

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



MARCH 30, 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

March 30th, 2025

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

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Organists:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 32

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were “*still a long way off*,” He saw us and “*felt compassion*” (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making “*him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*” (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we “*will trust, and will not be afraid*” (Is. 12:2).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing




1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry
2. Here I raise my Eb - en -
3. Oh, to grace how great a
4. Oh, that day when freed from




bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy
e - zer, Hith-er by Thy help I've
debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to
sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly



grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er
come; And I hope, by Thy good
be; Let that grace now like a
face; Clothed then in the blood washed



ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud-est
plea - sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at
fet - ter Bind my wan - d'ring heart to
lin - en, How I'll sing Thy won-drous




praise. While the hope of end - less
home. Je - sus sought me when a
Thee; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
grace! Come, my Lord, no long-er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and
strang - er, Wan-d'ring from the fold of
feel it; Proneto leave the God I
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a -



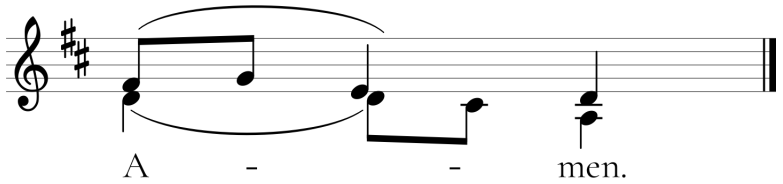
love, Teach me ev - er to a -
God; He, to res - cue me from
love. Here's my heart, O take and
way; Send Thine an - gels soon to



dore Thee; May I still Thy good-ness prove.
dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
seal it, Seal it for Thy courtsa - bove.
car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.





Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

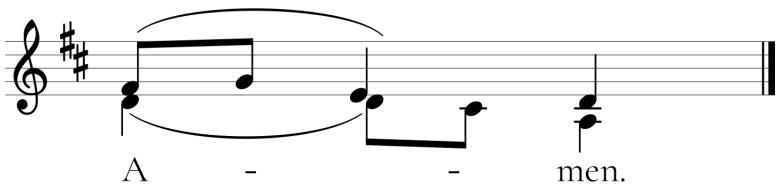


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . O 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, now and forever.



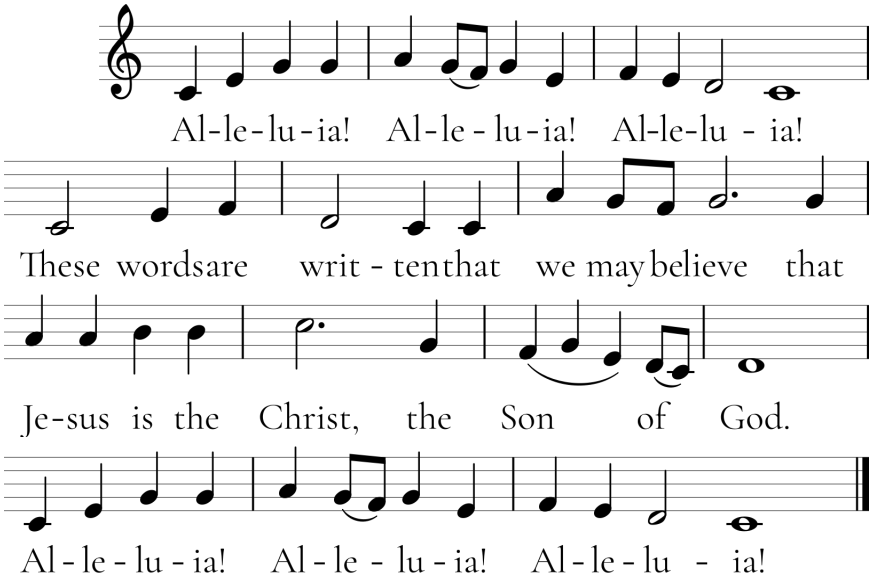
THE WORD

Isaiah 12:1-6 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. ² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation!'" ³ Therefore with joy you will draw water From the wells of salvation. ⁴ And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds

among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he* is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom

all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

First Song of Isaiah

Refrain: Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold
and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

1. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and
call upon his Name; [Refrain]

2. Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember
that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord,
for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world. [Refrain]

3. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel. [Refrain]

SERMON

Luke 15:11-32 ¹¹ Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. ¹² "And the younger of them said to *his* father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to *me*.' So he divided to them *his* livelihood. ¹³ "And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ "But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ "Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ "And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ 'I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ "and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had

compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹ "And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring^t out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet. ²³ 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ "So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ "And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' ²⁸ "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ "So he answered and said to *his* father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ 'But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' ³¹ "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me,

and all that I have is yours. ³² 'It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

GOD FORGIVES EVEN THE RIGHTEOUS

The greatness of God's love is seen
in his patience with the elder brother.

(worksheet on page 26)



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#245:1-4 God Loved the Word so that He Gave

Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the
glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san - na in the

high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: #305



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,

O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With an-gels I, Your
 prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter-nal - ly.
 Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood
 Be for my soul the high - est good.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
 His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
 give you peace.

A - men. A - men. A - men.

#151:1-3,6,7 Christ the Life of All the Living

SUNDAY MARCH 30

9am Communion Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice

TUESDAY APRIL 1

2pm Bible Class
7 pm School Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY APRIL 2

3:45pm Confirmation Class
7pm Lent Service

SUNDAY APRIL 6

9am Worship Service
10am Sunday School
10am Choir Practice

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 4373
Missions - \$ 125
Building Fund- \$ 25
In memory of Eric Brown \$ 200 to
Building Fund
In memory of Gary Flagel \$ 30 to
General Fund
CLC - \$ 25
Sunday Service – 76
Sunday School – 5
Bible Class - 12
Wednesday – 28

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Drew Muehlenhaupt,
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erhut, Tyler Denson

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Blaine Kempenaar

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John Bobek, Keith Dickerson

Next Week Team # 6

Jim Kok, Jared, Swyter

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20

7am Sunrise Service
8am Brunch
8am Easter Egg Hunt
9am Communion Service

EASTER LILIES

Signup sheet on the bulletin board.
\$15 per Lily. Deadline April 6.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

8am – 11am on Monday April 7th, 2025, Call/Text Alison Brown for RSVP or questions.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 43:16–21

Psalms 126

Phil. 3:(4b–7) 8–14

Luke 20:9–20

Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran Church, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, White River, SD.

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his retirement as of August, 2025.

Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac WI.

Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Mrs. Vanessa Wales and Mrs. Danielle Sippert to teach language arts and other courses for the 2025-2026 school year to replace Mrs. Debra Mayhew whose call will expire at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

Sermon Worksheet - Luke 15:11-32

Verses 11-13

What sin did the younger commit?

What sin did the elder commit?

What was the father's reaction?

Verses 14-17

What was the sinful attitude of the younger?

What was the sinful attitude of the elder?

What was the father's attitude?

Verses 18-24

How does the younger son think to show his repentance?

What is the father's response to this plan?

What was wrong with the younger son's thinking?

Verses 25-31

What was wrong with the elder son's thinking?

How should we see one another?

What is the father's reaction to the elder son's attitude?

Which son do you most identify with?

Regardless of which son we think we are how does God deal with us?



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