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2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

LISTENING TO . . .

GOD- *Christian life is rooted in the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit*

1. Review *Exodus 34:27-35*. What makes this such a useful and potent image for St. Paul to use in *2 Corinthians*? See *Exodus 19*; *2 Corinthians 3:12-18*; *Galatians 4:21-31*
2. How do God's people shine his light? See #1; *Isaiah 9:2-7*; *Matthew 5:14-16*; *John 8:12-20*

EACH OTHER- *Sharing & growing with our brothers & sisters in Christ*

3. Recall several key moments in your development in a fully devoted follower of Jesus when you felt especially enlightened? That is, list at least 5-7 specific times "the light came on" for you about trusting, knowing, and giving your allegiance to God. What did you learn or understand in those moments about God and yourself as his baptized child?
4. Building on this idea, name 5-7 mentors in your faith development and tell what they did to enlighten you. If possible, contact them this week and tell what they mean to you.

NEIGHBORS- *Bearing fruit for those not yet our brothers & sisters*

5. Building on #2, 3, how does your congregation shine Jesus light and enlighten your neighbors and community? Hint: think beyond Sunday worship and benevolence programs or fundraisers? What evidence exists that your answers are in fact enlightening those not yet with us? See *Romans 10:13-17*, esp. v17; *Small Catechism: Table of Duties*
6. Now despite your answers to #5, how are you neighbors and community blinded and the dark? What keeps them that way? How do you play into this blindness? Review *Formula of Concord: Epitome: XI Election*
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-NEXT STEPS MEMORY VERSE-

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