



Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 27, 2022

AS WE GATHER

This Sunday, once called *Laetare*, which is Latin for “rejoice,” lifts the somberness of Lent a bit. The reason is all that God has already done for us in the past. The reading from Isaiah looks ahead to our day, when we know that the Lord “has become my salvation.” God’s forgiveness has reconciled us through Christ as completely, Paul writes, that it is as if “the old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” We can be confident that each day brings us closer to our last on earth, when, like the prodigal son, we shall hear our heavenly Father’s “welcome home.” So, even in Lent, rejoice!

OPENING HYMN “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” LSB 686

Come Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love, teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still Thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be; let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand’ring heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love. Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; clothed then in the blood-washed linen, how I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransom’d soul away; send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Today is the Lord’s Day, a Sunday in Lent, but not part of it—a little Easter. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,

People: **in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,

People: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

People: **make haste to help me, O Lord. 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 AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

People: **Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people. We have sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds. We have transgressed Your law in many ways by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not always been good to our**

friends, faithful to our neighbors, or caring to our family members. We deserve Your punishment now and for eternity. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord. Direct us by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your Commandments as Your redeemed people.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of grace and peace sanctify you completely and keep you blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

KYRIE melody LSB 655

People: Your mercy, Lord, bestow on us. O Father, hear us as we pray. Show us Your gracious mercy, Lord, Your holy peace at end of day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

People: Fill us with such thanks, praise, and joy, that we may be Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation in all our daily relationships;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say:

"I will praise you, LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation."

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

In that day you will say:

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old

has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM "The Lamb"

HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 15:11–32

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.’”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Amazing Grace” *LSB 744*

**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; His grace has brought me safe
thus far, His 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.**

SERMON

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

All: 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Give Thee But Thine Own” *LSB 781*

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A
trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As prodigals, we come into the arms of our heavenly Father, waiting even more for us
to pray than we are to petition His mercy.

Heavenly Father, we have all been one with Adam in the rebellion of our stubborn wills and in
suffering the consequences of sin with its death. Grant us grace that we may return to You with
humble hearts and rejoice in Your forgiveness so that our hearts may be at peace and we may be
rescued from our guilt, shame, and despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, in Baptism You made us anew, raising up from the water a new person,
created in Christ Jesus for good works. Give us the will and desire to do what is good, right, and
pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty God, deliver the nations from violence and war, and teach us generosity, compassion, and the path of peace. Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge Your laws. Bless also those who labor for peace and justice even at the peril of their own lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, deliver us from rebellion and bitterness that we not only find a home in Your mercy but show forth Your grace, forgiveness, and joy to all those around us. Bless the missionary and church planter as they bring Your saving Word to those who have not heard it and plant congregations for Your people to gather around Your Word and Table. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Father, You know our needs even before we ask but still we cry to You on behalf of all the sick and those who suffer, [*especially* . . .]. Give them healing in accordance with Your will, grace to endure their affliction, and peace in the hour of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Kindly Father, You sent forth Your Son into our death and what He has accomplished by His suffering and death You have given to us freely in this Holy Sacrament. Grant that we with repentance and faith come forth to His Table to receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Blessed Lord, Your mercies are daily new and with fresh goodness You replenish the earth. Give us wisdom to use well all Your resources, and grant us giving hearts that we share with those in need all that You have given in abundance. Receive also these tithes and offerings, signs of our faith and symbols of our thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Additional petitions may be inserted here.)

Pastor: O Lord, remembering the faithful who have gone before us, we ask You to keep us by Your grace through the days to come, that we not be lost to You again but kept in faith now until the day of the resurrection of the dead, when we shall join the saints in glory in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "I Will Rise"

**There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul I can say "It is well"
Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead**

[Chorus:]

**And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise**

**There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes
Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead**

[Chorus:]

**And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise**

[Bridge]

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb"
[x2]**

[Chorus:]

**And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of March 27, 2022

**Church
News**

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**PRAY FOR: Heidi Costello & Homebound Families
Immanuel, Lockwood - Rev. Kyle Fittje**

Peggy Lilienkamp – (health and healing after gall bladder surgery)
Finley Wilson – (Troy Wilson's son – health and healing from ear issues)
Erica Wilson – (Troy Wilson's ex-wife – health and healing)
Ryan Young – (Kathy Holle's nephew – protection on his military deployment)

Rick Thomas – (Health and healing from cancer & Covid)
 Mahlon Stine – (Joe Lynn’s grandson - health and healing)
 Larry Willis – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 Stacy Maples – (Friend of Joanne Michel – health and healing)
 Margaret Seburn - (Cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)
 Bill Parsons – (Brother of Joanne Michel - health and healing from surgery)
 Gary Gardner– (Health and healing from surgery)
 Bill Thompson – (Health and healing from surgery)
 Joan Wolf – (Health and healing)
 Michael Lampe – (Pastor’s son – health and healing)
 Eric Folsom – (Healing and finding purpose)
 Randy Wallace – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
 Rick Strong – (Brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health and healing)
 Diana Bauer – (Daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health and healing)
 Mary Ramm – (Relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)
 Jami Bauer – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)
 Vicki Heppard – (Relative of Gladys Bauer - health and healing from cancer)
 Chris Woodard– (Friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing from cancer)
 Ronnie Garoutte - (Father-in-law of Amy Garoutte - health and healing)
 Danata Hopkins – (Friend of Harold Lampe - health and healing from surgery)
 Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (Health and healing)
 Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)
 Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)
 Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)

THIS WEEK

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| Sunday | March 27th | Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am with Pastor Cox Outreach meeting after Church |
| Wednesday | March 30th | Pastor in the Office Service – 7:00 pm |
| Thursday | March 31st | Pastor in the Office |
| Saturday | March 26th | Bower Family Reunion - 11:00 am, basement |
| Sunday | April 3rd | Happy Half Hour – 9:00 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service with communion – 10:00 am |

Birthdays: Don Wolf-Mar. 29

Anniversaries: Michael & Amy Garoutte-April 5

Lenten Devotion Booklets are available in the narthex (entryway).

Portals of Prayer are available in the narthex.

Free Will Offering - “Food for the Poor”: Free will donations will be taken the first Sunday of each

month. This money will be used by pastor at his discretion for immediate needs.

Next Game Night: 4th Saturday – April 23

Tables & Chair Sale: If a member wishes to purchase either or both – the deadline is April 10th. See one of the Trustees or Dennis Doss.

Ukraine: There is an announcement on the bulletin board of ways to help Ukraine through the LCMS.

Memory Care: Our Church Website now has information on memory care and senior topics. Please have a look at church website and let us know what you think.

Plus 1 - Project Blue Barrel: March - "March in Someone Else's Shoes"

New or gently used Tennis Shoes for Pre-K - High School. Please consider contributing and supporting this project. Check the church website for more information



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March

GREETERS

27-Charlie & Edee Chambers

USHERS

27-Charlie Chambers

April

GREETERS

04/03 & 06: Dennis & Sue Doss
04/10, 14 & 15: Charlie & Edith Chambers
04/17: Bill & Joanne Michel
04/24: Bob & Rachel Sanford

USHERS

04/03 & 06: Bill Michel
04/10, 14 & 15: David Lampe
04/17: Dennis Doss
04/24: Charlie Chambers

Grace Lutheran T-shirt (let Pam have your order)

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