benediction

Closing Song

My Life Is In You Lord (CCLI Song No. 17315 CCLI #473052 © 1986 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

(Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

Chorus:

My life is in you, Lord, My strength is in you, Lord,

My hope is in you, Lord, In you, It's in you.

My life is in you, Lord, My strength is in you, Lord,

My hope is in you Lord, In you...it's in you

I'll praise you with all of my life, I'll praise you with all of my strength.

With all of my life, (and with) all of my strength All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord, My strength is in you, Lord,

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Today's Readings

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out 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 mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says,
'Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

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Saturday Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Narrator: As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 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, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask,

Congregation: *Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?*

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Congregation: *It is he.*

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Congregation: *No, but it is someone like him.*

Narrator: He kept saying, "I am the man!" But they kept asking him,

Congregation: *Then how were your eyes opened?*

Narrator: 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.

Congregation: *Where is he?*

Narrator: "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 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." Some of the Pharisees said,

Congregation: *This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.*

Narrator: But others said,

Congregation: *How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?*

Narrator: And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man,

Congregation: *What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.*

Narrator: "He is a prophet." 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 and asked them,

Congregation: *Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?*

Narrator: His parents answered,

Congregation: *We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 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.*

Narrator: 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. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him,

Congregation: *Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.*

Narrator: I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.

Congregation: *What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?*

Narrator: 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?

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Narrator: Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.'

Congregation: *'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?'*

Narrator: And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" And answered: And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him. Jesus said: "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said: Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. Jesus said: I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind. Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him,

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Narrator: Jesus said: "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see', your sin remains." The Gospel of the Lord.

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Announcements

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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Mike & Jean Henle.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Kathy Riemer (sister of Bob Schrupp), Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Dianne Madrigal, JaRae Lamfers, Julie Roby, Pat Leary, Lisa Casey (sister of Lori Lerohl), Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Donna Reaves, Carol Estebo (mother of Chad Estebo), Corlys Knudson & family (at the death of her brother).

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes		Halle Pedersen	Carter Gehrke
Greeters	Chad & Angie Andreas	Brian & Tami Dahl Tatum & Trista	Paul & Nancy Blanchard
Ushers		Roger & Carolyn Marks	Bruce & Deb Mitlyng
Lectors	Barb Sandquist	Bruce Remme	Jennifer Lundberg
Music	Angela Fischer	<u>Praise Team:</u> Jane Hartman, Karla Luther, Elizabeth Maxwell, Wes Myers, Matt Pedersen, Elly Sprik, Tim Tomasek, John Voit <u>Spirit Bells</u> Directed by Steve Meyer	
Coffee Servers		Brian Kruse	
Video and Projection		Steve Hamner Shelly Maes	Steve Hamner
Altar Guild	Kitsi Marks, Jessica Myhre, Connie Olson, Donna Reaves, Pam Russell		
Van Driver	Dan Marks		
Snow Removal	Feb 5-11: Mark Jensen, Eric Miller Feb 12-18: Bruce Remme, Cliff Carmody		

Sunday February 11

8:30am & 10:45am Worship - 3rd & 6th Gr
Milestones, New Member Welcome
9:30am TLC

10:15am Staff Meets
12:00pm Executive Committee
5:30pm Council Retreat
7:30pm SMO Concert

Monday February 12

6:30pm Beginning Experience
7:00pm Esther Circle

Tuesday February 13

9:00am Senior Coffee

Wednesday February 14

No TLC, G3, or Youth Events
6:00am Deborah Circle
6:30am Men's Bible Study at Mike's

9:00am Hannah/Elizabeth Circle
4:15pm & 6:15pm Ash Wednesday
Worship
5:00pm Youth Sponsored Lenten Supper
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm *Stronger* Women's Bible Study

Thursday February 15

5:30pm Bible & Brew

Friday February 16

7:00am Senior High Breakfast Club @
HyVee

Saturday February 17

5:30pm Worship

Sunday February 18

8:30am & 10:45am Worship
9:30am TLC
9:45am 3 For Heaven Sake

Monday February 19

1:00pm Quilting
6:30pm Beginning Experience
7:00pm Houston Getting Ready Meeting -
Sanctuary (youth & leaders only)

Tuesday February 20

Parish Visitor Articles Due
9:00am Senior Coffee
10:15am Staff Meets
7:30pm Southwest MN Orchestra Concert

Wednesday February 21

6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Mike's
9:30am Rejoice Bible Study @ Boulder
2:30pm TLC
5:00pm G3
6:15pm Lenten Worship
7:00pm Chancel Choir
7:00pm Faith Chats/Game Changers
7:00pm Junior High Alive
7:00pm *Stronger* Women's Bible Study
8:00pm Senior High Alive

News & Notes

We are pleased to welcome the following into the First Lutheran family of faith!!

Chris Cordes, Dealyn Rose, Anna & Logan Rose

Chris is an optician for Fischer Laser Eye Center. Dealyn is employed by Avera @Home. Logan is 15 years old and is in 9th Grade. Anna is 13 years old and is in 8th Grade. The family is sponsored by Stacy Frost.

Jay & Anna, Brynn, Broden, & Brax Stensrud

Jay is the Service Supervisor at Ziegler. Anna is an Account Manager for the Moscoe Group. Jay and Anna have 3 children. Brynn is 10 years old and is in the 4th grade. Broden is 8 years old and is in the 2nd grade. Brax is 4 years old and is in preschool. The Stensrud family is sponsored by Melanie Olsen.

Kasey, Kyleigh, & Harper Thooft

Kasey is employed at US Bank as a leasing specialist. Kasey has two daughters. Kyleigh is 6 years old and is in Kindergarten. Harper is 3 years old and attends Head Start. Kasey and her daughters are sponsored by Lorie Thooft.

3rd Grade and 6th Grade Milestone Celebrations will be TODAY at either worship service.

Hy-Vee Cards are available for purchase between services in the narthex! Proceeds go to the Senior High 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering trip.

The Benedictines of Marshall are offering a six session ecumenical workshop *Preparedness and Practices of those who serve* from February 15th through March 3rd. Based on the *BeFriender Ministry* model of service, these small group meetings offer many opportunities for personal growth that can deepen relationships with spouse, family, coworkers or friends. They will meet Thursdays 1:30-4:30pm (or 6-9pm) and Saturdays 9am-12pm. Fee is \$50. For more information contact Janet Hamner at 507-390-1306 or jshamn@charter.net.

Noisy Offering!! Souper Bowl of Caring! Thanks so much for participating and having some fun with us to raise money last weekend! We raised \$494.88!! FLY will be deciding where they will be donating the collection soon!

The Confirmation Food Scavenger Hunt collected 756 pounds of food! This comes out to 581 meals. That is amazing. A huge thank you to the group for spending their evening helping others!!!

Annual Youth Sponsored Lenten Suppers starting Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Help support Youth and Family Ministry at First Lutheran! Enjoy a nice warm meal together as a family. Invite your friends to join you too. Meals are served from 5:00-6:05pm in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday during Lent. These meals are made and served by the youth as a fundraiser for their programming costs. This is why the price is higher than our "light meals on Wednesdays".

ADULTS(12--UP) \$6.00, YOUTH(5--11) \$4.00, CHILD(4--UNDER) \$2.00, Family Cap of \$20.00

Wednesday Feb 14	Soups (chili, chicken noodle, chicken wild rice)
Wednesday Feb 21	Pasta (red and white sauces)
Wednesday Feb 28	Taco Bar
Wednesday March 7	BBQs
Wednesday March 14	Baked Potato Bar
Wednesday March 21	Ham and Cheesy Potatoes

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY!!

Houston Parent, Youth, and Adult Leaders Meeting Sunday, Feb 25 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

2018 Offering Envelopes are located in the Narthex. If you no longer need envelopes ordered for you, please notify the office.

Easter Garden – We are again going to get a variety of colorful plants and lilies to decorate the sanctuary. If you'd like to contribute, please complete the form below and return to the church office, along with \$15 per plant.

All donations and dedications are due in the church office by March 11th.

Given in Memory of _____

OR

Given in Honor of _____

By _____