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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

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 915

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Introit

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is ever before 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 iniquity,

and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

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.

Old Testament: 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."

Gradual

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,

† Our sick and recovering: Neal Becker (Carolyn Riegel & Delmar Dschaak's brother-in-law), Margaret Dosland (Brian Scherer's sister-in-law), Gary Gussette, Ruth Helm, Harold Link & Gail Newland (Berniece Homuth's daughter);

† The Family of Amanda Bauer, as they mourn her death.

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. But, 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 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. The Bible story is about Jesus seeking the lost as recorded by St. Luke. 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?

Thrivent Members, please meet in the education room off the social hall to discuss the Thrivent Choice program.

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches will be served by the LWML beginning at 5:15 p.m.

It has so pleased God in His wise grace to call from this vale of tears unto Himself in heaven the soul of our dear sister in the faith, Amanda Bauer. Christian burial was this past Saturday, March 13th. “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day (2 Tim. 4:8).”

Pastor Heller will be gone Monday — Wednesday. In case of emergency, please call Myron & Carrie Hafner, 873-5103.

The Lutheran Hour: Thank you to all who have given gifts to the Lutheran Hour. Your support and prayers help bring the message of Christ to the world.

The Elders & LYF will be serving soup and sandwiches on Wednesday, March 24th. The LYF will provide soup and the Elders will provide sandwiches and dessert. There is a sign up sheet on the table for LYF members to sign up to bring soup.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 150 Offerings: \$3,811.60

If anyone is in Christ he [she] is a new creation. In Christ we are forgiven for all our failures and equipped to live as new creations who manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Whether we are managing our time, abilities or money we are to live in a way that honors God and blesses others.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today 7:30 am *Worship @ Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Divine Service
 10:15 am Sunday School/Bible Class

Monday 7:00 pm Sarah Guild @ Church

Wednesday 4:30 pm Wednesday School
 5:15 pm Soup & Sandwiches - LWML
 6:15 pm Worship
 7:00 pm Chime Practice
 7:30 pm Bell Practice

Thursday 6:00 pm *Lent at Glen Ullin*

Sunday 7:30 am *Worship at Glen Ullin*
 9:15 am Divine Service
 10:15 am Sunday School/Mission Update

Church Office Hours

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*Please fill out a Record of Fellowship Card this morning.
The cards should be filled out whether or not you
attend Communion.
Place completed cards in the collection plate.
Thank you.*