



Lost Son

3rd Sunday in Lent March 7, 2021—9:30 am
Leader Bulletin

GATHERING: The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. *(silent reflection)*

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. *(silent reflection)*

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. *(silent reflection)*

Wash us in your cleansing flood. *(silent reflection)*

Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus. *(silent reflection)*

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Hymn

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

ELW 722

O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.

As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.

O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.

O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

"Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved"

ELW 602

1. Leader: O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.

**All: Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;
upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.**

2. Leader: O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.

**All: Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave;
your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love.**

3. Leader: O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.

**All: O lavish Giver, come to aid the children that your word has made.
Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort; come to stay.**

Prayer of the Day

Forgiving God, you celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human to show us your compassion, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.

Special Music

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Sharon Kelley

WORD: We Hear God in Scripture & Preaching

Luke 15:11-32...Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Jim Killough

Hymn of the Day

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

(Chorus) My chains are gone. I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures. *(Chorus 2x's)*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.

But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine, will be forever mine.

You are forever mine.

Prayers

As each petition concludes: "Hear us, O God." please respond **"Your mercy is great."**

Sharing God's Peace *[Prepare for Communion]*

MEAL: God Feeds us with the Presence of Jesus

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....and join their unending hymn.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer

Communion

The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING: Being Loved, God Sends Us to Love

Blessing

Sending Song

"In This New Moment"

In this new moment we can hear God calling;
in this new time, all shall walk together.

In this new moment we learn to change what is wrong,
though no one is able to do this alone

(Chorus) We bid you, come! Enter the circle with all people, Come!

Your voice is very important.

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Your voice is very important. Come!

Do not assume that life is ever easy, for in this world there are deadly forces,

And in this life there is pain, destruction, and fear.

Let this be the moment to strengthen our ties. *[Chorus]*

There is a loving force that now emerges; a gift of grace binding us together;

For it is God who invites each one to the work,
to share what we have in the power of love. *[Chorus]*

Dismissal

Postlude

- ⇒ **In-Person Worship** Each Tuesday, an email will be sent asking people to reply if they plan on attending worship that coming Sunday. We will then create a seating chart for those attending. This will allow us to use the available space most efficiently.
- ⇒ **Holy Cross Blood Drive** is today from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. (Please enter and exit through the Fellowship Hall door that opens onto the patio.) During the month of February over 15,000 pint of blood have gone uncollected due to weather related cancellation. We're so thankful that Holy Cross Lutheran continues to be a loyal blood sponsor. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up.
- ⇒ **Zoom Fellowship** Join us today, at 10:45 am, for a chance to see one another and share some greetings. [CLICK HERE](#) to join the meeting. The passcode is 1234.
- ⇒ **Midweek Lenten Worship** "Lent at Lunch" takes place Wednesdays, at 12:00 noon on Facebook Live. Pastor Jim and a conversation partner will be discuss changes to the Christian Church based on comments from the congregation. Viewers will be encouraged to send in questions and comments. If you are not available at noon, you can watch anytime later.
- ⇒ **Lenten Offerings** will be split equally between Youth Emergency Services, Omaha Campus Ministry, and Habitat for Humanity. You can give online by [CLICKING HERE](#), and designating Lenten Offerings 2021.
- ⇒ **Food Pantry** Our third Thursday of the month Pantry is March 18. You can help serve by prepping for the pantry on Wednesday, March 17, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm and/or Thursday, March 18, from 4:45 to 7:15 pm. If you would like to serve, please [CLICK HERE](#).
- ⇒ **Prayer Requests** If you have prayer requests for Sunday worship, email [PASTOR JIM](#).
- ⇒ **Ink Cartridge Recycling** There is no longer an easy or beneficial way for Holy Cross to collect and recycle ink cartridges. Please refrain from dropping off used ink cartridges effective immediately.

Calendar for Upcoming Week

Sunday, March 7

9:30 am Blood Drive
 9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
 10:45 am Zoom Fellowship

Monday, March 8

6:30 pm Boy Scouts (Parking Lot)
 9:00 pm CMA Meeting

Tuesday, March 9

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Zoom)
 7:30 pm A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, March 10

12:00 pm Lent at Lunch Facebook Live
 6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, March 11

1:30 pm Centering Prayer Group (Zoom)
 6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)
 7:00 pm Alanon

Sunday, March 14

9:30 am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live

Prayer Requests from our Church Family

Member Concerns

Emma Leaders as she recovers from knee surgery

On-Going Member Concerns

Millie Lutz at Parson's House, Eddie Nabity at Hillcrest Papillion

Friends and Relatives

Roger Kay; Aaron McDonald; Larry Rolles; Sharon Kelley.

Grieving

Joe Evans and his family as they mourn the death of Joe's mother.