

St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church-Blue Point

Lenten Midweek March 25, 2020

Welcome to St Paul Ev. Lutheran Church!!

Prayer before the Service -Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Invocation

Psalm 142

Psa. 142 A Contemplation of David. A Prayer when he was in the cave.

I cry out to the LORD with my voice;

With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication.

I pour out my complaint before Him;

I declare before Him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,

Then You knew my path.

In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me.

Look on my right hand and see,

For there is no one who acknowledges me;

Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul.

I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge,

My portion in the land of the living.

Attend to my cry, For I am brought very low;

Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than I.

Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name;

The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me."

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen

Old Testament Lesson-Isaiah 42:14-21

"I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself.

Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once.

I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation;

I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools.

I will bring the blind by a way they did not know;

I will lead them in paths they have not known.

I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight.

These things I will do for them, And not forsake them.
They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed,
Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images,
“You are our gods.”

“Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see.
Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the LORD’S servant?
Seeing many things, but you do not observe;
Opening the ears, but he does not hear.”
The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness’ sake;
He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

Epistle Lesson-Ephesians 5:8-14

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light.”

Gospel Lesson-John 9

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the 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 these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.” Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.” Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also

asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself." His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

Sermon

Text: Ephesians 5:8-14

Theme: The Lord provides light for the saints on the way to the Cross and beyond

I. Sinners do not like the light

II. But those who have been enlightened walk and rejoice in it

III. So the Lord calls all to be saved and receive this gift

Prayers

For the family of Eugene Moeller, who was called to his eternal rest this past week

For Madeline Anne Kemme, baptized Tuesday, daughter of Matt and Faith Kemme

For our shutins

For the Students, teachers, parents at home

For those suffering from the Coronavirus

For those serving those with the virus

For those leading our country

Benediction

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