#### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 27, 2022

#### **PRELUDE**

#### THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: The Christian life is not without its trials and troubles. Some of them are caused by the fact that we belong to the Lord in a world still unfriendly to His purpose. Yet the Christian life is not without joy. This joy proceeds not from an easy life or a life that fulfills all our wants and desires but rather flows from Christ, from His work of reconciliation, for His forgiveness of all our sins, and from our reconciliation with the Father. Hearing this Gospel every Sunday is meant in part to rescue our hearts from anxiety and despair and restore to us the joy of our salvation. Today we pray that we not only recall this cause for joy but preserve this joy no matter what twists and turns life brings us.

(Please stand)

## **▼ PREPARATION**

### **HYMN**

"Joy to the World" LSB 387 vs 1 & 2
Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive its King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the Confession and Absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Psalm 51:1–2

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin!

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love:

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters.

Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and

contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His 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. To the impenitent and unbelieving I declare that so long as you continue in your impenitence, God will not forgive your sins and will visit your iniquity upon you until you turn from your sinful ways, come to repentance, and trust in the merits of Jesus Christ alone.

People: (spoken) Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please stand)

**₩ WORD ₩** 

### LITANY OF REPENTANCE

Pastor: O Lord, who came to call sinners to repentance,

People: call them still that they may yet answer.

Pastor: Be merciful even to those who have no excuse for their sins

People: but have hated You and the Father who sent You.

Pastor: Lord, who met the hardness of the thief,

People: soften the hearts of all who are im-penitent.

Pastor: You who did restore the woman caught in sin,

People: restore all those who have fallen a- way from

You.

Pastor: You who called Zacchaeus from the sycamore tree,

People: arouse the careless and arrest the curious.

Pastor: You who spoke words of spirit and life,

People: enlighten the ignorant and teach them Your way.

Pastor: Dispel the darkness of prejudice and correct all error;

People: establish Your people in the truth of Your Gospel.

Pastor: You who called St. Matthew from the love of money,

People: deliver all who live in slavery to the world.

Pastor: You who prayed for those who cruci- fied You,

People: look in compassion upon those who persecute Your servants.

Pastor: You who called out many devils,

People: set free by Your grace all who are victims of their lies and ways.

Pastor: You who met with mercy the doubts of St. Thomas,

People: deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

Pastor: You who saved St. Peter from drowning,

People: rescue all those who are weak and fearful.

Pastor: You who proclaimed deliverance to the captives,

People: release the prisoners from the bonds of their sins.

Pastor: You who made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak,

People: open deaf ears to the voice of Your Word and loosen our tongues to confess.

Pastor: You who raised the dead to life,

People: quicken our souls by Your Holy Spirit to lives of faith and righteousness.

Pastor: You who came to save Your people from their sins.

People: save us, O Lord, who put our trust in You.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Save us, O Lord, for the sake of Your name.

Amen.

### **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good gifts and have given us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Deliver us from our sin and restore to us the joy of our salvation, that having received such mercy, we need not surrender to despair anymore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: (spoken) Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The readings for the Fourth Sunday in Lent fill us with a cause for joy. From the prophet Isaiah comes the song of joy in the God who has become our Savior. In the Epistle, we are reminded that in Christ we are a whole new creation. In the familiar parable of the prodigal son, or, better named, the parable of the waiting father, we see the mercy of God that welcomes His wandering children back, forgives them of their sins, and restores them to be His own children again.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Isaiah 12:1–6 ESV

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. "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." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. 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. "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.** 

## **EPISTLE** 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 ESV

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. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 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. Therefore, we are ambassadors for

Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord. **People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.** 

**VERSE** Luke 15:22a, 24a

Pastor: The father said to his servants, "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

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

People: (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32 ESV*

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. 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. 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. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and

he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything." 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! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' 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. 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.' 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. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 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.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, 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. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, '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.'"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People:** (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ.** 

**CREED** Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary
and was crucified also for us under

Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ♣ of the world to come.

Amen.

Son,

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 vs 1 & 2

Jesus sinners doth receive

Oh may all this saying ponder

Who in sin's delusions live

And from God and heaven wander

Here is hope for all who grieve

Jesus sinners doth receive

We deserve but grief and shame
Yet His words rich grace revealing
Pardon peace and life proclaim
Here our ills have perfect healing
Firmly in these words believe
Jesus sinners doth receive

## ++ SERMON ++

"JOY IN NEW LIFE"

Text: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Theme:** There is great joy for those reconciled to God and one another by Jesus' death and resurrection.

**Goal:** That all listening may rejoice in their new life in Christ by daily sharing the story of Christ's death and resurrection.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" LSB 609 vs 3 & 4
Sheep that from the fold did stray
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh
Weary souls that lost their way
Christ, the Shepherd gently taketh
In His arms that they may live
Jesus sinners doth receive

I a sinner come to Thee
With a penitent confession
Savior mercy show to me
Grant for all my sins remission
Let these words my soul relieve
Jesus sinners doth receive

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for prayer)

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As prodigals, we come into the arms of our heavenly Father, waiting even more for us to pray than we are to petition His mercy. Heavenly Father, we have all been one with Adam in the rebellion of our stubborn wills and in suffering the consequences of sin with its death. Grant us grace that we may return to You with humble hearts and rejoice in Your forgiveness so that our hearts may be at peace and we may be rescued from our guilt, shame, and despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, in Baptism You made us anew, raising up from the water a new person, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Give us the will and desire to do what is good, right, and pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty God, deliver the nations from violence and war, and teach us generosity, compassion, and the path of peace. Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge Your laws. Bless also those who labor for peace and justice even at the peril of their own lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, deliver us from rebellion and bitterness that we not only find a home in Your mercy but show forth Your grace, forgiveness, and joy to all those around us. Bless the missionary and church planter as they bring Your saving Word to those who have not heard it and plant congregations for Your people to gather around Your Word and Table. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Father, You know our needs even before we ask but still we cry to You on behalf of all the sick and those who suffer, . . .. Give them healing in accordance with Your will, grace to endure their affliction, and peace in the hour of death. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: Kindly Father, You sent forth Your Son into our death and what He has accomplished by His suffering and death You have given to us freely in this Holy Sacrament. Grant that we with repentance and faith come forth to His Table to receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and for the strengthening of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Blessed Lord, Your mercies are daily new and with fresh goodness You replenish the earth. Give us wisdom to use well all Your resources, and grant us giving hearts that we share with those in need all that You have given in abundance.

Receive also these tithes and offerings, signs of our faith and symbols of our thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: (spoken) hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, remembering the faithful who have gone before us, we ask You to keep us by Your grace through the days to come, that we not be lost to You again but kept in faith now until the day of the resurrection of the dead, when we shall join the saints in glory in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People: (spoken) Amen.

(Please Stand)

### **▼ SACRAMENT**

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: (spoken) And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: (spoken) We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: (spoken) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: With high delight and a grateful heart, we rejoice at all that our Savior has accomplished to reconcile us to You, holy Father, almighty Lord, everlasting God, and we pray You to keep us in this grace and favor all the days of our lives. Living in the shadow of the cross and joyfully proclaiming all Your mercy to those who do not yet know You, we celebrate Your goodness together with the saints of old, the angels and

archangels, and all who dwell in Your presence, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** (sing) LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna
Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He
Blessed is He
Blessed is He
Hosanna,
Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: From the rebellion of Adam to the fulfillment of Your promise in the gift of Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, You have shown forth Your forbearance and Your mercy. We give You thanks that You have so graciously shown to us a Father's heart, restoring us as Your children through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restoring to our hearts the holy joy of Your presence. Living as Your own children by Baptism and faith, and acknowledging Your undeserved kindness to us sinners, we gather here in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and at His bidding, to receive the fruits of His redeeming work in this Holy Supper.

People: (spoken) Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Pastor: 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."

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: (spoken) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: O almighty God, You delivered up the promise of salvation in the word of the prophets and sustained a people wearied by the troubles of this life and the weight of sin against them. You fulfilled all the prophets' word in delivering up Your own Son, whose obedient life and lifegiving death has granted salvation to all who believe. Living in this faith and hope, we pray You to hear

us as we, Your people, pray to You, as Christ has taught us:

### LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

People: 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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: (spoken) Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI** (sing) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Please be seated)

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"God Loved the World So That He Gave" LSB 571
God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith
Who was made flesh and suffered death
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone

God would not have the sinner die
His Son with saving grace is nigh
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs

Be of good cheer for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done And justified by Jesus' blood Your Baptism grants the highest good

If you are sick if death is near
This truth your troubled heart can cheer
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death
That is the firmest ground of faith

Glory to God the Father, Son And Holy Spirit Three in One To You O blessed Trinity Be praise now and eternally (Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post Communion Canticle)

## THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

People: (spoken) Amen.

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (sung) TLH p. 29-30

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, You are the refuge of all who trust in You. Make us glad for Your grace that accompanies all the days of our lives, for the new birth that delivers us to everlasting life, and for the forgiveness of our sins. Deliver us from sorrow and make us to know the holy joy of the new life, which we have received in Holy Baptism and that

we gladly share this blessing with others in Your name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: (spoken) Amen.

### **BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♣ give you peace.

People: (spoken) Amen.

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.** 

### **HYMN**

"Joy to the World" LSB 387 vs 3 & 4
No more let sin and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

# THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor Marie Brown, Organist Ken Kosmalski, Elder & Reader Gary Mason, Glenn Cairns, & Kim Armstrong, Ushers

# **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# **Palm Sunday Potluck**

Please join us after service on April 10<sup>th</sup>
Sign up sheet in the Narthex

# **Easter Egg Hunt Donations**

We are looking for donations of candy to fill eggs.
Please place donations in box in the narthex.

Deadline is April 3<sup>rd</sup>

# **Important Information**

The board of Elder's decided to <u>ADD</u> a 12:00pm service for Good Friday

# Are you in need of

Snow Removal
Spring Clean Up
Grass Cutting
Small Landscaping jobs
Please call **Ryan Ladach Jr** @ 947-252-0363

April, May, June Newsletter Deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEWS FROM THE ZONE LWML**

The Spring Rep meeting is scheduled for the 22nd of March, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Christ the King (the Trenton Road location (15600 Trenton Road, Southgate) in the West Gallery. This is an important meeting because information will be shared concerning the upcoming LWML Convention in Frankenmuth.

Also save the date of the Spring Rally, April 19, 2022, also at Christ the King the Trenton Road location.

#### **Attendance**

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 37

### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

## **Birthdays**

### For the Shut-Ins

Dorothy MacTavish, at home George Morton, at home Carmell Faulk, at home Phyllis Witte, at home Melvin Kimbrough, at home Lynn Mayfield, at home

# For Those Who Are Sick or Healing

Michel H, Friend of Kim Armstrong, had open heart surgery 3/18 in Florida. Being watched for pneumonia as he is having difficulty breathing. He also needs surgery on both legs so he can walk again.

**Cheryl Celina,** Friend of Pam Benford, Diagnosed with Parkinson's

All the people of Ukraine;

Verna m. Lattimore, hospitalized;

Mr. D. Nicholson, ill;

Nicholas, Laurie's nephew, heart tests;

Sharon Lozon, friend of Pam Benford, hospitalized;

The Myer's family, Kim Armstrong's Aunt, in the death of Aunt Reitha

Shari Ballard & family, in the loss of her father;

Todd Allendorf, Sally Trout's brother;

Chris Sloan, Glenn Cairn's, nephew;

Veronica Sanders, ill;

Paul Utcai, recovering from surgery at home;

Gail Lafave, recovering from surgery;