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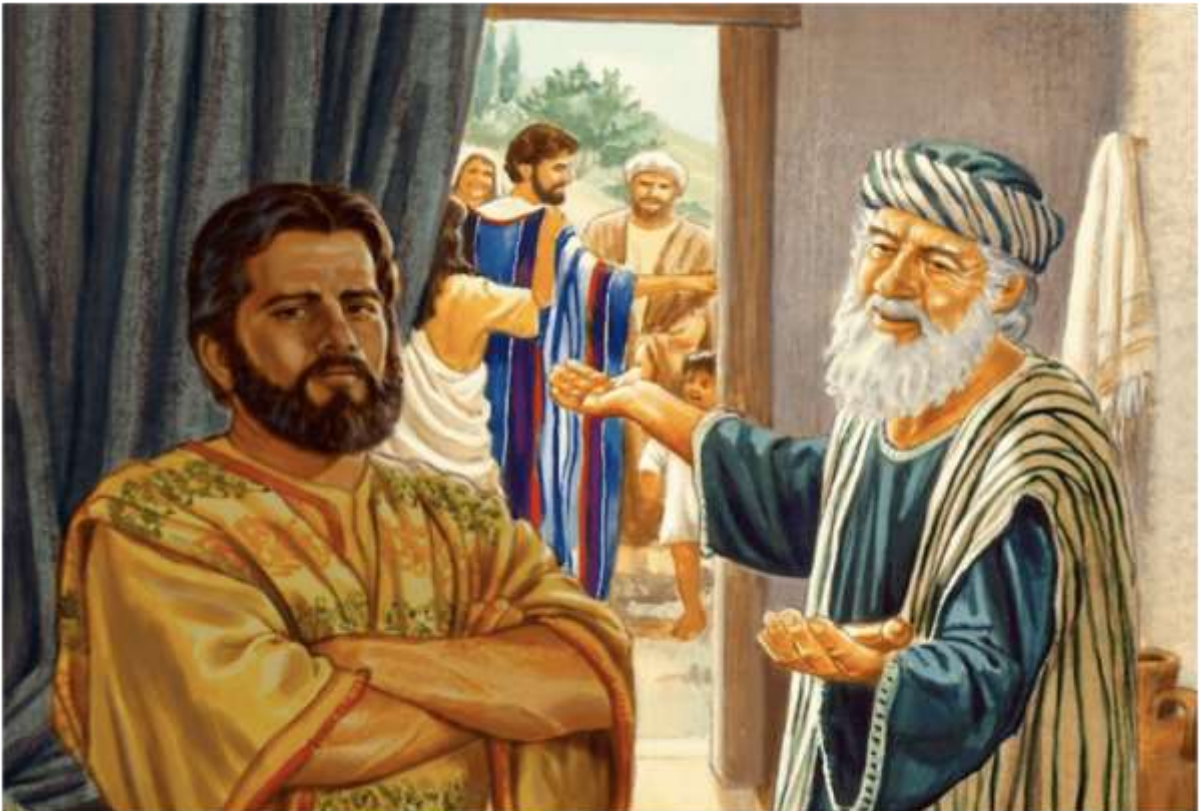
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Fourth Sunday in Lent



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Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk ()*

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Opening

Prelude and Contemplation

Musicians

Welcome

P: A reading from the first book of Samuel [7:10, 12]: As Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to attack Israel. But the LORD thundered with a mighty sound that day against the Philistines and threw them into confusion. Then Samuel took a stone and set it up and called its name Ebenezer; the Stone of Help, for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us."

* **Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **ELW # 807**

* **Greeting** *WOV page 46*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **Dialogue**

P: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors by the prophets;

C: but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found,

C: call upon him while he is near.

P: The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart;

C: that is the word of faith that we proclaim.

* Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW # 612

* **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

Readings

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9-12*

L: A reading from the book of Joshua.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. ¹¹And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 32

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 32.

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

⁷ You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

⁹ Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.

¹⁰ **Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *II Corinthians 5:16-21*

L: A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

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. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*** Acclamation** *O Word of God Incarnate* **ELW # 514, verse 1**

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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:

¹¹And he said, "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.

¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And 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! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’” ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.’ ²² 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. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For 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. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ 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.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in.

His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’” [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* **Hymn** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* **ELW # 779,
verses 1-4**

* **Apostles' Creed** *WOV page 49*

P: In Christ, we have heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are sealed with the Holy Spirit.**

P: In trust and hope, we confess the faith in which we were baptized.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayer

Reconciliation

WOV page 49

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: and pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: and look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new.**

P: Let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord † Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

Peace

WOV page 50

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Prayers of Intercession

WOV page 52

L: As God's people, called to love one another, let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Curt Diddens, Cyndy Schumacher, Duane Tessendorf, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier, Brenda, Madilyn Yeager, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Nathan Lott, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh and Ellie Joy, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Carlee R. and Allison Biddick. Pray for love, peace, comfort and hope of resurrections for the family and friends of Bob Stufflebeam.
friends of Susan Anderson.

Join us each Wednesday

At Evangelical Free Church of Lena during Lent at 1 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music!

April 2 *Glenda Linneman*

April 9 *Brian/Sharon Lieb/Gone Fishin'*

April 16 *DELTA II*

Service will be 45-60 minutes long.

It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$15.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the magazine rack by the entrance. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.

Orders must be in by April 6th.

Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday Service.

Easter Day Breakfast at Good Shepherd

We invite you and your family to come and enjoy at 8:00am after Easter Sunrise Service on April 20th.

Reservations appreciated, sign-up forms available by Fellowship Hall.

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8-11:30am at Good Shepherd in Fellowship Hall.
Everyone welcome.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule 2025

- 13 April, 9:30 am - *Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion* - Sunday worship with procession of palms and a reading of the Passion according to Luke
- 17 April, 7:00 pm - *Maundy Thursday* - Communion service
- 18 April, 7:00 pm - *Good Friday* - Tenebrae service
- 20 April, 7:00 am - *Easter Morning* - Sunrise service
- 20 April, 9:30 am - *Easter Day* - Festive celebration with Holy Communion

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Traditionally called Laetare Sunday. The term "Laetare Sunday" is used by most Roman Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican churches. The Latin *laetare* is an imperative: "rejoice!"

Laetare Sunday is exactly 21 days before Easter Sunday.

Source:Wikipedia

Attendance March 16th

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