



# Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Service

Lutheran Service Book

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No Communion \* = all stand



SHARE THE PEACE OF THE LORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

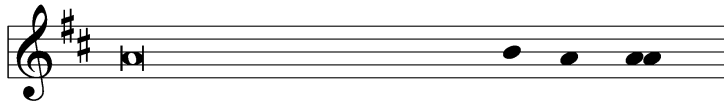
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 a.m.)

*Stand*

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

## Psalmody



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

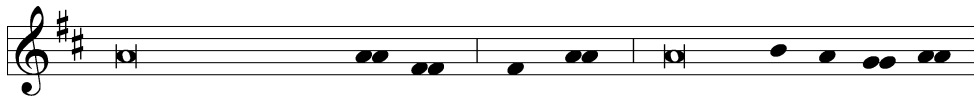
Venite

1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
 2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
 3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
 5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
 2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
 3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
 4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
 2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
 3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Ⓐ Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



Ⓑ O come, let us wor-ship Him.

## Additional Psalms

*Psalm 32; antiphon: v. 11*

<sup>1</sup>Blessèd is the one whose transgression is for- | given,\*  
whose sin is | covered.

<sup>2</sup>**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no in- | iquity,\*  
and in whose spirit there is | no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wast- | ed away\*  
through my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For day and night your hand was heavy up- | on me;\*  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of | summer.**

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my in- | iquity,\*  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity | of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you | may be found;\*  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not | reach him.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from | trouble;\*  
you surround me with shouts of de- | liverance.

<sup>8</sup>**I will instruct you and teach you in the way | you should go;\*  
I will counsel you with my eye up- | on you.**

<sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without under- | standing,\*  
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
or it will not stay | near you.

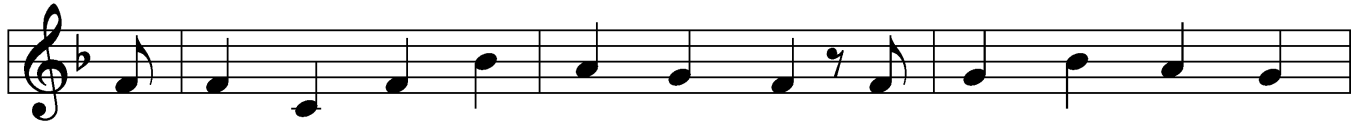
<sup>10</sup>**Many are the sorrows of the | wicked,\*  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts | in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O | righteous,\*  
and shout for joy, all you up- | right in heart!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Sit*

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1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -  
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns  
 3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row  
 4 All righ-teous-ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -  
 △ 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, You have laid On Christ, Your Son, my



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's  
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has  
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from  
 na - tion. True righ-teous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is  
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, You my debt have paid And gained for



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In  
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,  
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He  
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has  
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, Fount of grace, The



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - ges - sion.  
 rec - on-ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.  
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.  
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.  
 good in me to You I trace; In faith and hope pre - serve me.

## Readings

### Reading

*Isaiah 12*

<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.”

ANTHEM (instrumental)

“*Lord of Our Life*”  
(meditation: LSB 659 v.1,3)

Timothy Schmidt

## Reading

*2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

**L** A reading from 2 Corinthians, chapter 5.

<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.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Reading

*Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

**L** A reading from Luke, chapter 15.

<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: . . .

“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. <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.

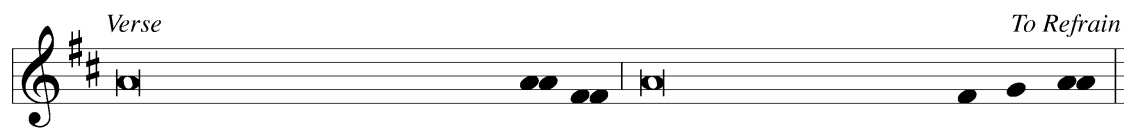
<sup>25</sup>“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, 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.’”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory (Lent)

LSB 222



- L** 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.  
 2 Blessed is he whose  
 transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.  
 3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.



**C** He was delivered up to death; He was delivered  
 for the sins of the peo-ple.

## Sermon

### TITLE OF THE SERMON:

## "THE TWO SONS and THE FATHER"

TEXT: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

DATE: 3-30-2025 LITURGICAL DAY: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

### THEME:

We were dead and are alive again! We were lost and now are found!  
We had left God's house and home.  
But our Father has found us and brought us to life again in Jesus Christ.  
We are again welcome at His Table!

### I. WE ARE LIKE THE YOUNGER SON (the Prodigals and the Lost Gentiles)

### II. WE ARE ALSO LIKE THE OLDER SON (the Angry Jewish Pharisees and Teachers)

### III. JESUS IS LIKE THE COMPASSIONATE FATHER

### CONCLUSION:

We are clothed in the festival robes, ring and sandals of the righteousness of our Lord Jesus Christ! The church's celebration-dance and music-making includes Jews and Gentiles who rejoice and are glad in the compassionate embrace and the kiss of peace found in God's Word and Holy Sacraments!

Welcome back home! Let's go to the Feast at the Lord's Table and celebrate!

### HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or blue (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses.

The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

## Canticle

*Stand*



**1** We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
**2** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
**3** The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.

**1** All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
**2** heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
**3** The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

**1** To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
**2** The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
**3** The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
**4** You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;

**1** To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
**2** The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
**3** also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
**4** You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
 6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
 6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
 6 We believe that . . . . . You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
 6 to . . . . . be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.

7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

*Sit*

**Offering**

VOLUNTARY

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

C. S. Lang

**Prayer**

*Kneel/Stand*

**Kyrie**

*LSB 227*



**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

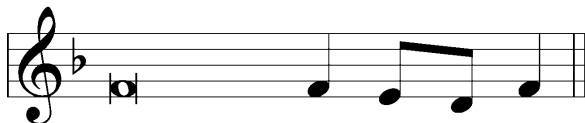
**Lord's Prayer**

**C** 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 Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Collects**



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and 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 heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today, please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025**

#### **In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:**

Ember Ward, Kandie Darmody, Betty Tinney, Allen Smith, Steve Bute, Mike Wendte, Steve Amendt, Mike Knox, Fern Stine, Rachel Phan & unborn baby, Rev. Myron and Dorothy Maltz

#### **Other Needs We Pray for**

- \* Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
- \* Pray for the protection of the unborn.
- \* Pray for rain and disaster relief for the victims of the wildfires.

#### **Military Service Members & their Families**

Gabe Stecker, Mike Gobble, Alex Laffin,  
Eli Wiley, Calvin Ullman

Pray for peace for Syria, Israel, Palestine & Ukraine

#### **Birthdays**

Kennedy Ohliger	3/30	Vicki Debter	3/31
Lois Bollinger	4/1	Matt Schweiger	4/3
Pastor Rob Schrader	4/3	Andrew Jerman	4/5

#### **Anniversaries**

Diana Ritter Coco & James Coco 3/25/2007

#### **Years**

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#### **Missions**

Aaron Reith serves the Lord in the Dominican Republic, where he is a technology administrator. In this role, Aaron uses his expertise to support Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, as well as the mission team throughout the Latin America and the Caribbean region. By supporting the technology needs of the team, Aaron helps keep things running smoothly so that the Gospel can be proclaimed across 14 countries.

## Collect for Grace

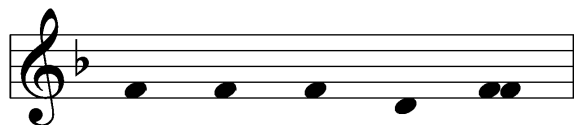
**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Stand*

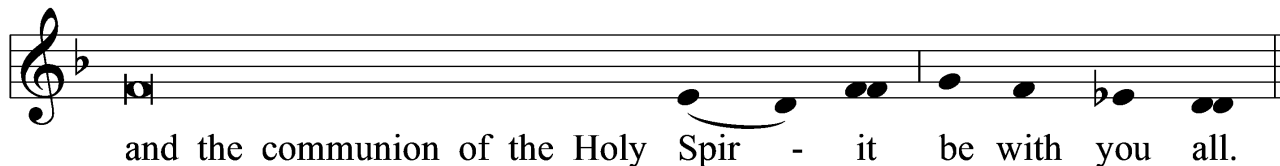
## Benedicamus

*LSB 228*



## Benediction

*LSB 228*



743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



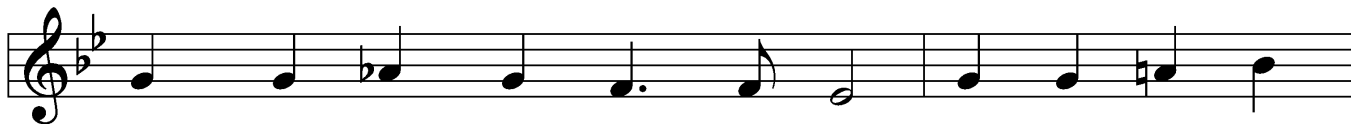
1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;  
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish  
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,  
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me  
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?  
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.  
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.  
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer  
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and  
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its  
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.  
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.  
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour,  
 O pride and pow'r;

Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
Leave thee now forever.

- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
For the Lord of gladness,  
    Jesus, enters in.  
Those who love the Father,  
Though the storms may gather,  
    Still have peace within.  
    Yea, whate'er  
    I here must bear,  
Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
Jesus, priceless treasure!