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4th Sunday in Lent



*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

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

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 sins, "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 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.

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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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Kyrie

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Gloria In Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect

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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

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

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

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.’”

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In our thoughts and prayers:



- ✠ Kent Larson;
- ✠ For peace in Eastern Europe, that the Lord may bring an end to the war and restore peace and freedom to the people of Ukraine;
- ✠ For rain and favorable weather, as our planting season draws near.

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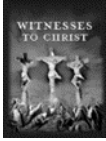
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Seven Signs: Please join us for Bible study this morning as we continue looking at the seven “signs” witnessing to Christ in John’s Gospel.



Witness to Christ: Join us this Wednesday for worship at 6:30 PM as we see Jesus through the eyes of Barabbas. Soup and sandwiches begin at 5:30 PM.



During the month of March, we will be collecting Bingo prizes for Knife River Care Center. Items may include bags of popcorn, candy bars, sugar free candy, Pringles, Werther’s candy.



LWML Mission Mites will be collected during worship next Sunday, April 3rd.



Baby Shower: Remington Kash Bickerstaff will be baptized next Sunday, April 3rd. Remington is the son of Lacey Walker & Eric Bickerstaff, grandson of Perry & Sherry Walker, & great-grandson of Melvin & Fern Schlander. We will have a table in the social hall for gifts to welcome Remington to our Concordia Lutheran Family! Please have all gifts for the family at the church on or before April 3rd.

Vesper Guild will meet at the Church on Thursday, April 7th, 1:30 PM. Please bring your Spring *Quarterly* for the Bible study.

The April calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet, and the April – June *Portals of Prayer* booklets are on the table in the fellowship hall.

✠ This Week at Concordia ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class/Sunday School
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches – Group 3
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class/Sunday School

Stewardship of Offerings & Attendance

Attendance: 80 Offerings: \$3,641.00

*“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.”*

St. Luke 15:12

This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth. Give me my inheritance now! Which is to say, you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed—valuing things over people. This parable calls us to come to our senses to see God as the loving Giver of all goods, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.

