



*"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then the lame shall leap like a deer,
And the tongue of the dumb sing."*

Isaiah 35:4-5

QUINQUAGESIMA



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WELCOME to all of you and a very special welcome to those of you who may be visiting us for the first time, and especially those who may be new among us. The Lord be with you and we hope that you will return soon!

✚ THIS DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH ✚



The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see. (Lk 18:31–43) Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again. But they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah-Savior; for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (I Samuel 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father

who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us. (1 Cor 13:1–13) Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

✚ THIS SEASON IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH ✚

Pre-Lent is a transition, a prelude, between Epiphany and Lent. This short three week period is, so to say, the narthex in which we Christians pause for three Sundays before we begin our spiritual pilgrimage to Calvary in the great 40 days of Lent. Pre-Lent comprises Septuagesima (70), Sexagesima (60), and Quinquagesima (50). These number names do not designate exact periods of time until Easter but are rather to be considered only as general markers along the journey.

The Gospel readings of Pre-Lent accent the three “solos” of the Reformation, providing a short-course on what makes contrition and repentance a compelling time for Christians: Grace Alone! (Septuagesima), the Word Alone! (Sexagesima), and Christ Alone! (Quinquagesima). The liturgical color is green and the Alleluias and the Gloria in Excelsis are sung in order to help distinguish Pre-Lent from Lent.

✚ PREPARING FOR WORSHIP ✚

Prepare to receive the Lord’s Supper by reviewing “Christian Questions and their Answers” beginning on p.329 in the forepart of Lutheran Service Book.

Reflect on the words of Psalm 146, found in the forepart of Lutheran Service Book.

Ponder on the following words of today’s Office Hymn, #849, “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness.”

✚ ON RECEIVING THE LORD’S SUPPER ✚

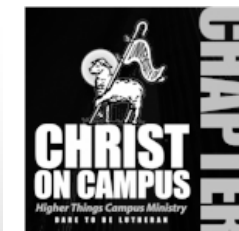


In addition to receiving Christ’s gift of forgiveness and His true Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar, all those who commune at our altar also make a confession of the faith as we believe and teach as a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, thereby witnessing to our doctrinal unity in the Christian faith.

For this reason, and in the interest of faithful pastoral care for all in attendance, if you are not a member of this congregation, have not communed here previously, and have not yet spoken to our pastor, please refrain from coming forward to the altar. Speaking to our pastor prior to communing even if you are a member of another LCMS congregation, is greatly appreciated. Thank you for honoring our practice.

If you desire to learn more about these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning how to become a member of this church, we invite you to arrange for a time to visit with our pastor. Please also take a copy of the pamphlet “This is the Feast” which is found in the pew pad folios and in the narthex.

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Please insert this tab in the back of Lutheran Service Book. This will allow you to more easily follow the Divine Service this morning. The insert can then be used to mark your place in the liturgy.

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