



## About the Cover

Jesus brought mud, washing, and His Word together to give sight to a man who was born blind. Then Jesus used His Word to let the man know whom he was looking at. The gift of physical sight was only a preamble to the spiritual sight the man needed to see the Son of Man. Jesus is still granting us the eyes of faith to see His work. He unites His Word with water to wash away our sin. He brings His Word together with bread and wine to give us His very body and blood, given and shed for us. Jesus continues to open eyes by faith, helping people see Him at work and delivering them forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14–21

- <sup>14</sup> 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.
- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- <sup>16</sup> 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.
- <sup>17</sup> They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods."
- <sup>18</sup> Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!
- <sup>19</sup> 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?
- <sup>20</sup> He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.
- <sup>21</sup> The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

## Epistle: Ephesians 5:8–14

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

## Holy Gospel: John 9:1–41

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed 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>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 <sup>7</sup>and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>8</sup>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?" <sup>9</sup>Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I

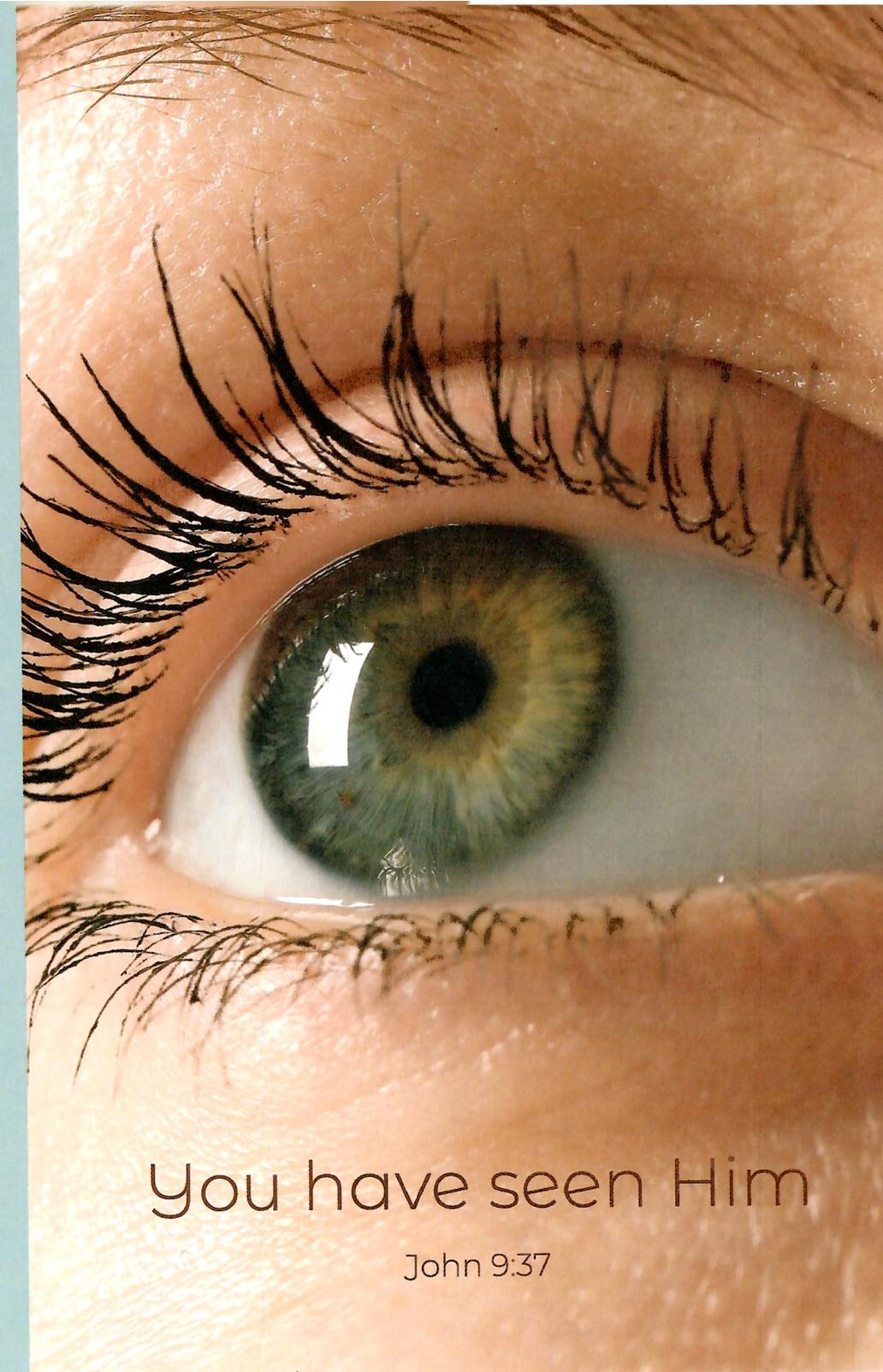
am the man." <sup>10</sup>So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I 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>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." <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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."

<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 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." <sup>22</sup>(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.) <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 said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. 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>And 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, "Why, this is an amazing 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 if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man 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 in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains."



You have seen Him

John 9:37

**ST. LUKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
***THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE***

Service of Prayer and Preaching  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
**Mach 15,2026**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS, WELCOME AND  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Opening Hymn LSB#551 When to Our World the Savior Came**

**The Invocation**

**The Opening Versicles**

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

**C: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents  
of evil.**

P: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me;

**C: Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

P: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

**C: He was bruised for our iniquities.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:14-21** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41** (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Responsoy**

P: We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of  
the people.**

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of  
the people.**

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**C: He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of  
the people.**

**The Apostles' Creed:** (back cover of the hymnal)

**The Children's Message**

**The Hymn of the Day LSB#841 O Son of God, in Galilee**

**The Sermon: Why, This Is An Amazing Thing! John 9:1-41**

**The Offering**

**The Prayer of the Church**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for all our communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

P: ...one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Collect for the Word**

P...now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer** (back cover of the hymnal)

### **The Morning Prayer**

**C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands, I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angels be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### **The Benediction**

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn LSB#918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**

**Mid-Week Lenten Service**  
**Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 pm**

**Palm Sunday**  
**Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am**  
**Divine Service with Holy Communion**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Thursday, April 2, 7:00 pm**  
**Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar**

**Good Friday**  
**Friday, April 3, 7:00 pm**  
**Service of the Word**

**Easter Sunday**  
**Saturday, April 4, 5:00 pm**  
**Worship with Holy Communion**

**Sunday, April 5, 7:30 am**  
**Easter Sunrise Service**  
**Old Church Site**  
**Service of the Word**  
**RAIN or SHINE**

**Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am**  
**Wheaton Church**  
**Divine Service of the Resurrection**  
**Holy Communion**