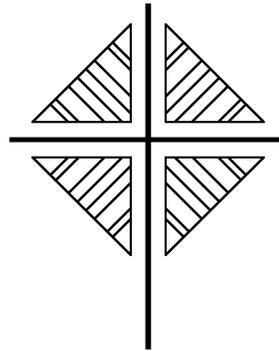


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## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## GOSPEL WORSHIP SERVICES

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 30 & 31, 2019

The parable of the prodigal son may be one of the most familiar lessons taught by our Teacher. Jesus speaks His truth into the heart of every person who needs Him, regardless of whether their brokenness is known to everyone and their brother or known only to the sinner and his or her Creator. Jesus' story of a son's foolish ways and a father's lavish grace is a moving tale with a profound impact. But that's not even the full story. The elder son, who wrongly thought that he had it all together and had not sinned against his father, looks with indignation upon the prodigal's homecoming celebration. The father responds with a message for both of his children, and both of his children desperately need the father's mercy. We do too. Reflect on your brokenness and confess it. Rejoice in your Father's forgiveness and receive it. Relish the celebration of the feast that's been prepared for you and share its joy with every other prodigal you know.

### OPENING HYMN

### "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

1. The\_ King of love my\_ shep-herd is, Whose\_ good-ness fail-eth\_ nev-er;  
I noth-ing lack if I am His And He is mine for-ev-er.
2. Where\_ streams of liv-ing\_ wa-ter flow, My\_ ran-somed soul He\_ lead-eth  
And, where the ver-dant pas-tures grow, With food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
3. Per\_verse and fool-ish\_ oft I strayed, But\_ yet in love He\_ sought me  
And on His shoul-der gent-ly laid And home re-joic-ing brought me.

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

People: **for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You and each other by what we think, what we say and what we do and do not do. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve only punishment for our sins.**

*(a time for silent confession of sins)*

**Pastor:** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life that we would live,

**People:** **Look upon us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Change us and make us new. Amen**

**Pastor:** In Holy Baptism, almighty God, our merciful Father has declared you to be His children and has gathered you into His family, the Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and the sins of all believers. This new life is yours today! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen!**

**Pastor:** Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

**People:** **Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**HYMN OF FORGIVENESS                    “Amazing Grace”**

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray together

**People:** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Even though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may receive Your merciful goodness each day, give thanks for all Your benefits, and live as those You have made new, Your redeemed children. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN FOR THE WORD “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Isaiah 12:1–6***

(The Lord God has become my salvation.)

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” <sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make

known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING*****II Corinthians 5:16–21***

(In Christ, the old has passed away, and the new has come.)

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them,

and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Luke 15:22a, 24a*

Pastor: The father said to his servants, "This my son was dead, and is alive again;

**People: he was lost, and is found."**

**HOLY GOSPEL** (The father embraces his prodigal son.)***Luke 15:1–3, 11–32***

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he

was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'"

<sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. (continued...)

<sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many

years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (8:00 & 10:30 only)

### HYMN OF THE DAY "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

1. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
3. See, from His head, his hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

### SERMON

#### "THE LOST"

*(Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)*

*The Rev. Paul Rieger*

### NICENE CREED

*(See inside back cover of hymnal)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: We pray all these things in the precious name of our Savior Jesus Christ, and we pray as Jesus has taught us:

**People: LORD'S PRAYER**

*(See inside back cover of hymnal)*

**TITHES AND OFFERING****HYMN FOR THE OFFERING****“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

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| <p>1. Take my life- and- let it be<br/>Con se cra-ted-, Lord, to- Thee;<br/>Take my hands and- let them mo-ve<br/>At the im pulse of- Thy- love,<br/>At the im pulse- of Thy- love.</p> <p>2. Take my feet,- and- let them be<br/>Swift and beau-ti-ful for- Thee;<br/>Take my voice and- let me sing-<br/>Al ways, on ly, for- my- King,<br/>Al ways, on ly, for my- King.</p> | <p>3. Take my will- and- make it Thine<br/>It shall be- no- long-er mine;<br/>Take my heart, it- is Thine own-,<br/>It shall be thy roy-al throne.<br/>It shall be thy- roy-al throne</p> <p>4. Take my love-, my- Lord, I pour<br/>At Thy feet- its- trea sure- store;<br/>Take my self, and- I will be-<br/>Ev er, on ly, all-, for- Thee.<br/>Ev er, on ly-, all, for- Thee.</p> |
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**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: We celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with God and with one another. As we trust His words and repent of our sins, we proclaim Christ's death until He comes. Holy Communion is a confession of our faith and we require that those who receive this Sacrament be instructed and share in the beliefs we hold.  
Hear now, the Words of Our Lord, spoken at the time of The Last Supper.

(Words of Our Lord Spoken here)

Pastor: People of God, do you believe the body and blood of Christ is present in, with and under the bread and wine? If so, please answer, "I do so believe."

**People: I do so believe.**

Pastor: In addition, do you wish to receive the many blessings of this Sacrament: the forgiveness of sins, communion with Christ, unity with one another as Christians, and the opportunity to remember our Lord's sacrifice, give Him thanks for this gift and for our salvation, and proclaim our Lord's death on the cross for us? If yes, please answer:

**People: With humility and thankfulness, I wish to receive these gifts of grace.**

Pastor: Then, Welcome to the Lord's Table.

**HYMN FOR COMMUNION PREPARATION "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"**

My\_ Shep-herd\_ will sup-ply my\_ need; Je\_ho-vah is His name:  
In\_ pas-tures\_ green He makes me\_ feed, Be\_side the liv-ing stream.  
He brings My\_ wond-'ring spir-it\_ back, When\_ I for\_sake His ways:  
And\_ leads me\_ for His mer-cy's\_ sake, In\_ paths of truth and grace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Just As I Am"**

1. Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
2. Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**"My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

1. My Je-sus, I love\_ Thee; I know Thou art mine,  
For Thee all the fol\_lies of sin I resign.  
My gra-cious Re-deem\_er, my Sav\_ior art Thou\_:  
"If ev-er I loved\_ Thee, my Je\_sus 'tis now."
2. I love Thee be-cause\_ Thou hast first lov-ed me  
And pur-chased my par\_don on Cal-va-ry's tree.  
I love Thee for wear\_ing the thorns\_ on Thy brow\_:  
"If ev-er I loved\_ Thee, my Je\_sus 'tis now."
3. In man-sions of glo\_ry and end-less de-light,  
I'll ev-er a-dore\_ Thee in heav-en so bright.  
I'll sing with the glit\_ter-ing crown\_ on my brow\_,  
"If ev-er I loved\_ Thee, my Je\_sus, 'tis now."

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in  
body and soul to life everlasting.

People: **Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Help us never to doubt or take for granted Your forgiveness. Together with all who receive Your mercy, we look forward to feasting with You in the kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**People: for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Pastor: Confident of our salvation, let us go forth in the name of the Lord.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN****“Jesus Shall Reign”**

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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign wherever the sun<br/>Does its successive journeys run;<br/>His kingdom stretch from shore to shore<br/>Till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> | <p>3. Blessings abound wherever he reigns:<br/>The prisoners leap to lose their chains,<br/>The weary find eternal rest,<br/>And all who suffer want are blest.</p> |
| <p>2. To him shall endless prayer be made,<br/>And praises throng to crown his head;<br/>His name like sweet perfume shall rise<br/>With every morning sacrifice.</p>     | <p>4. Let every creature rise and bring<br/>Honors peculiar to our King;<br/>Angels descend with songs again,<br/>And earth repeat the loud amen.</p>               |

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\* \* \* **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

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**LEADING WORSHIP**

**Pastor** The Rev. Paul Rieger    **Music** Charlotte Scurry, Abbe Brien, Barbara Mrosko

**Elders** 5:30 – Eric Remold, 8:00 Mike Young, 10:30 – Wayne Meyer

**Worship Assistants** 5:30 – Mitch Miller, 8:00 – Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman,

10:30 – Edward Morison, Mark Prieve    **Lectors** 5:30 – Mark Remold, 10:30 – Diane Cloeter

**Radio Broadcast** Brian Anderson, Ethan Vikla    **Altar Guild** Joyce Mueller

**Nursing Home Ministry** Chuck Eastman    **Greeters** 5:30 – Norma Kielmeyer,

8:00 – Bob & Kathi Meyer, Lynette Templin, 10:30 – Gloria Cloutier, Helen Velzke

**Ushers** 5:30 – Mitch Miller, AJ Miller, Eulanna Hunt,

8:00 – Bob Reineke, Curt Fuchs, Gary Mrosko, Dale Gieseke, Steve Mullenex,

10:30 – Dale Kelm, Gloria Cloutier, Todd Morrissey, Bob Blume, Gerald Kelm