

# The Man Born Blind

*Jesus challenged the Pharisees' competing beliefs,  
causing them to question what they thought they knew.*

February 27, 2022 10:00am



*Worshiping and Growing Together in Christ  
Serving and Reaching Out Joyfully to All!*

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

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## Prelude

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

- arr. Robert Bucklee Farley

"Days of Elijah"

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

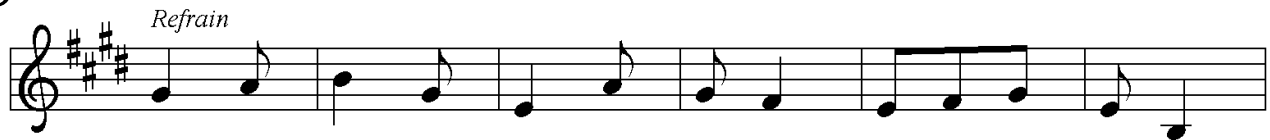
Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

# Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



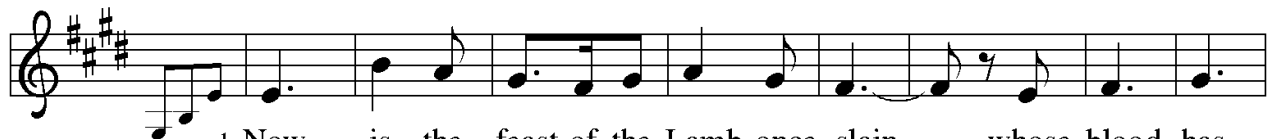
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

# Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. **Healing Lord, when Jesus healed the man born blind, the Pharisees didn't know how to interpret the signs. Open our hearts so that we may receive what you offer—healing, faith, and new life. Amen.**

## Musical Offering      “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

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*The Pharisees couldn't understand how a sinner that works on the sabbath could also perform miracles like healing a man born blind. They would have to wrestle with this inconsistency of thought.*

## Psalm 27:1-4

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
    they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.  
Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.  
One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
    that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;  
    to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

**John 9:1-41**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>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, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

<sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "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." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup>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 <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>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.

<sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." <sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "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?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may

believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Message

## Song

### *Be Thou My Vision*

Red ELW 793

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Prayer response:*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your everlasting faithfulness, we lift our hearts and our prayers to you,  
merciful God, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## Sharing God's Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Offertory Prayer

As we follow Jesus, we have gathered these and other offerings for the sake of God's Church. Let us pray together: **We are grateful, Lord, for all that you have given to us. We celebrate all the ways you challenge us to learn, grow, and give. Today we rise to the challenge and bring the best of what we have to offer. Bless these gifts so we may continue to grow in understanding, and so that others may know your love. Amen.**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

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## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

# Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

# Lord's Prayer

**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.**

# Invitation

When Jesus healed on the sabbath, he showed the world there was a different way to live—with conviction, compassion, and openness.

As we come to the table, we open ourselves to new ways of worshiping, living, loving, and being.

Bring all of yourself to this meal that has been prepared for you.

# Communion Song

*As the Grains of Wheat* Red ELW 465

*Refrain*

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.** *Refrain*

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you.** *Refrain*



## ✠ *We Are Church. Better Together* ✠

*On your way into worship this morning you should have picked up a cup with juice and a wafer. If you did not receive one, they are located on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

One side of the cup contains a gluten-free wafer and the other side contains juice.

**Please open the wafer side first.**

- Please use the hand sanitizer, located in the pew, prior to removing your mask for communion.
- The pastor will invite you to eat the wafer with the words *“This is the Body of Christ, given for you.”* After taking the wafer, please flip the cup over and open the side with the juice. One of the pastors will invite you to receive the juice with the words, *“This is the Blood of Christ, shed for you.”*
- Please replace your mask once communion is finished.

There will be a trash can available to dispose of the cup on your way out of worship.

## Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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*God blesses us and sends us put in mission to the world*

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## Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

Pastor Michael, on August 1, 2003, we of Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church called you to be pastor in this place: to proclaim God's word, to baptize and teach, to announce God's forgiveness, and to preside at the Lord's table. . . .

. . . .As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness. We offer you our forgiveness and accept that you now leave to resume your ministry in another congregation. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask forgiveness for the ways we have sinned against you. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.**

People of God, members of *Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church*, do you release Pastor Michael from service as your pastor?

**We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

Do you offer encouragement for his ministry as it unfolds in his new congregation?

**We do, with God's help.**

Pastor Michael . . .

## Blessing

Let us bless the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Red ELW 413

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

# Sending

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

# Postlude

"Slane (Be Thou My Vision)"

- arr. Anne Krentz



## Worship Leadership

- Pastors: Michael TeKrony, Julie Brooks
- Organist: Jordan Ortman
- Praise Team: directed by Diane Klinkerfues
- Reader: Michael Boehm
- Greeters: Michael Boehm, John Reed
- Ushers: Lindsey, Nick & Hailey Simmons
- Altar Guild: Donna Madsen, Susie DiPaolo
- Technology: Mike Madsen, Peter Morse
- Fellowship Host: Linda Conway
- Monitor: Bill Carmin

### **Narrative Lectionary Worship Resources**

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## ✝ WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES ✝

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- Please wear a mask that fully covers your nose and mouth **inside** the building.
- You are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Please be respectful of the personal space when choosing a seat next to those who are already seated. Make sure to maintain social distancing when interacting with those outside your household.
- **THANK YOU** for being considerate of disabled worshippers and their families. Please leave the pew cuts and several adjoining seats available for those with walkers, wheelchairs, or electric carts and their families.

***Additionally, we will have a “socially distanced” zone in the 3 back pews in the sanctuary. This space is created for those with families who have unvaccinated children in mind and those who feel more safe in a designated socially distanced area.***

- Once you are in your seat we ask that you not move around the sanctuary to greet each other, but remain in your spot for the duration of service.
- You may remove your mask to take communion, but we ask that you put your mask back over your mouth and nose as soon as you have received communion. Communion will be received in your own pew—you will not come forward to receive communion.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES (4 devices available)** are located at the sound booth located in the back of the sanctuary on the east side.
- **Prayer station** is available before and after worship for candle-lighting. Please be mindful of personal space around one another.
- **Fellowship:** Once service has concluded, if you would like to greet one another, the narthex, fellowship hall, library and columbarium are available for fellowship.

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## OFFERING

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If you would like to make a donation to the mission of Holy Shepherd, which will be used to serve the community, neighborhood and the world, there is an offering plate located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Please make checks payable to: Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church. *Thank you.*

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## DISPENSING OF COMMUNION CUPS AND BULLETINS

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Following worship, when leaving the sanctuary, please take your bulletin and communion cup with you to be dispensed with at the entrance to the sanctuary. You are welcome to take your bulletin home with you, but if not, please put your bulletin in the recycle basket and your communion cup in the trash basket.

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## NURSERY

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The nursery (un-staffed) will be available to use for your family, if you need to leave the service. The library and Fellowship Hall are also available