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PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“Seeing as God Sees”

Rev. Russel W. Shuluga

RESPONDING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Jesus, Thou My Life Art Ever”

F.W. Zachau

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Bountiful God, your kingdom is like seed that is scattered on the ground. How it grows, we know not, but there is abundance in the harvest. Your kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a shrub, where the birds of the air build their nests. May the gifts we bring before you this day bear the fruit of your kingdom, where all may be fed, and all may be blessed. Amen.

SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.

People: **“Here I am, Lord. Send me!”**

Pastor: God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son, David, to be king.

People: **“Here I am, Lord. Send me!”**

Pastor: We join with Christ and are a part of God’s new creation.

People: **O Mighty God, we go to join the harvest.**

Pastor: Send us out, O Holy One, for we would be your people.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

*RECESSIONAL HYMN:

“Here I Am, Lord”

No. 593, v. 1

*POSTLUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

T. Kendall



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

May God bless your experience in worship with us today.

We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship

JUNE 13, 2021

CENTERING

PRELUDE "My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker" J.G. Walther
(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS:

Pastor: God invites us to see as God sees.

People: Only then can we see rightly.

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454, v. 1

Pastor: God invites us to Love as God loves.

People: Only then can we love with the eyes of our heart enlightened.

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454, v. 3

PRAISING

*OPENING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We come to worship the God who looks on our hearts.

People: We rejoice that God does not judge by outward appearances.

Pastor: God invites us to see as God sees.

People: We will strive to look beyond mere appearances.

OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for you know us to the very depths of our being. Help us to see as you see. Do not let us be distracted by outward appearances but help us to take the time to look deep within so that we can see what is real and what is of real value. Amen.

INTROIT "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 452, vs. 1 & 2

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CONFESSING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our failure to see what is important and where God is at work.

GENERAL CONFESSIOIN

We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We look at outward appearances and we make snap judgements about people and about situations. We do not take the time to know before we judge. We look around us and we are more apt to see the evil than we are to notice the places where you are at work building your realm. We are blind and it is because we choose not to see. Forgive us and open us to the reality that you see so that we may participate in your ever coming reign. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's reign is coming where everyone is judged rightly according to the true worth. Receive God's grace and forgiveness and by the power of the Spirit, see as God sees.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE "To God Be the Glory" No. 98, v. 2

HEARING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.

People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Mark.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Mark 4:26-34