Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

The Fifth Wednesday in Lent
March 29, 2017
12:00 noon
The Order of Service

✿ Congregation stand as you are able.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE.............................................................. Jason Evans, Organist

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

✿ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Spoken Responsively)

OFFICIANT: O Lord, open my lips,

PEOPLE: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

OFFICIANT: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

PEOPLE: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

✿ THE HYMN NO. 209: "My Song Is Love Unknown".............................................................. LOVE UNKNOWN

THE RESPONSIVE READING (Spoken Responsively)................................................................. Psalm 25: 1-14

1To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

4Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

5Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

6Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

7Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD!

8Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way.

9He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

10All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

11For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

12Who are they that fear the LORD? He will teach them the way that they should choose.

13They will abide in prosperity, and their children shall possess the land.

14The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them.
THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 9: 1-16

1 As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, 7 saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” 10 But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” 12 They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.” 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” 16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY: "When We Just Don’t Get It"................................. The Rev. Keith Dey

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Each petition ends: “Hear us, O God....” Congregation responds: “Your mercy is great.”)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 834: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"..........................PRECIOUS LORD

THE MEALTIME BLESSING & SENDING

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE .......................................................... Jason Evans, Organist
Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service for a lunch prepared by the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. The cost of the lunch $5.00.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND LUNCHEON HOSTS

April 5, 2017

The Rev. Tom Wilson, Speaker
from All Saints’ Episcopal Church
All Saints’ Episcopal Church, Luncheon

April 12, 2017 (Holy Wednesday)

The Rev. Spottswood Graves, Speaker
from Calvary Presbyterian, Swan Quarter
N. Dare Ministerial Association, Luncheon