



**Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30, 2025 Blended Setting 3 10:45**

From Feeling Drained to Singing Praise

**Prelude** Handbells "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"

**As We Gather**

We are at the midway point of this Lenten season. We have focused on our sin and our need for a Savior. The lessons today cause a pause on that aspect and reminds us of the redemption that is ours in Jesus. From feeling drained to singing praise!

**Welcome**

**Mission Statement**

**"To share Jesus and His love."**

**+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +**

**Opening Song "10,000 Reasons" SSP 19**

**Bless the Lord O my soul**

**O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**The sun comes up**

**it's a new day dawning**

**It's time to sing Your song again**

**Whatever may pass**

**and whatever lies before me**

**Let me be singing**

**when the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord O my soul**

**O my soul**

**Worship His holy name**

**Sing like never before**

**O my soul**

**I'll worship Your holy name**

**You're rich in love**

**and You're slow to anger**

**Your name is great**

**and Your heart is kind**

**For all Your goodness**

**I will keep on singing**

**Ten thousand reasons**

**for my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

**And on that day  
when my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing  
Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
and then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name**

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## **Invocation**

**A** We begin our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Opening Sentences

- P** Behold, God is my salvation;
- C** **I will trust, and will not be afraid;**

- P** for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
- C** **and He has become my salvation.**

## Confession and Absolution

- A** Beloved in the Lord, Paul reassures us, saying, “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability.” Let us with confidence and gladness enter God’s presence, confessing our sins and receiving His grace, assurance, and forgiveness.
- C** **Lord God, we are exceedingly glad to enter Your house this day, for we have heard and believe in the invitation of Your loving kindness and redemption through Jesus Christ, Your Son. In the trust and hope of the faith You have given us as Your baptized children, we confess to You all our sins and failures to share Your gifts of mercy with others. Grant us the forgiveness for which we ask and give us a renewed heart and spirit to sing Your praises in worship of You and to the joy of all.**
- P** “Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Song of Forgiveness "I Will Not Boast" SSP 40**

**I will not boast in anything.  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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### **Prayer of the Day**

**A** Let us pray.

We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting, Your adorable, true, and only Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter. O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage. Day by day we magnify You. And we worship Your name forever and ever. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You. O Lord, in You have we trusted; let us never be confounded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +**

## Old Testament

Isaiah 12: 1-6

*("The Lord God is my strength and my song.")*

<sup>1</sup>You 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.

<sup>2</sup>"Behold, 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."

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And 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.

<sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

*(A new creation)*

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

*(The Parable of the Prodigal Son)*

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And 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. <sup>13</sup>Not 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. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>“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! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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.’ <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

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

**A** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**



## **Children's Song "Jesus Love Me"**

**Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died  
Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin,  
Lets His little child come in. Refrain**

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## **Children's Message**

**Hymn of the Day "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" LSB 940**

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**Lo, the apostles' holy train  
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.**

**Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.**

**Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

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**Message** "From Drained to Singing Praise" Isaiah 12:1-6

## Prayer of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- A** Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Unite us together to accomplish Your purpose at SPLC. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who serve on our Call Committee. Grant grace and patience to all our congregation as we faithfully seek the pastor You have appointed to shepherd us, let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.**

- A** Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Sam Huggenberger, David, Sue, Carleigh Hughes, Deanne Hyde, Kurt Hyde. Bless the children of our CLC Vivian, Alex, Campbell, Nico, along with their parents and our staff. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Grant Your

blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in our eating and drinking we receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For those who are sick, especially *Robert Greer, Dan Schriver, Carla Weikert, Kathie Carlson, Bob Bosse, Sherrie Helmke, Mildred Pittman, Robert Wood, Eric Peterson, Barbara Belz, Randy Duncan, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor, Ed Mischen, Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert*, all who are injured or suffer in body or soul, that God grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and trust, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.**

### **Passing of the Peace**

*(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)*

### **Offerings Are Received**

**+ RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER OR PROFESSION OF FAITH +**

**Joshua & Kacie Lopez**

**Tye Van Horn**

**Prem Chand Aluri**

**Joshua Crisp**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from them and confessed in the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you desire to become a member of this congregation?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Will you support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you?

**R** *I will, with the help of God.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that by Your Word and Spirit they may continue steadfast in the one true faith in the fellowship of this congregation as together we await the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### **Prepare our Hearts for Communion**

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

### **Communion Instructions**

*(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**A** Lord of heaven and earth, we praise You for bringing light to a darkened world. We bless You for calling us to be people who walk as children of the light, secure in the currents of the world around us. We thank You for inviting us to Your Holy Table. Joined together in the name of our Lord and as one with the communion of saints, we pray You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**



## **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Song of Sacrifice "Lamb of God " SSP 13**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you break the chains of hatred and fear;  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you are the way of justice and peace:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you are the way of mercy and love:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

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**Distribution Song "Lead Me to the Cross" SSP 35**

**Saviour I come quiet my soul  
Remember redemption's hill  
Where Your blood was spilled  
For my ransom**

**Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss**

**Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

**You were as I tempted and tried human  
The word became flesh  
Bore my sin in death  
Now You're risen**

**Ev'rything I once held dear  
I count it all as loss**

**Lead me to the cross  
Where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees  
Lord I lay me down  
Rid me of myself  
I belong to You  
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

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**Distribution Hymn "Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread" LSB 625**

**Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
    May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
    In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
    Give me Your grace and mercy.**

**To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
    To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
    Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
    To share Your cup of healing.**

**O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.**

**I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

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**Song of Blessing** "Thanks be to You" SSP 14

**Praise to you, O God of mercy!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Raising high the weak and lowly:  
Thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us!  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Truth and justice you have taught us:  
Thanks be to you forever!  
Strong is your faithfulness,  
strong is your love,  
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy!**  
**Thanks be to you forever!**  
**Raising high the weak and lowly:**  
**Thanks be to you forever!**  
**Thanks be to you forever!**

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### **Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.

O gracious God, we give You thanks for having fed and nourished us by Your Word of life and the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that by Your Spirit we may keep in holy hearts, confess with holy lips, and display in holy lives the precious grace that has saved us without worth or merit on our part. Having received this truth faithfully from those who went before, give us the will and desire to faithfully pass on this sacred treasure to those yet to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

**C Amen.**

### **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

**A** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who created us; the ✠ Son, who redeemed us; and the Holy Spirit, who has bestowed faith on us—be with You, today and always.

**C Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn "His Mercy is More" SSP 95**

**What love could remember  
no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing  
He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea  
without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more**

**What patience would wait  
as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender  
is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest  
the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more**

**Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more**

**What riches of kindness  
He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment  
His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt  
we could never afford  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more**

**Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more**

**Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness  
new every morn  
Our sins they are many  
His mercy is more**

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## **Postlude**

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