

Welcome & Announcements

Mission Statement

Theme Verse

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see. John 9:24

Opening Hymn

ELW #339 - *“Christ, the Life of All the Living”*

Confession and Absolution

P: Jesus showed grace to the blind man and restored his sight. Trusting in God’s compassion and saving love, we confess our sins and ask his forgiveness for Jesus’ sake.

***C:* Almighty God, although we claim to see and know so much, all too often we are lost in the blindness of our sins. We follow tempting pathways instead of walking in your commandments. We act according to our own desires instead of obeying the guidance of your holy Word. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Open our eyes so that, by faith, we will see the wonders of your love and grace.**

P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. The Lord and Messiah, who opened the eyes of the blind, came to lay down his life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we pray that by your Spirit you would grant us the clear sight of faith to see the wonders of your love and power in our lives. Through Jesus’ redeeming death, we have forgiveness and eternal life. As the blind man told others about the miracle that had been accomplished in his life, help us to witness boldly to your amazing grace and tell others of the hope and peace that can be theirs through faith in Jesus. As the man who was healed worshiped Jesus, we too worship Jesus as our Messiah and Lord. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in his holy name.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-10

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

The Gospel: John 9:1-7, 24-38

Sermon - Kevin G. Frey

"Grace for the Blind"

Hymn of the Day

ELW #338 - *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

The Offering

Prayers
P: Gracious Lord,
C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

The Word of Institution

The Lord's Prayer – Sung

Communion Distribution

Benediction

P: So we are always of good courage.

**C: We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,
for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn
ELW #779 - *“Amazing Grace”*

Dismissal

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Trinity Lutheran Church

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The Blind Man

March 19, 2023 – 9:00 am

*The mission of our congregation is to
Share God's word – Show God's Love – Shine God's Light!*