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

Luke 15:22a, 24a

"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."

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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, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: 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.

"Alleluia" *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (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: *"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.' "

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

In our thoughts and prayers,

† Stella Gramm;

† Our nursing home residents, that God would keep them under His gracious care.

Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 124 Offerings: \$4,559.00

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).” Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today we join the Girl Scouts of our congregation in celebrating the 101st year of Girl Scouting. The following girls and their families are part of Girl Scouts: Alyssa & Holly Schutt, Paige Wolf, Kylie Scherer and Katlyn Blaisdell. Debbie Scherer and Nona Blaisdell are their leaders.



Today in Sunday school the key point is that, in our sin, we are lost from God and doomed to die, but God, in His love, sought and found us and keeps us with Him forever. In your family discussions, talk about how God keeps us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments. In the catechism, review the explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed. How does this fit with the Bible story?

Restore the Roar! Our midweek worship continues this Wednesday, March 13th, at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served by the LWML at 5:30 pm. Please join us for Bible class this morning as we continue our study of the book of Amos.



LWML will be serving birthday cake at Knife River Care Center on Wednesday, March 13th, 2:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help serve.

All mothers of young children are invited to a short meeting after church on March 17th to talk about updating the church nursery. Your ideas are welcome for what should be changed and what you would like to see in that room. If you have ideas but are unable to attend please talk to Cheryl Wiedrich, Jean Bornemann, or Cindy Peterson.

LYF: Grades 6-12 are invited to a Bible study and business meeting next Sunday, March 17th, 1:00 pm. Please join us!

The 2013 LCMS National Youth Gathering is in San Antonio, TX, July 1-5. Kylie Scherer and Katlyn & Nona Blaisdell will be attending. As a fundraiser the LYF will be serving a meal on March 20th and also Easter breakfast after worship on Sunday, March 31st. Watch for more details.



Water Heater: The Church has a used propane water heater available. If you are interested or want more information, please talk to Tom Bornemann, 873-5689.

“**Thank You**” to Judy Jose, Nona Blaisdell and Melissa Voegele for providing bars following worship last Sunday.

Preparing for Easter:

- Easter egg dyeing will be on Thursday, March 28th. Eight dozen hard-boiled eggs will be needed.
 - Let’s flood the altar with Easter Lilies. Please bring your Lily to church the week of Easter to be placed on the altar Easter morning. If you have questions, please talk to Vicky Yeager, 873-5647.
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† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	10:15 am	Holy Communion @ KRCC
	1:30 pm	Naomi Guild
Wednesday	2:30 pm	KRCC Birthday Party
	4:30 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches - LWML
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
	7:15 pm	Chime Practice
Thursday	7:45 pm	Bell Practice
	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	1:00 pm	LYF Meeting-Grades 6-12