

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 15, 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church - Pinckney, MI

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Text: Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1-7,13–17, 34–39

Message: *Walk As Children of the LIGHT!*



*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!*

Anyone here today know someone who was born blind or has been diagnosed as legally blind?

In our lesson from John chapter 9 Jesus moves from teaching that He is the “Light of the World,” to demonstrating this fact with the healing of the man born blind.

It’s really spiritual blindness from which Jesus truly desires to cure us, and that cure hinges in Christ’s question to the blind man, who had his sight restored: *“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”* For Christ is not only the “Light of the world,” He’s also, the “Sight of the World.”

First, the disciples recognized that sin is the cause of our problems in this world. Secondly, they recognized that God rules the world, and that this could not have happened, if the Lord had not allowed it.

But the disciples’ conclusion is wrong. They assume that the man’s blindness was a punishment for a specific sin. **Jesus, however, shows them and us that the blind man is no more sinful than anyone else and demonstrates how suffering can be turned into a reason for glorifying and praising God.**

We suffer, because we are sinners living in a sinful, fallen world, and God desires to use our suffering to open our eyes to His purpose and plan for our lives.

Our blight and plight...our disease and dilemma, is our spiritual blindness! We need Jesus – the Light to cure our sinful blight and plight and give us spiritual sight.

What does God want me to see? Answer: **He wants us to open our eyes wide and to seek His Will, follow His Word, and go His way...He has a plan for our lives, a plan that calls for complete dependence on Him and obedience to Him, like the blind man in our lesson demonstrated.**

The man cured of his blindness boldly declared in v.25 – *"Whether he [Jesus] is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know though – I was blind but now I see!"* **Just like this man could not hide the fact that he was no longer blind, when Christ comes into your life people will notice the change.**

Christ the Light and Sight of the world says to you and me – *"At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"* (Ephesians 5:8)...**"declare... show and proclaim the glorious, wondrous, saving deeds of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light,"** (1 Peter 2:9).

Heavenly Father, we praise You for sending Christ the Light to a darkened world. We bless You for calling and strengthening us to be Your children of the Light, sharing Your saving Light and proclaiming Your love to all on our pathway through life. Yes, in Christ's Light we see the True Light—and that's what truly matters! **Yes - Once I was blind, but now I can see – The Light and Sight of the world is Jesus Christ, and it's He who's set me free...Free to be all that He desires, designed, died and rose for me to be. Amen**

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