

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service

His father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Divine Service – Setting Four

March 27, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

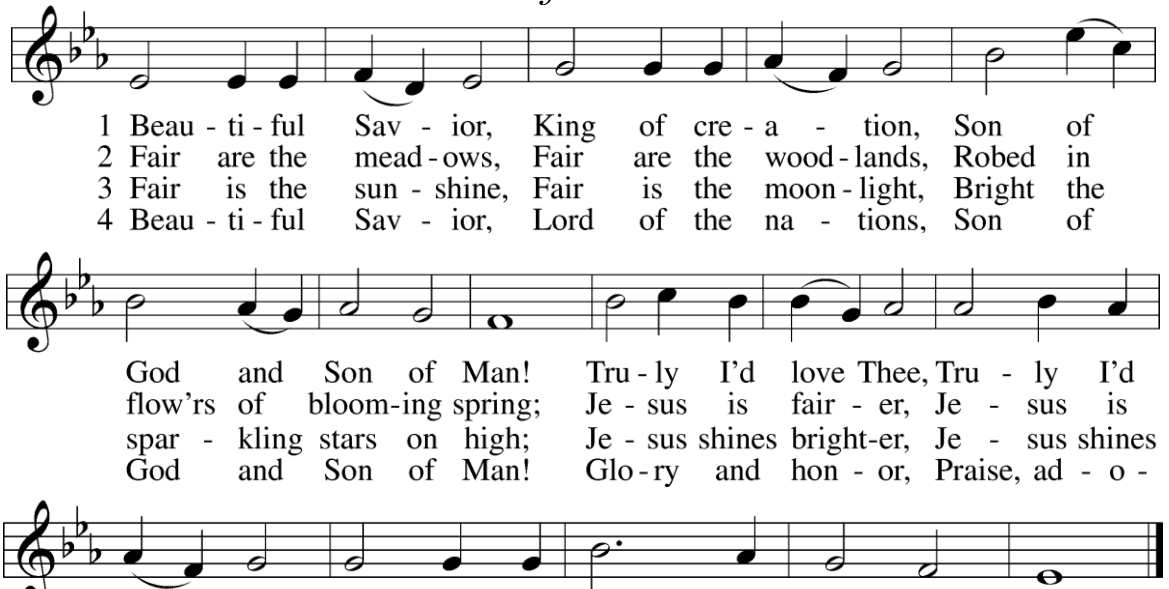
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Opening Hymn

LSB 537 sts. 1-4

“Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's
Word and call upon Him in prayer and
praise, let us first consider our
unworthiness and confess before God and
one another that we have sinned in thought,
word, and deed, and that we cannot free
ourselves from our sinful condition.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to
God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life
according to the Ten Commandments: This and
whatever comes to mind, confess now, and
receive God's total absolution.)*

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

☐ C God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

☐ P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

☐ C Amen.

☐ P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

☐ C Yes. *LSB 293*

☐ P Let it be done for you as you believe.

P Almighty God in His *LSB 203*
mercy has given His Son to
die for you and for His sake forgives you
all your sins. As a called and ordained
servant of Christ, and by His authority, I
therefore forgive you all your sins, in the
name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 204*

Introit *Ps. 51:2-6; antiphon Ps. 51:1*

P Have mercy on me, O God, according
to your steadfast love; according to your
abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C Wash me thoroughly from my
iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C 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.

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

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

P C 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.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

(During Lent, the HYMN OF PRAISE/GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted)

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 12:1-6*

12 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.

2 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.”

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

4 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.

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32: 1-10 *(is read responsively)*

A Blessed is he
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

C Blessed is the man
whose sin the **LORD** does not count
against him and in whose spirit is no
deceit.

A When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

C For day and night
your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

- A** Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions
to the LORD " —
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- C** **Therefore let everyone who is godly
pray to you
while you may be found;
surely when the mighty waters rise,
they will not reach him.**
- A** You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of
deliverance.
- C** **I will instruct you and teach you in the
way you should go;
I will counsel you and watch over you.**

- A** Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.
- C** Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the **LORD's** unfailing love
surrounds the man who trusts in him.
- A C** 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.

Epistle Reading *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

16 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. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,

the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 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. 20 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. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn

LSB 568 sts. 1-5

“If Your Beloved Son, O God”



1 If Your be - lov - ed Son, O God, Had not to earth de -
2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; De - spair no more reigns
3 I trust in Him with all my heart; Now all my sor - row
4 All righ - teous - ness by works is vain; The Law brings con - dem -



scend - ed And in our mor - tal flesh and blood Had not sin's
o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, For Christ has
ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; His blood from
na - tion. True righ - teous - ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is



pow - er end - ed, Then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine In
borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me He died That,
guilt re - leas - es. Free grace through Him I now ob - tain; He
my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, Has



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine Be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.
rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide With You, my God, for - ev - er.
wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, And pure I stand be - fore Him.
paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; In Him my hope is an - chored.

△5 My guilt, O Father, You have laid

On Christ, Your Son, my Savior.

Lord Jesus, You my debt have paid

And gained for me God's favor.

O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace,

The good in me to You I trace;

In faith and hope preserve me.

Stand

Verse

Luke 15:22a, 24a

P C The father said to his servants,
“This my son was dead, and is alive
again; he was lost, and is found.”

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were
all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But
the Pharisees and the teachers of the law
muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and
eats with them.”

3 Then Jesus told them this parable:...

11 Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

13 “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. 14 After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15 So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16 He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

17 “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! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ 20 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. 21 “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

22 “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. 23 Bring the fattened calf and
kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate.
24 For this son of mine was dead and is
alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So
they began to celebrate.
25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the
field. When he came near the house, he
heard music and dancing. 26 So he called
one of the servants and asked him what
was going on. 27 ‘Your brother has come,’
he replied, ‘and your father has killed the
fattened calf because he has him back safe
and sound.’

28 “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 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. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 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.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 609 sts. 1-4

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro-claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep-herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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Sermon “The Terms of Forgiveness” Pastor Tom Rhodes

Stand

Apostle’s Creed *LSB 207*

**☐ ☐ 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.**

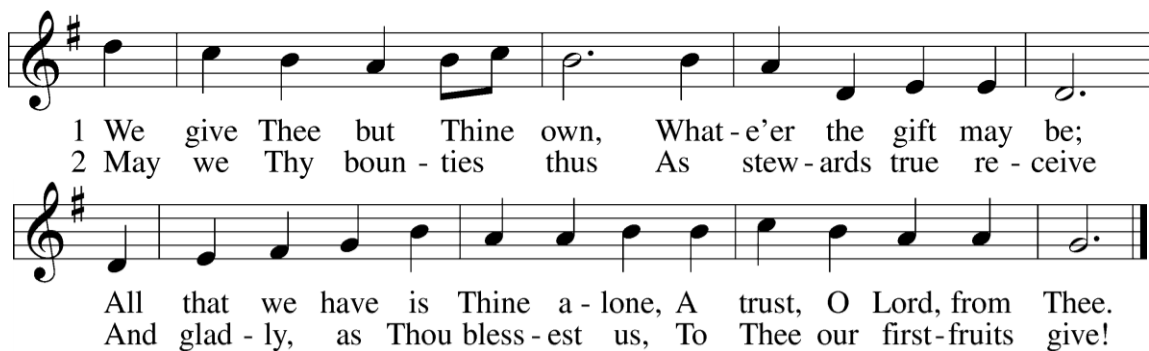
Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory (no intro)

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

P We are Your prodigal sons and daughters, O Lord, who come confessing our need for Your mercy and praying for Your grace to hear the prayers of Your people and answer them in accordance with Your will.

Brief silence

P Eternal God, though Your anger was righteous, Your mercy has triumphed and rescued Your fallen people according to Your own terms of grace and forgiveness. Keep us in faith and in the covenant of our Baptism, that we may rejoice and serve You as ambassadors for Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Glorious Father, You established Your Church and filled it with sons and daughters from across the world, a people joined to Christ and united in His death and life. Keep us faithful amid dangerous and threatening times, that we may not depart from Your ways nor forsake our calling as Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O merciful Lord, in every age and time You have raised up servants to do Your bidding. Continue to raise up pastors and teachers and servants and hearers of Your Word, and bless their efforts by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You are the hope of the hopeless, the refuge of the oppressed and the giver of peace to all in distress. Bless the poor, and open our own hearts to share with them the abundance You have given. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, by the wounds of Christ we are made whole. Look with kindness upon the sick, the suffering, the troubled in mind, the grieving and the dying. Especially do we pray on behalf of those on our prayer list and cards and those named in our hearts. Give confidence in Your will and help them in patience to await the day

when they shall no more be troubled by the weaknesses of the flesh and shall see You face to face. Lord, in Your mercy,

☐ hear our prayer.

☐ O Lord, endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. We give You thanks for the faithful who have gone before us, and we pray You will bring us with patriarch and prophet, apostle and evangelist, into Your eternal presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

☐ hear our prayer.

☐ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☐ Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom
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.

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord look
upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 923 sts. 1-3

“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward
△3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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