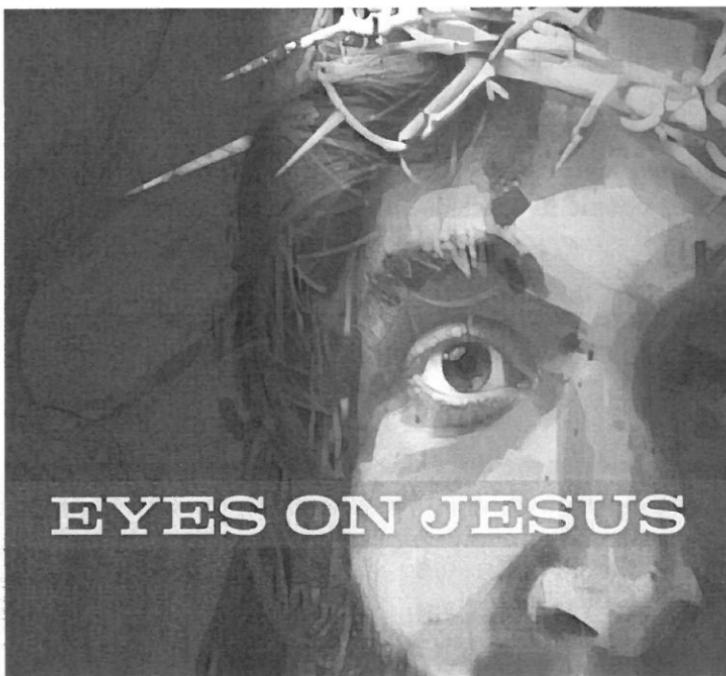


St. Johns Lutheran Church



Misjudging Eyes

ASH WEDNESDAY

St. Johns Lutheran Church
Ash Wednesday

St. Louis, Missouri
February 26, 2020

Divine Service Setting 3

LSB 184

Eyes on Jesus: Misjudging Eyes

AS WE GATHER

This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion.

Most important, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.

Today, we consider the disciples and their reaction to the woman and her act of devotion. Also we will see what Jesus thought of it as He responds to her anointing perfume.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN Our Eyes Behold the Savior's Face (*to the tune LSB 437*)

**Our eyes behold the Savior's face
And yet cannot perceive
That His perspective held our grace
Before we could believe.**

**Our focus flits and fails to see
The One whose steadfast gaze
Propelled Him to the darkened tree
Enveloped in death's haze.**

**Our sights train on the dreadful cross.
Beneath His knowing eyes,
Our sins are bare and set for loss;
He sees us as His prize.**

**Our vision blurs with anxious tears
As Jesus' eyelids fall
To conquer sin and all our fears
And tear in two our pall.**

**Our view scans for the coming Day
That evermore grows near,
When Jesus wipes our tears away
And all is crystal clear.**

GRADUAL *Hebrews 12:2*

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Joel 2:12–19*

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The Lord answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy.

Assured of God’s eternal forgiveness and His gift of daily grace, we are able to hear His call to repentance.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Ashes have been a sign of repentance and contrition over the centuries. They are a visible reminder that we are totally dependent on the grace of God, for we are only dust, and to dust we shall return.

Those desiring ashes may come forward during the following song. As he makes the sign of the cross with the ashes, the pastor reminds the penitent, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. "

The penitent responds, "Amen. "

HYMN Change my Heart of God

**Change my heart, oh God;
make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, oh God;
may I be like you. (2x)**

**(बद्ली गर्नोस् मेरो हृदय, सर्धैंको
लागि साँच्चै**

**बद्ली गर्नोस् मेरो हृदय, हुन सकूँ
तपाईंजस्तौ) (२)**

badli garnos mero ridai,
sadhaiň-ko laagi saaňccai.
badli garnos mero ridai,
huna sakuň tapaaiň-jastai 2x

**You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.**

**तपाईं कुमाले, म हूँ माटो,
बनाउनोस् मलाई तपाईंको भाँडो
tapaaiň kumaale, ma huň
maaTo,
banaaunos malaaai tapaaiň-ko
bhaaňDo**

ABSOLUTION

The Lord has had pity on us. He sees the weakness of our mortal nature and forgives us for Jesus' sake on the cross.

Amen.

WORD

HYMN

Turn your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light
of His glory and grace.**

PASSION *Mark 14:1–9*

Actors/Actress [Jesus, disciples, woman (with ointment)]

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest [Jesus] by stealth and kill him, for they said,

Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.

And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as He was reclining at table, (*Jesus and disciples sit at table*) a woman came (*woman enters room*) with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over His head. (*pours oil on head*) (*disciples are annoyed speaking among themselves*) There were some who said to themselves indignantly,

Why was the ointment wasted like that? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.

And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

(Jesus stands up and speaks to disciples) Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have Me. *(Jesus looks at woman)* She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for burial. And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.

This is the Word of the Lord.

O Lord have mercy.

SERMON *Misjudging Eyes*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray

The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. (*Psalm 145:15*)

Look on them all in Your mercy, heavenly Father.

My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He will pluck my feet out of the net. (*Psalm 25:15*)

Behold my turmoil, Lord Jesus, and grant me relief and hope.

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord. (*Psalm 121:1-2a*)

O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity for them so that many may rejoice together.

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings. (*Psalm 17:8*)

See my struggle, O Holy Spirit, and give me strength to persevere and grow.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him! (*Psalm 34:8*)

Watch over Your Church, Lord Jesus; protect and defend us until that day we see You face to face.

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SONG: As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water So my soul longeth after Thee You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee

जसरी हरणलेपानीको तृणा गदछ

मेरो दयको चाहना गन आराधना

मा तपाको

jasari hariN-le paani-ko
trisaNaa gardacha mero
ridai-ko caahanaa garna
aaraadhnaa maatra
tapaaiň-ko

You alone are my strength,
my shield To You alone
may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's
desire And I long to
worship Thee

तपा मेरो शर मेरो ढाल तपामा
गछ दुआ सम्पण मेरो दयको
चाहना गन आराधना मा तपाको
tapaaīñ mero shakti ra
mero Dhaal
tapaaīñ-maa garchu
aatmaa samarpaN mero
ridai-ko caahanaa garna
aaraadhnaa maatra
tapaaīñ-ko

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \ddagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \ddagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

AGNUS DEI You are My All in All

You are my strength
when I am weak,
You are the Treasure
that I seek,
You are my All in All.
Seeking You as
a precious jewel,
Lord to give up
I'd be a fool.
You are my All in All.

Jesus Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worth is Your name.

Taking my sin,
my cross, my shame,
rising again I
bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down,
You pick me up
When I am dry
You fill my cup
You are my All in All.

Jesus Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.

तपाईं शक्ति जब म निर्बल
खोज्छु तपाईलाई हरपल
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै
खोज्छु समझी बहुमुल्य धन
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तपाईं नै मेरो सबै
येशु इश्वरको थुमा योग्य
तपाईंको नाम * २
मेरो पाप, लाज र क्रुष उठाई
बौरिनुभो आशिषीत भई
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै
जब म लड्छु उठाउनुहुन्छ
म हुन्छु खाली भर्नु हुन्छ
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै
येशु इश्वरको थुमा योग्य
तपाईंको नाम * २

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

LSB 423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

LSB 937 *Lord, Bid Your*

Servant Go in Peace

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long
foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.**

Stand

**With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our
voice;**

To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION *LSB 202*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

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