

Organ Prelude Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.

All: Singing verse 1 of "Shine, Jesus, Shine" see insert

Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord.

Wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly proclaim your Love.

Give us courage to stand for truth and justice.

Give us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.

All: Singing verse 2 of "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Transform our lives.

Reform our souls.

Bring us to a new day in your kingdom, O Lord.

Bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy, O Lord.

All: singing verse 3 of "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

*Passing the Peace

*Welcome and Announcements

Children's Sermon

Scripture Reading Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ Jesus and his disciples went to Jericho. And as they were leaving, they were followed by a large crowd. A blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When he

heard that it was Jesus from Nazareth, he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" ⁴⁸ Many people told the man to stop, but he shouted even louder, "Son of David, have pity on me!"

⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, "Call him over!"

They called out to the blind man and said, "Don't be afraid! Come on! He is calling for you." ⁵⁰ The man threw off his coat as he jumped up and ran to Jesus.

⁵¹ Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

The blind man answered, "Master, I want to see!"

⁵² Jesus told him, "You may go. Your eyes are healed because of your faith." Right away the man could see, and he went down the road with Jesus.

Sermon

Hymn *Open My Eyes* *see insert*

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

*Doxology

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Offering Prayer

Bless the gifts that we bring before you today. May our eyes be opened to you so that our lives may reflect your glory. Amen

***Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* #288

*Benediction

*Postlude

Prayer Corner

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry McConnell, Lois Dvorak, Tom Meyer, Larry Teschendorf, Matt, Malia, Beverly & Joey Lehnertz

Homebound:

Gaylord

Pauline Woehler – Oak Terrace Nursing Home

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home

Anita Tiegs

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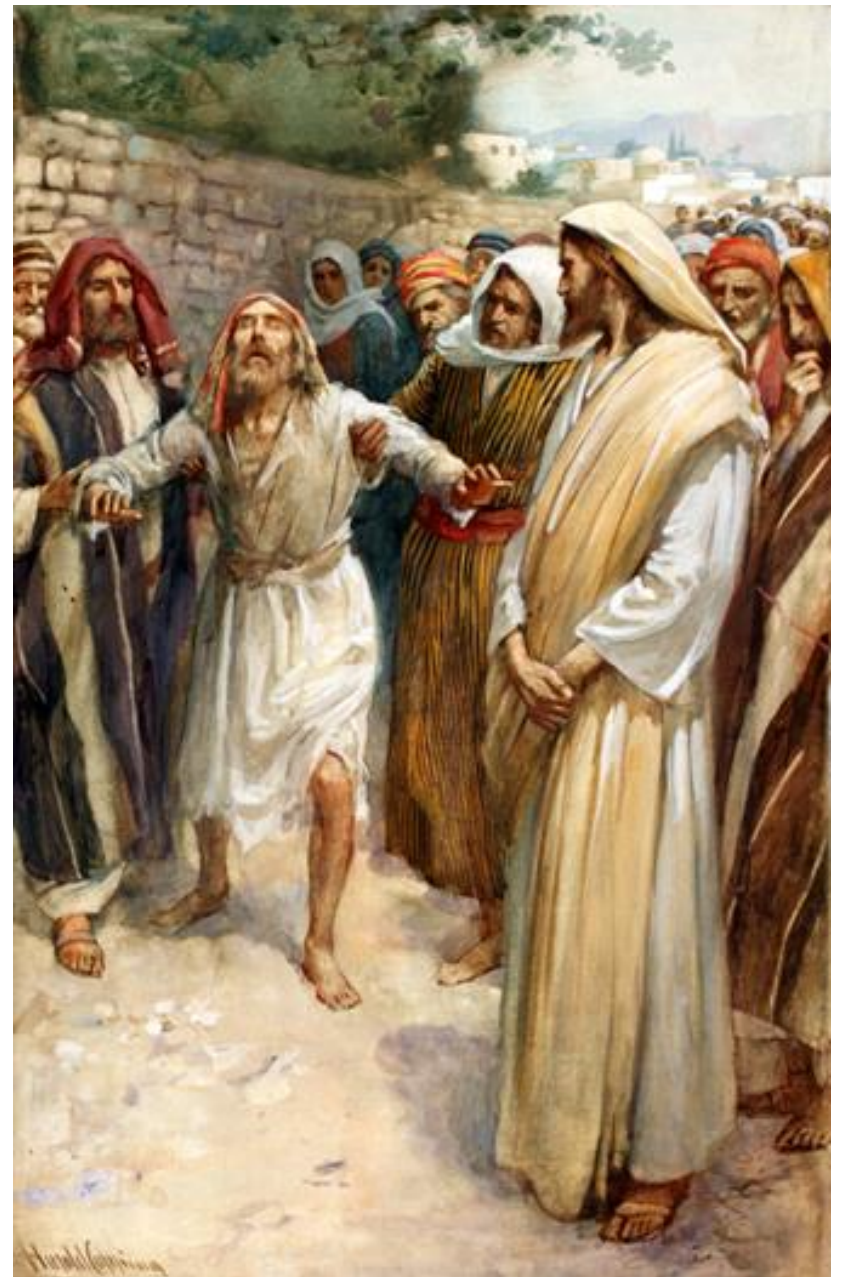
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