

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Lent 3 March 15, 2020

Pastor Mark Voss

Seeing the Light

OPENING HYMN - "Amazing Grace"

CW 379

CONFESSION

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Answer me quickly, O Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: Because of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

P: Go in peace. The Lord be with you.

SONG OF PRAISE

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**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless his name Whose favors are divine.**

**Oh, bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let his mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die.**

**‘Tis he forgives my sins; ‘Tis he relieves my pain;
‘Tis he that heals my sicknesses And makes me young again.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

**The light of the world brings sight to the blind
and judgment to the blinded**

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 – I once was blind, but now I see

P: As he 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.

ALL: 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."

P: 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."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the dessert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15

CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners, who redeemed us from Satan's power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sins, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal faith. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

SERMON HYMN - "Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations"

CW 577

SERMON
“Seeing the Light”
(or blinded by the light)
Isaiah 42:14-21

- ¹⁴“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.
- ¹⁵I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.
- ¹⁶I 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.
- ¹⁷But those who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame.
- ¹⁸“Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!
- ¹⁹Who 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?
- ²⁰You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.”
- ²¹It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

SING:

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**O my God, my Rock and Tower,
Grant that in your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost his power
Since you crushed him in the dust.
Savior, let your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.**

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

**Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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We gath-er here in Je - sus' name; His love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing
He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the
We'll gath-er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing
flame, For thro' the lov - ing Son, The Fa - ther makes us one:
dead. The one we love the most Is now our gra - cious host:
King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

DISTRIBUTION AND MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament.

C: **Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

BLESSING

P: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself.

May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives. Amen.

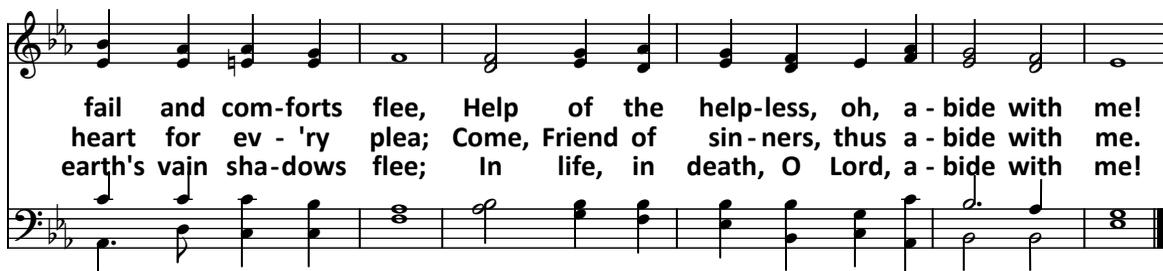
CLOSING HYMN - "Abide With Me" CW 588 vv 1, 5, 7 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain



A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide. The dark - ness
Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings, But kind and
Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes; Shine through the



deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide. When oth - er help - ers
good, with heal - ing in thy wings, Tears for all woes, a
gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and



fail and com-forts flee, Help of the help-less, oh, a - bide with me!
heart for ev - 'ry plea; Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
earth's vain sha-dows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me!

CALENDAR

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 12:00p Catechism
Monday	7:00p Call Meeting
Monday-Friday	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
Tuesday	7:00p COR Women’s Group
Wednesday	6:00p Lenten Dinner (Pizza) 7:00p Lenten Devotion 7:30p COR Choir
Thursday	8:00a Breakfast Bible Study
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 12:00p Catechism

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL MEETING: Monday, March 16th, at 7p we will hold a Call Meeting for a pastor and a teacher for grades 3-5.

ANNUAL MEETING: Please set aside some time to include Sunday, March 29th, at 11:45a for our Annual Town/Voter Meeting. Come and share this opportunity to hear about and discuss Christ Our Redeemer’s Ministry.

SILENT AUCTION / TRIVIA NIGHT: Take a look in the fellowship at all the Silent Auction items. The Auction will end Friday, March 27th, with Trivia Night. Fun, good, laughter and friendly competition. Cost is \$10 per person and 4-6 people per team. Teams will compete in rounds of different trivia categories. With the top two teams receiving a prize. Child care provided. Contact Amanda Henry to sign-up.

RACE FOR ROCKY – A Night to Support Christian Education - Rocky Mt. Lutheran High School invites you to our tenth annual Gala Dinner and Auction. The event will be held on Friday, April 3, 2020, at the Lamar Street Center (5889 N Lamar Street, Arvada, CO 80003). Tickets for the event can be purchased by visiting the gala website gala.rmlhs.org. The evening begins at 6p and will include a silent auction, dinner, live auction and entertainment. Items to be won include vacation getaways, tickets, hand-crafted items, jewelry, specialized services, and much more! We are accepting donations for our wine pull, and silent and live auctions until March 31.

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Worship services Sundays at 8 &
10:30a (Summer Worship at 9a)
Thursdays at 7p, during Lent and
Advent Wednesdays at 7p

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.