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**The Third Sunday In Lent
March 19, 2017**

**In Nomine Jesu
Order of Service**

Opening Hymn 242: “Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices”

P.: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C.: And also with you.

P.: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C.: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P.: Is this your confession? Then answer: Yes.

C.: Yes.

P.: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C.: Amen.

P.: Let us pray: 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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C.: Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 42:14-21

“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. ¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.¹⁶ I 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. ¹⁷ But 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! ¹⁹ Who 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? ²⁰ You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.” ²¹ It pleased the Lord for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious. NIV2011

Psalm 143

Read Responsively

P.: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

C.: In Your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

P.: Do not bring Your servant into judgment,

C.: For no one living is righteous before You.

P.: My spirit grows faint within me;

C.: My heart within me is dismayed.

All: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

P.: Answer me quickly, O Lord;

C.: Do not hide Your face from me.

P.: Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,

C.: For I have put my trust in You.

P.: Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God;

C.: May Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Men: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

*Women: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.*

All: Lord, let Your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in You.

Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”
NIV2011

Please stand for the Gospel Lesson

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶ After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. ¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus

had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.¹⁵ 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."¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ 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."³⁴ To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." NIV2011

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge

one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn 390: “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

Sermon **John 9:13-17, 34-39**
“Jesus Christ, The Light Of The World”

Offering

Thank Offering Prayer

Please stand for prayer

Intercessory Prayers

Lord’s Prayer

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Words of Institution

Hymn During The Distribution Of The Lord’s Supper If Needed: 310: “I Come, O Savior, To Your Table”

Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

P.: Let us pray: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving-kindness You sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C.: Amen.

P.: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with His favor and give you peace.

C.: Amen.

Closing Hymn 446: “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”

Silent Prayer

Announcements

**THIS WEEK AT Bethany & Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Churches
March 19, 2017-March 26, 2017**

Today	Bible reading: Ps. 42
8:30 a.m. Communion Service	
9:30 a.m. Fellowship	
9:30 a.m. Bake sale	
9:30 a.m. Bible Class	
10:30 a.m. Communion Service	
Monday	Bible reading: Ps. 43
Pastor's Day Off	
Tuesday	Bible reading: Rom. 8:1-10
9:30 a.m. Bible Class	
Wednesday	Bible reading: Hosea 5:15-6:3
10:30 a.m. Bible Class	
Noon Lunch	
1:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	
5:00 p.m. Soup Supper	
6:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service	
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday	Bible reading: I Cor. 10:1-13
9-Noon, 2-4 Office Hours	
Friday	Bible reading: Ps. 38
Pastor at Bethany	
Saturday	Bible reading: Is. 12:1-6
9:00 a.m. Work Day	
Sunday	Bible reading: Lk. 15:1-3, 11-32
8:30 a.m. Worship Service	
9:45 a.m. Bible Class	
9:30 a.m. Bible Class	
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	
11:30 a.m. Voters' Meeting	