

~ The Reverend Philip C. Spohn ~

*This Morning's Altar Flowers are placed in Birthday Celebration of  
Fran Corl by Regina Sands-Corl*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
**Order of Worship**

**Prelude:**

**Steve Wysocki**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

Marty Haugen (b.1950)

No matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey, **you are welcome here!**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**We are gathered and ready and aware of God's presence.**

**Chime~**

**Silence~**

**Prayer~**

**Opening Songs:**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*Lord, I Need You*

**Time for All Ages**

**Josh Gulotta**

**Lenten Speaker Series:**

“My Faith Journey”

**Cheryl Enslin**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*O Christ, You Are the Light of All*

AMAZING GRACE

O Christ, you are the light of all, who opens eyes to see.

I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

**Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41**

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed 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> When he had said this,

he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes,

<sup>7</sup> saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and

washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a

beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, “It is

he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.”<sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?”<sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then 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> Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.”<sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.<sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” 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 we do not know how it is that now he sees, 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 this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would 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 they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.”<sup>25</sup> He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. 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> Then 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, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.<sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.<sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person 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 entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”<sup>36</sup> He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”<sup>38</sup> He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him.<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.”<sup>40</sup> Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?”<sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Help us God, as we seek to interpret what this means for our lives.

## Homily

## Reception of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory:**            *For Such a Time As This*  
   Caitlyn McNeish, soloist

*Now, all I have is now  
To be faithful  
To be holy  
And to shine  
Lighting up the darkness  
Right now, I really have no choice  
But to voice the truth to the nations  
A generation looking for God*

*For such a time as this  
I was placed upon the earth  
To hear the voice of God  
And do His will  
Whatever it is  
For such a time as this  
For now and all the days He gives  
I am here, I am here  
And I am His  
For such a time as this*

*You, Do you ever wonder why  
Seems like the grass is always greener  
Under everybody else's sky  
But right here,  
right here for this time and place  
You can live a mirror of His mercy  
A forgiven image of grace*

**Offertory Response:** *Give Thanks*

## ELCA Good Gifts

Wayne Watson (b.1954)

*For such a time as this  
I was placed upon the earth  
To hear the voice of God  
And do His will  
Whatever it is  
For such a time as this  
For now and all the days He gives  
I am here, I am here  
And I am His  
For such a time as this*

*Can't change what's happened till now  
But we can change what will be  
By living in holiness  
That the world will see Jesus*

*For such a time as this  
I was placed upon the earth  
To hear the voice of God  
And do His will  
Whatever it is  
For such a time as this  
For now and all the days He gives  
I am here, I am here  
And I am His  
For such a time as this*

## Prayers of the Church

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*After each petition:* You are our shepherd. **Protect us, lead us, and encourage us.**

Mel Jones, James Pallante, Bill Bold, Lorita & Herb, CPL Martin O'Donnell, Ellen Miller, Ferd Piccurro, Joe Meier, Monica Wagner, Michael Colavita, Tiffany Weddle, Bill Bergstresser, Dawn Ward, Bobbie Dietz, Sheila, Chris Kline, Leona, Richard, Ashley Viegas, Mary Ann Kolumber, Michel Daage, Mariah Butterfield, George Suarez, Meghan, Bill Tone, Kyle  
*When a name is placed on the Prayer List, it will remain there for one month unless you notify us.  
If you would like a call, a visit, or communion from Pastor Phil, please call the church office.*

*Finally, and together:* **Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus,  
our strength and salvation, whom we love and follow.  
Amen.**

## The 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.**

**Closing Song:** *Build Your Kingdom Here*

**Benediction:** *God's Peace*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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***Brunch is being served!***

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship this morning.

***All are welcome!***

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### • FAITH STATEMENT •

The people of Christ Lutheran Church of Hellertown invite you to join us as we seek to discover the importance of Jesus' teachings for our time. We take the Bible seriously, not literally. We look to scripture, faith, experience, and reason to guide our journey. We affirm that everyone is created in the divine image, and that God is active in all people, including those who do not profess the Christian faith.

We acknowledge and respect people of other faiths who understand that God is working in them and through them to bring about peace, justice, love, and reconciliation. We strive to transform our lives to live the teachings of Jesus and, above all, to love unconditionally. We warmly welcome all people regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Everyone is welcome here.