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Fourth Sunday in Lent



Luke 15:21

²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

FM 88.9

Thank you for joining our service today.

*This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.
You may stand during worship with asterisk (*) in this bulletin.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

- Prelude** **Tena Rackow**
- Welcome**
- Confession and Forgiveness** **ELW page 94-96**
We will use the left side column.
- *Gathering Hymn “Our Father, We Have Wandered”**
ELW #606
- *Greeting** **page 138**
- *Kyrie** **page 138-9**
- *Prayer of the Day**
God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Choir Anthem “As the Winter Days Grow Longer”**
- Word**
- God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*
- Children’s Message** **Rene’ Johnson**
- 1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12**
- 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21**
- *Gospel Acclamation “Return to the Lord”** **page 142**
- *Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32** **see insert**
- Message** **Rene’ Johnson**
- Hymn of the Day “Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”**
ELW #608
- Apostles’ Creed** *you will find the Apostles’ Creed on* **page 105**

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Leader will lead the prayer.

Congregation may respond each petition with the following word:

L: Merciful God. **C: Receive our prayer.**

Prayer will conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Dan, Bryan, Shane, Joe, Dan Kempel, Kevin, Bruce Miller, Tana, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Emma and dysfunctional families. Pray for love peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for the family and friends of Lyle Fulfs.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing and Dismissal

P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

Thanks be to God.

***Sending Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This”**

ELW #666

Postlude

Tena Rackow

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Cost: \$14.00 per plant

Use the flower envelopes to place an order.

Orders must be in by April 3rd.

Holy Week Schedule

April 10th Whole Family Palm/Passion Sunday Service at 9:30am

Invite whole family to join to walk through the story of Jesus and his disciples in Jerusalem.

April 14th Maundy Thursday

Service at 6:00pm @Lena UMC

Holy communion will be celebrated in this service.

April 15th Good Friday

Service at 6:00pm @ Good Shepherd

April 16th –Holy Saturday

10:00am-12:00pm Easter Sidewalk Chalk Art

We will share the Easter joy with sidewalk chalk art.

Just show up during the time and let's have some fun.



April 17th Easter Sunday,

7am Easter Sunrise Service @Lena Cemetery.

In case of rain, service will be at Good Shepherd.

9:30am Easter Sunday Worship @Good Shepherd

With special music by the choir, hand bells and brass.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in both services.

Easter Day Fellowship

We invite you and your family to come and enjoy Easter Day Fellowship breakfast at Good Shepherd, before or after our 9:30am service. Coffee, Juice and Danish will be served.

Attendance March 13th

In-person— 28 Online – 39

On-line attendance includes Facebook and YouTube video views from the last 7 days.

***Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32**

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout 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 to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then 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 slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

P: the gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**