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March 27, 2022; Fourth Sunday in Lent



Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Prelude:

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Thygerson

Welcome

The radio broadcast is sponsored by Karen Streich in memory of Larry Streich

Gathering Hymn:

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Special Music:

“Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

Ellie Gassman

Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Read by Lydia Johnson

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me He who died heaven’s gate to open wide
He will wash away my sin let his little child come in. **Refrain:**

Children’s Sermon

Lenten Acclamation:

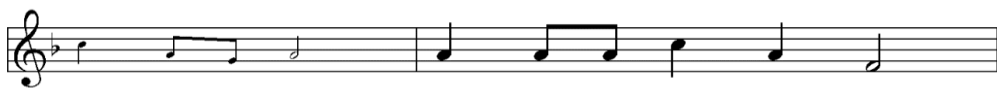


We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

15Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable:

¹¹Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord...



Sermon

Pastor Anita Nuetzman

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

The Creed

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers (P): Lord in your mercy,

Response: **hear our prayer.**

Please Keep the following in prayer:

Sue Ayers Dale Lamprecht Marilu Wohlers
James Grob Sandra Link Bill Wohlers, Jr.
Bill Hollar Brandie McDonald

The Prayer List: Names will be kept on the list for 3 weeks. Family members can request a name be left on longer. The office number is 228-3397.

Please pray for all serving in the Armed Forces & their families: Mackenzy Bilharz, Alex Buenger, Kim Hall, Daniel Jacobs, Cameron Kakac, Robson Shankland

The Offering

The Offering Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a
prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*Response

“Take Our Lives”

Take our lives and let them be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take our moments and our days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take our love, oh Lord, we pour at your feet its treasure store;
Take our lives and we will be ever yours eternally.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. For this is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Benediction

Sending Hymn:

“What Wondrous Love is This”

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1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

P: Go in peace and share the Good News!

Postlude:

“Mighty are Thy Works, O Lord”

Davidson

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March 27 - April 3

Sunday **4th Sunday in Lent**
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:05 a.m. Education Hour
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Ladies Luncheon

Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Supper
5:30 p.m. Lenten Worship
6:00 p.m. Trinity Choir

Sunday **5th Sunday in Lent**
9:00 a.m. Worship/Comm
10:05 a.m. Education Hour
10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Parish Ed

Adult Bible Study
Sundays at 10:15 in the Chapel
Each week we will be taking a closer look at the Bible readings for that Sunday. It's a chance to go deeper in the scriptures for that week and have conversation about them.

Wednesday Night Supper
March 30:
B.B.Q. meatballs, French fries, baked beans, spaghetti salad, cake

Modern Parables: A Lenten Film Festival

Join us at 5:30 p.m. for in-person and livestream Wednesday Lenten services as we look at the parables of Jesus. At each week's service, we'll view a short film which places one of Jesus' parables in a modern-day context. The films accurately follow the original text. The goal of the films is to recreate the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual impact of Jesus' original parables.

March 30: "The Widow & the Judge", Luke 18:1-8
April 6: "The Prodigal Son", Luke 15:11-32

Our Lenten Film Festival services will be a mixture of singing, scriptures, cinema, reflection, and prayer.

Holy Week & Easter 2022
Sunday, April 10 – Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship

Thursday, April 14 – Maundy Thursday
5:30 p.m. Worship/Comm

Friday, April 15 – Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 17th – Easter Sunday
8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Worship/Comm

YOUTH PALM/PASSION SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
April 10th - from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Menu: eggs, ham, hash browns, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk, and coffee (Free will donation)

Easter Lilies
If you would like to donate towards the Easter lilies for Easter Sunday let the office know at 641-228-3397 by April 8th.



Family Board's Easter Egg hunt will be April 16th at 9:00 a.m.!
Donations of wrapped candy to fill the eggs would be greatly appreciated!



"In your Easter Bonnet with all the frills upon it."

Just giving you a heads up. The 150th Anniversary Committee is hoping that the congregation will join us for an old-fashioned Easter on Easter Sunday. In preparation for this we intend to hand out Easter hats to our young girls and bow ties to our young boys on Palm Sunday so you can get ready for Easter. We will distribute them

Save the Date!!!

As part of our 150th anniversary celebration, on May 15 we will be celebrating former pastors, visitation pastors, interns, and Son's of the Ministry from our congregation. There will be at least two former pastors there with a possibility of more. There will be a coffee reception for them after the service. We hope many people will attend.

We will also be remembering the 1968 Tornado since that was May 15, 54 years ago. We plan on a presentation of pictures and video from the time and a reading of Pastor Trost's remembrances of that date and the weeks after. A very interesting manuscript.

REMINDER: Those students attending a Lutheran college who would like to receive an EPIC grant must notify the church by **May 1st**.

St. John scholarship applications for non-Lutheran colleges can be emailed to you and should be emailed to the office by **May 1st**.

**Offering from the week of
March 20, 2022**

General Receipts	\$ 10,153.72
Designated offering	275.00

General receipts of \$9,812.94 are needed weekly to meet the approved budget.

Attendance: 3/20: 163 Wed. 3/23: 94

After Worship Social Time

Coffee & a treat are served in the Parish Hall each Sunday! If you would like to volunteer to bring the treats, **you can sign up on the chart next to the Altar flower/radio broadcast sheet just inside the door of the Narthex**, or call Kathy in the office. What you choose to bring for a treat is entirely up to you! Coffee & napkins are provided by St. John.

Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast

Sign up to sponsor Altar flowers/Radio Broadcast on the glass case in the Narthex!