

4th Sunday in Lent

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VERSICLE: There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. - Luke 15:10

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

WORSHIP NOTES The life of a human being is one of ups and downs. There are moments when one can feel powerful and strong enough to take over the world. It doesn't usually happen. Shortly after we strike out on our own, we fall. We fail. If we are honest, sometimes even the start of our triumphant trip is flawed. We strike out in our own power and to praise ourselves. The Lord has every reason and right to be angry with that attitude, with us. He has all the fuel He needs to condemn us. Out of His great love, though, He didn't do that. He opened His heavenly home and blessed us richly as his children. Now we are not condemned in Christ. We are freed and blessed beyond what we could hope or imagine.

Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting with us today! Please note:

Restrooms: far side (south) of the entry. **Parent's Room:** far left (southwest).



HYMN "Drawn To The Cross"

Christian Worship, # 387:1-2

Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest,
Christ crucified, I come.

How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years;
So now to you with contrite tears,
Christ crucified, I come.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

- P:** We gather in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who invite us with the words, "Come now, let us reason together. . ."
- C:** **"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."** (Isaiah 1:18)
- P:** "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:7-9)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord our God. Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity,

C: **And cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions,

C: **And my sin is always before me.**

P: Surely I was sinful at birth,

C: **Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.** (Psalm 51)

P: The Lord has cleansed us, and we are clean. He has washed us, and we are whiter than snow. On account of Jesus’ sacrifice, God has hidden his face from all of our sins, and blotted out all of our iniquities. May God now grant us pure hearts which desire to carry out his will in our lives.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON Romans 8:1-10

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those who are in

the realm of the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

HYMN

“Praise to You and Adoration”

Christian Worship, 470:1

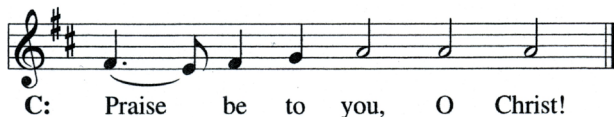
Praise to you and adoration,
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where your steps are leading.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. but the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” Then Jesus told them this parable: There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered

his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"



HYMN OF THE DAY

"Amazing Grace"

CW, 379

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.

The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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SERMON **Isaiah 12:1-6** **"Exalt the NAME"**

LENTEN CREED

P: The season of Lent is a time for contemplating our sins and our Savior. What follows is what the Bible teaches.

C: **This is what we believe.**

P: We believe in Jesus Christ. He is God's eternal Son -- almighty, all-knowing, present in all places.

C: He took on human flesh and blood. He became fully human, dreading future sorrow, tortured by pain.

P: He was tempted in every way, just as we are, but he remained without sin.

C: He submitted humbly to the Father's will. He chose death, to give us life.

P: We believe that our sins anger God, each one of them:

C: Big and small; public and private; those that hurt others; those that don't appear to hurt any person; those that we don't even know.

P: We believe that Jesus Christ lived and died for the sins of the whole world. He loved and honored the heavenly Father. He reached out in love to everyone in need. He remained pure in every thought:

C: Not only to be a good example, but to be humankind's perfect Savior and Substitute.

P: He came to live God's commands in our place. Now God's law cannot condemn us. He submitted to shame. He suffered unjust punishment. He gave himself over to the cross.

C: Not to earn our sympathy or to see our tears, but to carry out the sentence we deserved for our sins.

P: Jesus is our perfect Savior and Substitute. Our sins have been forever left behind because of him.

C: Jesus is our sure Hope and our certain Salvation.

P: This is what the Bible teaches.

This is what we believe.

OFFERING

To honor God and to remind each other that our offerings are part of our regular gathering and worship, we bring the offering plates forward to the altar at this time.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & SPECIAL PRAYERS

SERVICE CONTINUES

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

HYMN "Drawn to the Cross"

CW # 387:3-4

Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain,
Christ crucified, I come.

To pledge my labor willingly,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

BENEDICTION

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN "Praise to You and Adoration"

Christian Worship, 470:2

Hold me ever in your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for you,
And my faith and hope renew
In your birth, your life, and passion,
In your death and resurrection.

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SLIENT PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/27)	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Children's Chapel
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	3:30 PM	Lenten Midweek Service w/communion
	7:00 PM	Lenten Midweek Service w/communion
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
	9:30 AM	VTO Meeting
Sunday (4/3)	8:00 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship Service w/communion
	11:45 AM	Confirmation Parent Meeting

Next Week's Readings

First Lesson	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Second Lesson	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Psalm	Psalm 2

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.
Link on our website (see below).*

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THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

OVER BLESSED
Service Theme

PREACHER:
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HYMNS: AS PRINTED

FIRST LESSON:

Romans 8:1-10

GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

THE SERMON:

Isaiah 12:1-6

"Exalt the NAME"

FLOWERS

The flowers this week are from Connie & Cody Strook in loving memory of Connie's father.