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With you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

Psalm 36:9

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 425

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Introit

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;

**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 inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

My eyes are ever toward the Lord,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

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Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

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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.

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:14-21 (ESV)

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant.

I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools.

And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them.

They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal 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 my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the Lord? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

The Lord was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 (ESV)

For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

"Alleluia" is omitted during Lent

Holy Gospel: St. John 9:41 (ESV)

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, *"It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, *"Go, wash in the pool of Siloam"* (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

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 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" 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?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where He comes from, and yet He opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, God listens to him. Never

since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "*Do you believe in the Son of Man?*" He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "*You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.*" He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!



Special Music: The Bell Choir will ring “Holy Ground” during the offering.

Today in Sunday School the children learn about Jesus healing a blind man. Jesus came into this world to forgive us and grant us faith—spiritual sight. He gives sight to our souls by forgiving our sins. In your family faith discussions discuss how sin blinds us in our life of faith. What ways does sin do that? How do the Word and Sacraments give us “eyes of faith” so that we can believe?

Please join us for Bible Class as we look at The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death, the focus of our worship Wednesday evening.

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on The Miraculous Raising of the Saints from Death, Matthew 27:52-53. Soup & sandwiches will be served by the Council at 5:30 p.m.

Special Offering: Next Sunday, April 10th, we will have a special offering to help with relief and restoration following the earthquake and tsunami. All donations will be sent to LCMS World Relief and Human Care. If you would like to donate by check, please make the check out to Concordia Lutheran Church and **designate it Japan Disaster Relief**. *“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matt. 25:40).*



A Yamaha keyboard has been purchased. It has been used and thoroughly enjoyed for several Sundays for Sunday School openings. The majority of funds to purchase the keyboard came from the Sunday School fund with the balance from the LYF and Thrivent Choice.

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, Pray for us calendar, children's devotional books and council minutes are in the black stacking trays in the social hall. Please feel free to pick up your copies.



Hazen Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting its 16th annual Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, Sunday, April 10th, at the Hazen City Hall from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. All proceeds will be used to purchase new windows and other items for Sakakawea Medical Center. We hope to see you there!

Sakakawea Medical Center Hospice is sponsoring a 10-session support group entitled "Understanding Grief" beginning Tuesday, April 19th, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Hospice Office in Hazen. For more information or to pre-register, call 748-7380. RSVP by April 15th.

Are you a person of high compassion and reliability and want to make a difference in someone's life, come be a Hospice Volunteer! Volunteer training will be April 26th & 27th, 9:00 - 4:00 pm each day at Sakakawea Medical Center Ambulance Bay, Hazen. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Laurie Buesing or Lori Knoll, 748-7380.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Our sick and recovering: Carolyn Johnson (Julie Dschaak's mother), & Carolyn Riegel;

† The people of Japan & surrounding countries, as they recover.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 109 Offerings: \$2,689.00

Because we have been rescued from the darkness of sin we are able to live as children of light. This means that we seek out opportunities to do good to others, especially our fellow Christians. What we say and what we do and the way in which we do it provide proof of the quality of our Christian stewardship.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Monday	10:00 am	Circuit Pastors @ Dickinson
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches - Council
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Thursday	7:00 pm	LWML Joint Meeting
	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.
Thank you*