

**Sunday Broadcast at 9 AM + March 22, 2020**  
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**Benedicamus & Benediction**

**Hymn** “Beautiful Savior” green hymnal #518

## The Service in Detail

### Ringing of the Bells

*The pastors introduce the service over the radio during the bells. When signaled:*

**Hymn** “Amazing Grace” green hymnal #448

### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

P: God spoke these words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you, of your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful**

**to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

**Reading** 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."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody** Psalm 142

I cry to the LORD 'with my voice;\*  
to the LORD I make loud 'supplication.

**I pour out my com'plaint before him\*  
and tell him 'all my trouble.**

When my spirit languishes within me, you 'know my path;\*  
in the way wherein I walk they have hidden a 'trap for me.

**I look to my right hand and find no 'one who knows me;\*  
I have no place to flee to, | and no one 'cares for me.**

I cry out to 'you, O LORD;\*  
I say, "You are my refuge, | my portion in the land 'of the living."

**Listen to my cry for help, | for I have been brought 'very low;\***  
**save me from those who pursue me, |**  
**for they are too 'strong for me.**

Bring me out of prison, that I may give thanks 'to your name;\*  
when you have dealt bountifully with me, |  
the righteous will 'gather round me

**Glory 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**

**Reading**                      John 9:1-41

As he 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 spit 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; <sup>42</sup> but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

### **Psalmody**                  Psalm 23

The LORD 'is my shepherd;\*

I shall not 'be in want.

**He makes me lie down 'in green pastures\*  
and leads me be'side still waters.**

He re'vives my soul\*  
and guides me along right pathways for 'his name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall 'fear no evil;\*  
for you are with me; | your rod and your staff, they 'comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who 'trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is 'running over.

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days 'of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the 'LORD forever.**

**Glory 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**

## **APOSTLES CREED**

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## **SERMON**

**GREAT LITANY**      green hymnal, page 168

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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**

**BENEDICAMUS**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord almighty bless our days and our deeds in His peace.

**C: Amen**

**HYMN**      "Beautiful Savior" green hymnal #518

**FURTHER DEVOTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If time must still be filled, the pastors will offer further devotion and information via the radio.*

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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