

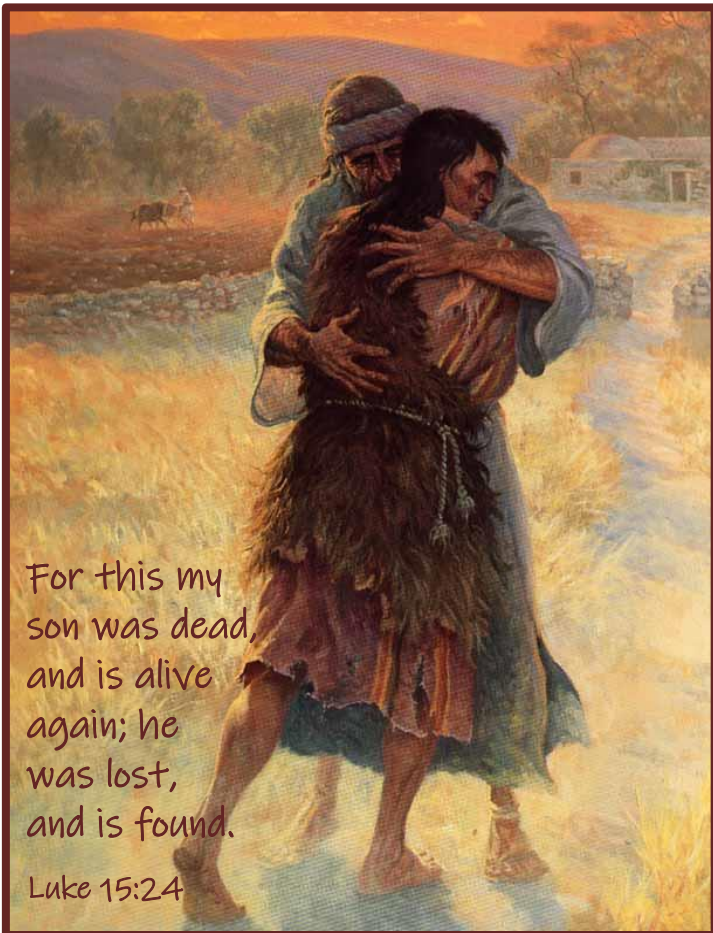
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

(Lutheran Church Missouri Synod)

Divine Service One

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

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9770 Foothills Canyon Blvd.

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Sunday Worship Services.....8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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Reaching lost souls with the Gospel:

Nourishing and equipping the saints for life and ministry!

Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, as we continue our Lenten journey to the cross, use Your holy Law to make us conscious of our sin so that we bow in repentance before You. We know well what everlasting punishment our rebellion against Your will has earned. Yet You, O Jesus, are the friend of sinners. You came into the world that the Father might lay upon You the iniquity of us all. Because of Your faithful and steadfast love we find mercy and healing for our sin-sick souls. Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.



Confession and Absolution

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Stand

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

P 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.

G Amen.



Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 51:2–6; antiphon: v. 1



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

For I know my trans- | gressions,*
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

**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.**

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,*
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

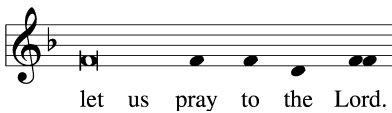
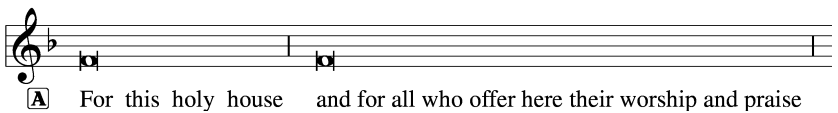
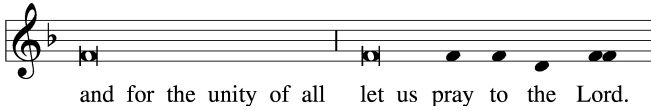
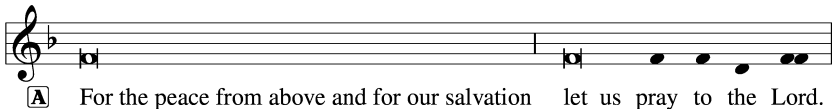
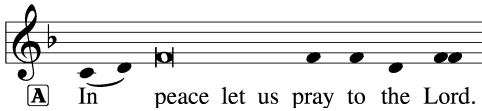
**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

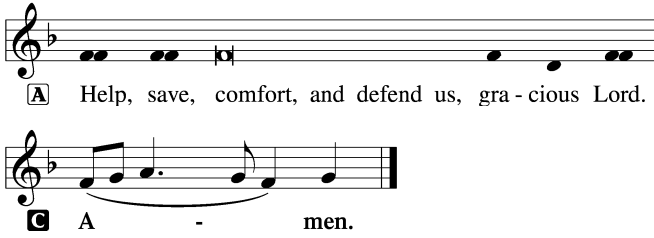
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;*
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

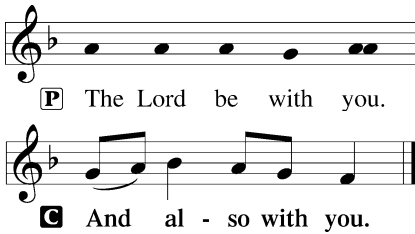




Hymn of Praise

During Lent the Hymn of Praise is omitted.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1–6

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2



**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Joel 2:13

C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

So he told them this parable: . . .

"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.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Sermon

"Lost and Found"

Text: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Stand



Apostles' Creed

☐ 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.

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

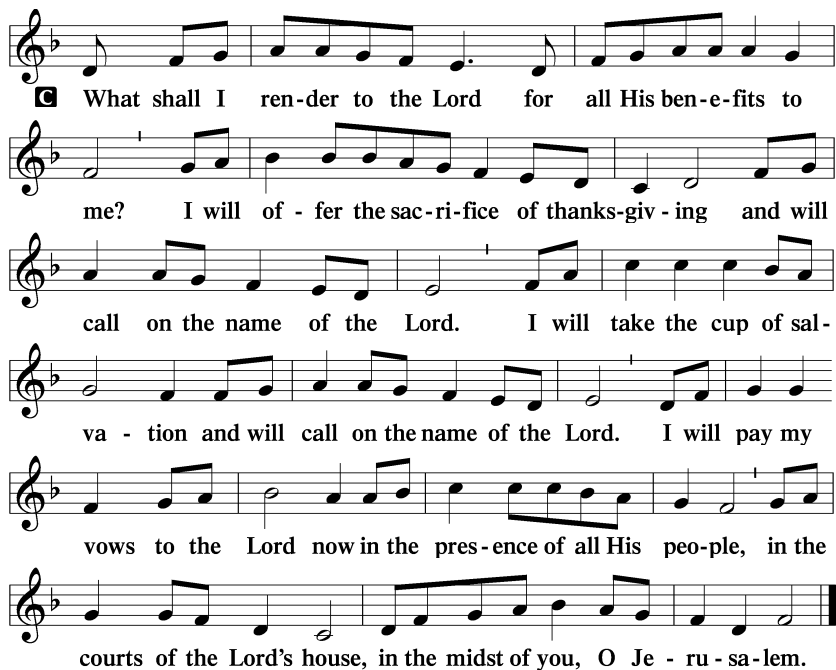
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Offering

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

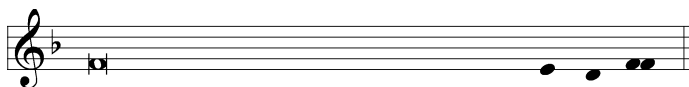
Closing Collect

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



- P** 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.



700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Soli Deo Gloria!
(To God alone be the glory.)

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Announcements



Assisting Elders:

8 a.m. – Steve White

10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver



Please join us this Wednesday, March 30, 2022 for Lenten Worship. At 6 p.m. we will have a Potluck Supper downstairs followed by a Midweek Lenten Worship Service. For the Potluck Supper we ask that you bring a main dish and a side or desert. Drinks will be provided.

We look forward to coming together as we prepare and reflect on our Lord's suffering and death and what it means for us.

Lent Devotions



In *Suffering Servant*, (Lutheran Hour Lent Devotions) we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

Pick up your copy on the table by the family picture board or go to LHM.org to subscribe or find the podcasts.

What God gave up for Lent

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facebook.com/HolyCrossHighlandsRanch.

Sticks and Stones—Part 1

1 Samuel 17:21-51, Psalm 28, Exodus 14:16

A sniper rifle with a scope would have been helpful, but David didn't have one. A battle was brewing between a small, defenseless shepherd boy with a sling and a stone and a very large, battle-skilled opponent with armor, a shield, and a spear. No wonder Goliath was unafraid; the odds were definitely in his favor.

Several large ships would have been helpful, but Moses didn't have them. A battle was brewing between a tired leader with a wooden staff facing a very large chariot army bearing down on God's people. No wonder Pharaoh was unafraid; the odds were definitely in his favor.

Like their enemies, David and Moses were also unafraid. They knew their odds of winning were found in God's favor. They believed their source of strength, and ultimately their victory, was not in the sticks or stones but in the One who created both. You have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus and are in His favor. No matter what giants and seemingly impossible circumstances you are facing today, be unafraid. The One who created you and is already victorious for you will continually fight with you and for you.

*Lord, thank You for Your favor, and for
fighting my battles with me. Amen.*

Taken from Portals of Prayer, James Meyer, Thursday, October 24, 2019

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Petitions and Prayers: Jesus invites us to come to Him through prayer, and promises that He will give us “rest.”



Health concerns:

Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician of our bodies and souls. Great is Your love and great is Your mercy. Grant those who are sick trusting hearts, enabling them to be assured that You work all things together for good to those who love You. Bring them healing in Your way and in Your time. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris who is waiting to get on the heart transplant list.
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)
- Sonja Bowles – Cancer
- Julie Ann Zamora – on-going health issues
- Gary Fuller – former Orphan Grain Train Coordinator – has liver cancer

Prayer of intercession:

A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

Heavenly Father, in our selfish pride we do not always want to acknowledge and confess our sins. We believe that somehow we can be good enough to satisfy You, and we feel more than satisfied with our own efforts. During this Lenten season enable us to follow our Savior along the road that led to His suffering and death. Help us to trust that He walked that road for us, that in His own body He carried our sins to the cross, and that He suffered the punishment we rightly deserve for our self-satisfaction and our sins. Let us look not to our own efforts but to the mercy and forgiving love found only in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life March 27, 2022

“I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension.”

*James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James
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***Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you
great and hidden things that you have not known.***

Jeremiah 33:3

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**Jesus is a master
re-modeler!**

