

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You 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.

²Behold, 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.”

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of
salvation. ⁴And 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.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done
gloriously;

let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From 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. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he
is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold,
the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who
through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us
the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God
was reconciling the world to himself, not counting
their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us
the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are
ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal
through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be
reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be
sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might
become the righteousness of God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all
drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and
the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives
sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: . . .

“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And 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. ¹³Not 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. ¹⁴And when he had spent
everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and
he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself
out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent
him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing
to be fed with the pods that the pigs 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 more than
enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will
arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.
¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat
me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰And 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. ²¹And the son said
to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and
before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your
son.’ ²²But 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. ²³And bring the
fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.
²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was
lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he
came and drew near to the house, he heard music and
dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked
what these things meant. ²⁷And 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.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in.
His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came,
who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you
killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him,
‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is
yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this
your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is
found.’”

*Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible,
English Standard Version®.*

In Our Prayers this Week—

*March missions of the month, Concordia
Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarian
Luke Konkel.*

- *Peace among nations.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *Bob Navis, recovering from pneumonia.*
 - *Phyllis Conrad, recovering from a fall.*
 - *Keith Klein, for successful surgery.*
 - *Jim Schmitz, health issues.*
 - *Ruth McKenna, health issues.*
 - *Michelle Popp and all expectant mothers.*
 - *David Shaver, brother of Sara Knepprath, hospitalized.*
- All who are battling cancer:*

- *Jayne Cotter*
- *Ed Friede*
- *Cindi Arnold, sister of Debi Taylor, receiving hospice care*
- *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
- *Jennifer Harrill, mother of Andrew Harrill*
- *Randy Heidemann, brother of Sandy Korb, recovering from brain surgery.*

Please also keep in prayer
—*our Seminarian, Vicar Luke Konkel;*
—*Rev. Eric Skovgaard, our district president;*
—*Matthew Harrison, synod president;*
—*the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;*
—*our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Cascade and Rev. Richard Biding;*
—*our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and*
—*our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel, Bob & Alice Denhardt, Ed Friede, Virginia Dowty and Bob Navis.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



“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.”

Luke 15:31-32

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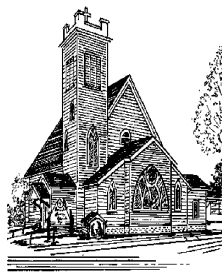
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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

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).

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — *Luke 20:17* *“But he looked directly at them and said, ‘What then is this that is written: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?”*

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — LSB #430 — *“My Song Is Love Unknown”*

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — **M:** Ex. 2:1-22; Mark 14:32-52 **T:** Ex. 2:23—3:22; Mark 14:53-72 **W:** Ex. 4:1-18; Mark 15:1-15 **Th:** Ex. 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32 **F:** Ex. 5:1—6:1; Mark 15:33-47 **Sat:** Ex. 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20 **Sun:** Ex. 8:1-32; Heb. 1:1-14

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Lent 5* (April 6, 2025):

Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 20:9-20; Psalm 126

❻ **Devotions** — *Daily Lenten devotions are found in The Hand of the Lord devotional.*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 30, 2025

Greeter — *Lois Marks*

Elder — *Mark Mathe*; Usher — *Michael Schommer*

Altar Guild — *Chris Born, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Betsy Marks*

Cantors — *Choir*; Acolyte — *Tim Marks*

Vocalists — *The Buchholz Family*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

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

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the
shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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