#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

## "We Preach Christ Crucified ... "

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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# "'My son,' the father said, 1 are with wa S me, and everything LUKE 15:31, NIV

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## As We Gather

We assume people get what they deserve. We assume what goes around comes around. We assume God helps those who helps themselves. And all those assumptions must be crushed. Got does not operate on the principle of merit but of grace. Like gravity, grace is a constant force at work in how God deals with us and how He wants us to deal with others. No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. God never turns it off. When the weight of our sin makes us fearful of God's condemnation, He reveals His grace yet again.

## ✤ Preparation for Worship ✤

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

Hymn

TLH 279 – Today Thy Mercy Calls Us

#### Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

#### Confession and Absolution [Hebrews 10:22]; Psalm 124:8; 32:5

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
- **C** and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

- ▶ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.
- **P** Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- **C** Amen.

## ✤ Service of the Word ✤

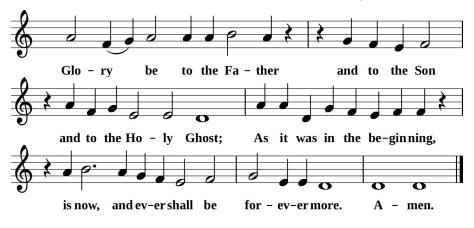
## **Psalm of the Day**

Psalm 32

- **P** Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
- **C** whose sin is covered.
- P Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
- **C** and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- **P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
- **C** through my groaning all day long.
- **P** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
- **C** my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
- **C** I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
- **C** surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
- P You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
- **C** you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- **P** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
- **C** I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- **P** Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
- **C** which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
- P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
- **C** but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
- **P** Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
- **C** and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

#### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father





Lord, Have Mercy



## Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



## **Old Testament Reading**

<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."

## **Epistle Reading**

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

- **P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- **C** Amen.



Romans 8:1-10

#### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Hymn

TLH 388 – Just as I am, without One Plea

#### Sermon Text

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

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <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. <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.' "



#### Hymn

#### **Offering Hymn**

#### TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

## **General Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

### Benediction

- 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.
- **C** Amen.

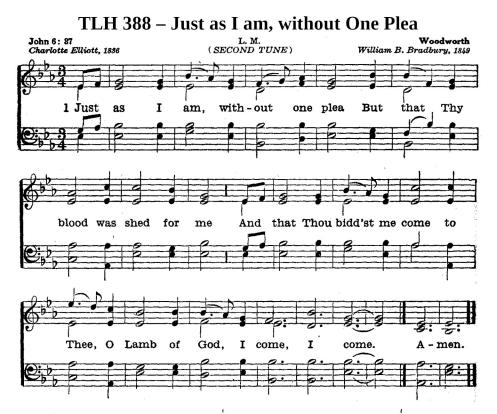
Hymn

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#### TLH 279 – Today Thy Mercy Calls Us





- 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 every barrier down. Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

#### TLH 324 (1-3, 5-8) – Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Luke 15: 2 Jesus nimmt die Sünder an Erdmann Neumeister, 1718 Tr., composite

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- 5 I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession; Savior, mercy show to me Grant for all my sins remission. Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 6 Oh, how blest it is to know: Were as scarlet my transgression. It shall be as white as snow By Thy blood and bitter Passion: For these words I now believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.
- 7 Now my conscience is at peace, From the Law I stand acquitted; Christ hath purchased my release And my every sin remitted. Naught remains my soul to grieve-Jesus sinners doth receive.

Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht

8 Jesus sinners doth receive. Also I have been forgiven; And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven. Dying, still to Him I cleave-Jesus sinners doth receive.

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## ╋ Announcements ╋

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15					
*Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran					
March 27	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			
March 30	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship			
March 31	10:00 am	Bible Class			
April 3	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion			
April 4	6:30 pm	Mission Committee			
April 6	6:30 pm	Midweek Lenten Worship			
April 7	10:00 am	Bible Class			
April 10	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			

**Midweek Lenten Worship**: Our Lenten theme this year is: "Lenten Tears" We will again have a Lenten Pulpit exchange with Pastors Mark Bernthal, Mike Eichstadt, and David Ude. All services will be at 6:30 pm. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- March 30: Tears For Jerusalem----Luke 19:41-44 Pastor Ude
- April 6: Tears of Grief---John 11:17-37 Pastor Sauers

**LMS Mini Classes**: We will be having Mini Classes the week of Monday, April 11 - Wednesday, April 13. These will be a chance for parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, and friends down the street to come and show/teach different hobbies or activities with our students. Time slots can be as short as 90 minutes to up to 2-3 hours. We are able to travel a small distance also. If you have something you'd like to prepare to share and teach the students or know someone who might, please reach out to them and Mrs. Wiese soon!

The list of possibilities is endless, but examples could include: taxidermy, candle making, soap making, flower arranging, crocheting, changing a tire, jerky making, leather work, scrap-booking, beekeeping, financial planning, sign language, changing oil, self-defense, or baking/cooking (to name a few).

**Easter Lillies**: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Easter Lillies. Today is the deadline

ILC Camp: CLC Youth Camp will be taking place on the Immanuel campus in Eau Claire, June 12-18. It is a week-long camp of faith, fellowship, and fun. Camp is open to kids going into grades 6-9 and the cost is \$135/camper. There is also a morning pre-camp program available for kids going into grades K-5 with a cost of \$60/camper. Registration will open 3 information Sunday, March 27th at PM. For more visit youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp, or email the camp directors Kendra Rodebaugh and Sam Radermacher at youthcamp.clc@gmail.com

**Have You Considered ILC?:** Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our CLC recruiter, Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, at sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com, cell (414) 534-7279.

**Call for Nominations**: The deadline is March 31 for nominations to CLC offices at our upcoming synod convention, June 23-26, 2022. Pastors, professors, male teachers, and voters of congregations within the Church of the Lutheran Confession are invited to nominate individuals for the following synodical offices:

- CLC President
- CLC Vice-President
- CLC Moderator

- CLC Secretary
- Called Servants for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education
- Lay Members for the Board of Trustees, Regents, Missions, and Education.

An online nomination form and accompanying information is available on the clclutheran.org website (scroll down to "Convention 2022"). Nominations may also be sent by regular mail at this address: Moderator Paul D. Nolting, 810 W 3rd St, Valentine, NE 69201. U.S. mail must be postmarked no later than March 31.

**CLC News:** Teacher Debra Mayhew has accepted the call to teach grades K- 4th at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN.+ Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen's Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has accepted the call to teach the upper grade classes at Faith Lutheran School. Markesan, WI. + Mr. Luke Willitz has accepted the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. + Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, is still considering the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. + Allison Brown, a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, is still considering call to teach preschool part time at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. + Pastor Tom Naumann of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

FRUITS OF FAITH – March 13		Attendance: 3/16 – 36; 3/20 - 66			
Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession			
Budgetary (Regular Expenses)		Budgetary (Regular Expenses)			
\$3,159.00	LM General Budget (03/20)	\$305.00	CLC General Budget (03/20)		
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need		
+\$235.92	-Under / +Over	-\$79.62	-Under / +Over		
\$37,147.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$13,869.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings		
\$35,076.96	Year to Date Need	\$14,615.56	Fiscal Year to Date Need		
+\$2,070.04	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$746.56	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)		
Non-Budg	etary (Unplanned Expenses)	Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)			
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund		
	LM Student Aid Fund	\$75.00	ILC Building Fund		
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund		
\$5.00	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)		
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach		Project Kinship/Orphanage		
\$45.00	\$45.00 LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival		
\$30.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous		
Memorial: \$20 to the General Fund in memory of Don Seibel					
Memorial: \$27 to the General Fund in memory of Carol Hunt					



