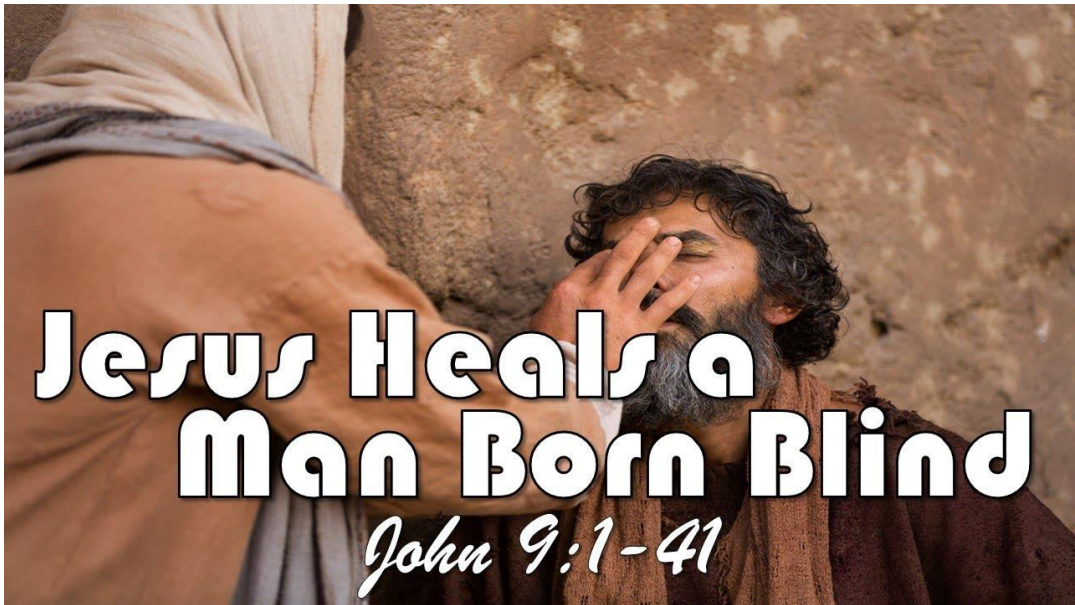


March 8, 2026

Welcome to our Guests!

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to save us. If there is anything we can do to better serve you, please let us know.



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Third Sunday in Lent

Theme: Our Lord Gives Us Exactly What We Need: SIGHT!

Small Group Anthem - *The Power of the Cross* by Getty & Townend
(#423 from CW 2021)

Verse 1: Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day:
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain:

***This, the power of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

Verse 2: Oh, to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Every bitter thought, every evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.
(Refrain – Above)

Verse 3: Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
(Refrain – Above)

Verse 4: Oh, to see my name written in the wounds
For, through Your suffering, I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love.

***This, the power of the cross: Son of God slain for us
What a love, what a cost We stand forgiven at the cross.***

Opening Hymn #343 Christ is the World's Light, v. 1-4

(please stand)

Morning Praise (p. 45)

M: Oh Lord, Open my Lips.

C: (🎵 sung) **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: (🎵) **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: Behold the Lamb of God! Let us worship him.

Venite

C:(🎵) Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in his hand;

The heights of the hills are also his.

The sea is his, for he made it; & his hand formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,

And we are the people of his pasture & the sheep of his hand.

(please be seated)

The Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah: 42:14-21

“For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;



I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame. "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the Lord? You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious. (NIV)

Confession/Absolution

Penitential Psalm 130 - *Remember your mercy, O Lord (found on page 114 at the front of the red hymnal)*

Epistle Lesson – **Ephesians 5:8-14**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: *"Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."* (NIV)

(please stand)

Gospel Acclamation

All: *Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."*

Gospel Lesson – **John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39** - *(sermon text)*

As (Jesus) went 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?"*

“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, *“but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”* After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. *“Go,”* he told him, *“wash in the Pool of Siloam”* (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing ...

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. Therefore, the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. *“He put mud on my eyes,”* the man replied, *“and I washed, and now I see.”* Some of the Pharisees said, *“This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.”* But others asked, *“How can a sinner perform such signs?”* So, they were divided. Then they turned again to the blind man, *“What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened.”* The man replied, *“He is a prophet.”* ... To this they replied, *“You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!”* And they threw him out.

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, *“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”* *“Who is he, sir?”* the man asked. *“Tell me so that I may believe in him.”* Jesus said, *“You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you.”* Then the man said, *“Lord, I believe,”* and he worshiped him. Jesus said, *“For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”* (NIV)

Seasonal Response

All: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

(please be seated)

Hymn of the Day #569 O Christ, Our True and Only Light, v. 1-5

Sermon on John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

WHY is this Happening, Lord?

(please stand)

Te Deum

**C:(♪) We praise, you O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
All creation worships you, Father everlasting.
To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
Cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'nly hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you:
Father of majesty unbounded your glorious true & only Son
And the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide.
You Christ are the King of glory the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free,
You humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You sit at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that you will come, to be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints, to glory everlasting.**

(please be seated)

Offering

Visitors: We are very glad you are worshipping with us today. Please don't feel obligated to give an offering. ALL: Please greet and introduce yourself to those worshipping around you.

Kyrie

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me & hear my prayer.

C:(♪) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Prayer of the Day

M: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, & bring them again with penitent hearts & steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Grace

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Liturgy & Blessing

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C:(♪) Thanks be to God.

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

C:(♪) Amen.

Closing Hymn: #379 *Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound*

Today's Door Offering: Friend's Network

***Special Presentation:** After worship today in place of our bible study, we will have a special presentation on WELS Kingdom Workers. Plan to stay around and join us!*

In our Entryway, please help yourself to:

Keurig Coffee & Hot Chocolate

Meditations (devotional book), "Forward in Christ" & MLC's "In Focus" Magazines, our Church Calendar for the Month

This Week at St. Luke's

Tuesday March 10th: Ladies' Aid Meeting, 6 PM.

Thursday March 12th: Lenten Worship Service at 6:30 PM w/Fellowship afterwards

Happy Birthday & Anniversary: Anyone (?)

Church Cleaning: Rachel Fabian by 3/8; Mary Green by 3/15; Jessica McCann by 3/22

March Ushers: Rick Rockwell, Matt Wieser, & Kurt Swogger

March Bulletin Sponsors: Bob & Mary Green in memory of their anniversary & Mel Dingfelder in memory of wife Alida's 90th birthday.

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St. Lukes accepts the Bible as the inspired inerrant Word of God. We believe God created the entire universe in 6 natural days out of nothing by his almighty Word. We believe humankind fell into sin & is totally corrupt, dead in trespasses & sin, & doomed to hell. We believe God out of love for us humans sent his own Son who became human, lived a perfect life for us, & suffered eternal death for us. We believe God the Holy Spirit uses this Gospel message in Word & Sacraments to create faith in us to save us. St. Lukes Evangelical Lutheran Church is a gathering of Christians & exists to teach & preach the Word of God in all its truth here among us & to all the people of earth. Join us!