

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2021
Springfield Outline

Cry for Connection: "I just need to know somebody notices me."
Felt Need: We need to be seen
Call to Action: Open your eyes (to see others)

AS WE GATHER

On this first Sunday in Lent, we cry out, "I just need to know somebody notices me." We want to be seen, but too often we feel invisible and unnoticed by others, and therefore unimportant and unvalued. Praise the Lord that He sees us, and His eyes are wide open to our need. "The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous" (Psalm 34:15). He attaches great importance to us and values us enough to give His Son for our salvation. Now we go forth with eyes wide open to see others in their need and to share with them, in word and deed, the good news of salvation in Jesus.

OPENING HYMN: (8:00) "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" **LSB 435**

1) Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

2) Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

3) Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

4) They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

(10:45) We're Here to Worship

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Today salvation has come to this house,
C: **for the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**

P: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous
C: **and his ears toward their cry.**

P: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
C: **and saves the crushed in spirit.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ, 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 forgive us.

C: **O God, our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.**

P: We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

C: **We are brokenhearted. We are crushed in spirit. We are lost.**

P: We are brokenhearted, Lord, that we so often close our eyes to others, ignoring their cries to be noticed and focusing only on our own cares and concerns.

C: **We are brokenhearted. We are crushed in spirit. We are lost.**

P: We are crushed in spirit, Lord, that we so often close our eyes to You, ignoring Your call to holy living, and focusing only on our own pursuits and pleasures.

C: **We are brokenhearted. We are crushed in spirit. We are lost.**

P: We are lost, Lord, ignoring the clear teaching of Your Word and the prompting of Your Spirit, and following our own will and way.

C: **Turn Your eyes toward us, O Lord, not in the righteous anger we deserve, but in the loving kindness of your mercy. Amen.**

P: Friends in Christ, God sees you and your need for Him. You have His promise that He is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. In Jesus, He came to seek and to save the lost. As your pastor, called by this congregation to proclaim to you the Word of God, I announce to you the grace of God. Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 34:1-7, 15-18

P: I will bless the LORD at all times;

C: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C: let the humble hear and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

C: and let us exalt his name together!

P: I sought the LORD, and he answered me

C: and delivered me from all my fears.

P: Those who look to him are radiant,

C: and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

C: and saved him out of all his troubles.

P: The angel of the LORD encamps

C: around those who fear him, and delivers them.

P: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous

C: and his ears toward their cry.

P: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

C: to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

P: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

C: and delivers them out of all their troubles.

P: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted

C: and saves the crushed in spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, our Father, who sees all things in heaven and on earth, look on us with the eyes of Your mercy and give us eyes to see others in their need and to share with them, in word and deed, the good news of Your salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 38:6-7, 11-14

And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD put him to death... Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house... In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, no made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing”

LSB 686

- 1) Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2) Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
- 3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4) Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the bloodwashed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

(10:45) Open Our Eyes, Lord

SERMON:

“Eyes Wide Open”

Pastor Steve Moser

OFFERTORY CHORUS: (8:00) “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Redeemer Quartet

(10:45) Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD’S SUPPER

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Father, it is truly good, right and proper to give you thanks and praise, for You have heard our cry to be seen, to be known, and to be loved by You. You sent Jesus to be our Savior, our Lord, and our faithful friend who even now lifts us up in prayer. Through baptism You fill us with Your Holy Spirit, who encourages us and gives us faith to live in confident connection with You, who with the Son and the Spirit is worthy of all glory, honor and praise. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

(8:00)

“The Doxology”

LSB 805

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(10:45) Give Thanks

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

Violin Solo

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
“Christ, the Life of All the Living”

Bethany Phillips
Trudy Tunnell, accompanist
LSB 425
LSB 420

(10:45)

Feed Us Now
Just as I Am (with Here I Am)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this testament of Your loving connection with us through the body and blood of Christ, and we humbly ask that You would embolden us through this sacrament to reach out to our neighbors, responding to their need for connection and showing them Your love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

1) In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

2) When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3) When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

4) Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

(10:45) Beautiful One