

Sermon
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“Nothing Is Hidden From God”

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St. Michael’s Lutheran Church
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Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hebrews 4:13 *“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” This is the Word of God* (Cross reference - 2 Chronicle 16:9, Job 26:6, Psalm 33:13; 139:4, Proverb 5:21; 15:3, Jeremiah 16:17; 12:24; 29:23, Daniel 2:22, Matthew 6:4)

Illustration **“Show the painting of Mono Lisa”**



The ***Mona Lisa*** (Italian: *Monna Lisa* or *La Gioconda*], French: *La Joconde*) is a half-length portrait of a woman by the Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci, which has been acclaimed as "the best known, the most visited, the most written about, the most sung about, the most parodied work of art in the world". The painting, thought to be a portrait of Lisa Gherardini, the wife of Francesco del Giocondo, is in oil on white Lombardy poplar panel, and is believed to have been painted between 1503 and 1506. Leonardo may have continued working on it as late as 1517. It was acquired by

King Francis I of France and is now the property of the French Republic, on permanent display at the Louvre Museum in Paris since 1797. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mona_Lisa)

When you look at the eye, it follow you wherever you go. **(Show the eye of Mono Lisa)**



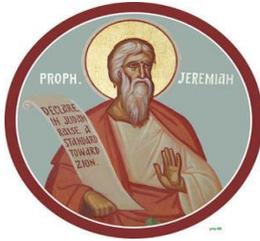
If you move to the right it appear to follow you to the right. When you move to the left it appear to follow you to the left and if you look straight, it appear to be staring straight at you.

I. In today Epistle Lesson, the writer to the Hebrews tell us that nothing can escape God’s eye.



He see all the sin that we have committed and all of our suffering and need. Whether in good time or bad. God is also there as our protector from His grace, mercy, and love. God’s word said, *“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must*

give account.” (Hebrews 4:13) Maybe when you hear that nothing can be hidden from God, may make you feel uneasy. Some of you may still had hidden skeleton in your closet that no one know. But God’s know. In Genesis God’s word write, “*The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.*” (Genesis 6:5) King David write, “*The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD is on his heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; his eyes examine them.*” (Psalm 11:4) (Show the prophet Jeremiah)



The prophet Jeremiah write, “*My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from me, nor is their sin concealed from my eyes.*” (Jeremiah 16:17) In a sense when children done wrong and try to hide from parents, parents always know that they are not telling the truth. It seem that parents have eyes everywhere and see everything. The more you lie, the deeper trouble you get. It seem like their eye is always following you. In a similar way, our Father

in heaven see all things in our lives. Nothing is hidden from his sight. If you committed sin and didn’t confess and repented of those sin, God will not forgive you and you will be judge. Nothing is hidden from God. (Show marathon runner)

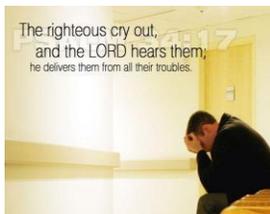
Once there was a story by the Associated Press in September 1991, writes:



"Marathoner Loses by a Mustache." It appeared that Abbes Tehami of Algeria was an easy winner of the Brussels Marathon-until someone wondered where his mustache had gone! Checking eyewitness accounts, it quickly became evident that the mustache belonged to Tehami’s coach, Bensalem Hamiani. Hamiani had run the first seven-and-a-half miles of the race for Tehami, then dropped out of the pack and disappeared into the woods to pass

race number 62 on to his pupil. "They looked about the same," race organizers said. "Only one had a mustache." It’s expected that the two will never again be allowed to run in Belgium. (Today in the Word, Moody Bible Institute, Jan, 1992).

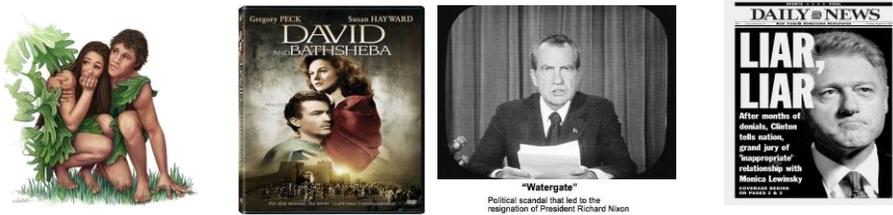
- II. God’s Word said, “*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*” (Hebrews 4:13) (Show Psalm 34:17)



The Good News is that God’s not only look at our sin, He see us because of His love for us. Just as our earthly father love us, we are God’s children and He is our heavenly Father. Our heavenly Father love and care for us in every trouble that we face. King David wrote, “*The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.*” (Psalm 34:17). The book of

Chronicle write, *“For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him....”* (2 Chronicles 16:9)

When God look at us, He see us Holy and righteous through Jesus Christ. David wrote *“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.”* (Psalm 34:1) *“You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.”* (Psalm 85:2)
(Show different pictures)



Most people will try to hide their sin. Adam and Eve was ashamed when they eaten the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden and hid themselves from God. David try to hide the affair he had with Bathsheba by getting her pregnant and sending Bathsheba husband Uriah which is one of David General to the front line and having the soldier retreat so he can be killed by the enemies than he marries Bathsheba. President Richard Nixon try to hide the water gate scandal. President Bill Clinton try to hide the affair with Monica Lewinsky. He stated on television saying, *“I did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky”*. Not only what people try to hide, it will eventually came out.

God’s word say, *“nothing is hidden from God.”* The Apostle John write, *“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:8-9) When we confess our sin, God’s forgive us. He doesn’t count our sin against us. **(Show robe of righteousness)**



The prophet Isaiah said, *“.....For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness...”* (Isaiah 61:10) In a similar way when you wear your clothes for the day and when you get home you take the old clothes off and wear a new one for the next day. Because the old clothe are dirty, smell and need washing. This is similar to our sin. God give us a new clothes (or robe) in Jesus Christ. This is a new spirit that we no longer being dirty with sin because Christ already wash our sin

with His precious blood on the cross. We have the robe of righteousness in Christ Jesus because of our faith and trusting him as Lord and Savior.

III. On the one dollar bill there is an eye on the pyramid. **(Show \$1 and the Eye)**



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The eye appears to have seen everything. Have any of you ever think about the eye of the dollar bill? Wherever you go, there is an eye watching you whether in your wallet or in your purse. Wherever you go, the eye goes with you. Some of you may not think much about it, but some people are scare to carry any money within and instead they just carry their credit card or their check book and not carrying any cash. In a similar way, wherever we go or wherever we are, God is watching us because He loves us.

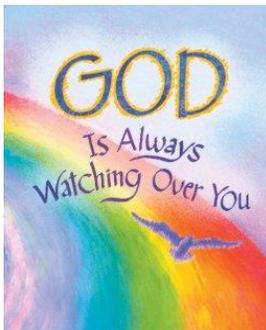
(Show Former Deputy Sheriff Lang Yang and a jail cell)



When I was a deputy sheriff in North Carolina, there is a holding cell for new prisoner or what we call it a holding tank. While the person waiting for a bond or waiting to go in front of a judge for his or her crime, a camera was there to keep an eye on the people that are in the cell 24/7. The officer that are on duty are to

keep an eye on the cell and make a routine check on the male/female cell to make sure that everyone is safe and secure. The person that are confined to the cell know that someone is always watching them so they have to keep their best behavior while they are in the cell until they are transfer to another cell or be release on the judge order.

(Show God is always watching over you)



Whenever we hear that God's is watching us, we may feel uneasy or afraid of Him. But when we remember that He's watching us because He love us. We can thank Him and be able to confidently say, "*Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.*" Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, we can as God to Keep watching over us and protect us until we come to His kingdom of grace." Amen.

Now may the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Hymn for October 18, 2015

Theme: **“Nothing Is Hidden From God”** Hebrews 4:13
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Scripture:

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Epistle Hebrews 4:1-13
Gospel Mark 10:23-31

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Early Service

#918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
#690 Hope of the World, Thou Christ of Great Compassion
#602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

Late Service

#918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
#690 Hope of the World, Thou Christ of Great Compassion

Communion hymn

#602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives
#907 God Himself is present
#553 O Christ, our hope, our hearts’ desire

Wednesday Service

#918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
#690 Hope of the World, Thou Christ of Great Compassion