

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Saturday, March 29, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

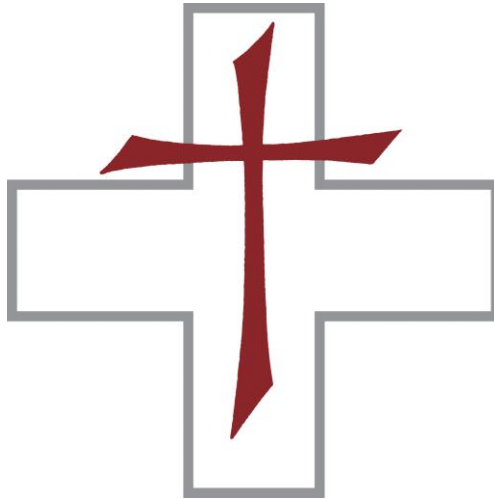
Sunday, March 30, 2025 - 8:00 a.m.

*Based on the Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB pg. 260*

*The season of Lent is a time for reflection upon our sin and its consequences. We journey with Jesus to the cross, as we contemplate the costly gift of His love.*

## Theme of the Day

*No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who demand what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, our Heavenly Father meets us with joy, welcomes us with forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. Every week in worship, the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our faith with His very presence. This is the source of our holy joy. This is the peace that passes all understanding.*



**Are You a Guest?** *Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. Please Note: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 9.*

## Red Connection Pads

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## A Note on Offerings

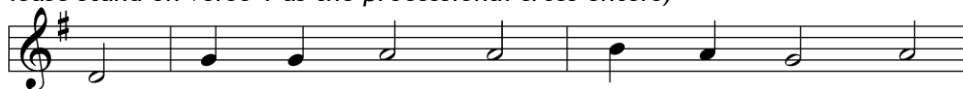
*In thanksgiving for God's many gifts, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts. Donation boxes are located at each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use [clcs.org/give](https://clcs.org/give) or the QR code to the left.*

## Opening Hymn

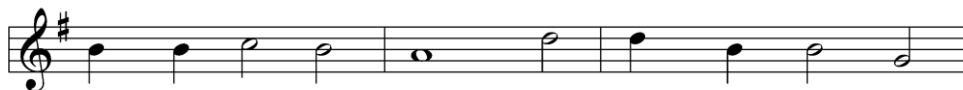
## “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LSB 528

(Please stand on verse 1 as the processional cross enters)



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He  
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

### Call to Worship

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** (*Psalm 118:24*)

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** (*Psalm 113:3*)

L: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.**

L: Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C: **let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.**

L: Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C: **He was bruised for our iniquities.** (*Joel 2:13; Matthew 16:24; Isaiah 53:5*)

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness

*The Absolution - John 20:21-23*

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in Your care.

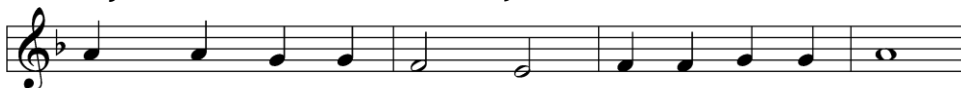
P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Lenten Hymn

### “Glory Be to Jesus”

LSB 433



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains  
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;  
6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, Swell the might - y flood;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!  
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!  
Loud - er still and loud - er Praise the pre - cious blood!

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## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Children’s Message *(Please be seated)*

## † The Word of the Lord †

### First Reading

“The Lord is my strength and my song”

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

<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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading

“Reconciled”

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

<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: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Hymn Verse (*Please stand*)

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

*LSB 589*

I Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to  
me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,  
Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward  
strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with  
love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!

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## Holy Gospel

## “The Parable of the Two Sons”

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

- P: Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying,
- C: This man receives sinners and eats with them.**
- P: So He told them this parable: . . . “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father,
- C: ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’**
- P: And he divided his property between them. 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. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said,
- C: “How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’”**
- P: 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. And the son said to him,
- C: “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”**
- P: 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. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” And they began to celebrate. Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 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.” But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father,
- C: “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. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!”**
- P: And he said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Shared Confession of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 of the Day *(Please be seated)*

## “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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## Sermon

“Redeemed. Reconciled. Restored.”

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at [clcs.org/sermons](http://clcs.org/sermons).

Special Music (8:00 a.m.)

“O Dearest Jesus”

Calvary Handbells

(For meditation and reflection, the full text may be followed in the hymnal - LSB 439.)

*O dearest Jesus, what law hast Thou broken  
That such sharp sentence should on Thee be spoken?  
Of what great crime hast Thou to make confession,  
What dark transgression?*

Offertory Hymn (5:30 p.m.)

“We Praise You, O God”

LSB 785



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.

We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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Offering Prayer

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*The heavens are yours, O Lord, and yours also the earth;  
you founded the world and all that is in it.*

~ Psalm 89:11

## Prayers *(Please stand)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For (...special petitions), let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**





## ✝ Holy Communion ✝

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward ways and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community in which I now seek to receive communion? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

**When invited forward, please line up in front of the communion rail.**

*Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.*

*Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.*

**After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.**

### Hymn of Preparation

### "Splendor and Honor"

LSB 950

- 1 Splendor and honor, majesty and power  
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev'ry blessing,  
For by Your bidding was the whole creation  
Called into being.
- 3 To the Almighty, throned in heav'nly splendor,  
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise, and glory given,  
Now and forever.

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### Lord's Prayer

- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your Holy Supper, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, and Your resurrection from the dead. So remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

**Words of Our Lord**      *The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**P:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**C:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

**Lamb of God**

*The Agnus Dei - John 1:29*

*LSB 550*

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. *Refrain*

**Refrain** O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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*(Please be seated)*

**Special Music**

**“Just As I Am, without One Plea”**

*piano solo - Abigail Ebert*

**For Prayer & Personal Reflection during Communion Distribution**

**“Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.  
And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled...”** Luke 15:1-2a  
*Some were drawing near! Others were grumbling about!  
When do you tend to stop listening and start grumbling?*

**“But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes,  
you killed the fattened calf for him!”** Luke 15:30  
*Where have you been blind to your sin while being wide-eyed at the sin of others?*

**“His father came out and entreated him ...  
‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’”** Luke 15:18, 31  
*Why is it such a treasure to have our Heavenly Father?*



## Distribution Hymn

## “What Wondrous Love Is This”

LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Whc  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my  
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my  
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will  
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.  
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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## Post-Communion Hymn *(Please stand & sing)*

LSB 805

- 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Evening Prayer *(5:30 p.m.)*

- C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

## Sending Hymn

## “Amazing Grace”

LSB 744

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

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*Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for our midweek Lenten worship.  
This week's theme will be "Blessed and Blessing" (1 Peter 3:8-17).*

## ✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

**Preacher:** Pastor Kurt Ebert

**Worship Leader:** (5:30p) Doug Wright (8:00a) Bill Laut

**Organist:** (5:30p & 8:00a) Rhonda Hansen

**Musicians:** (5:30p & 8:00a) Abigail Ebert - piano (8:00a) Calvary Handbells

**Acolyte:** (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Lillian Schroeder