

he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering *(The children's offering basket will be on the front steps of the church,
so that they can in yet another way feel involved in Sunday worship)*

Offertory Hymn

Lamb of God

ELW #336



Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

*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

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Savior's Song

Insert

Sending:

P: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

C: Thanks Be to God!

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!!

*"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become
a member, contact any member or the church office."*

Sunday, March 27th, 2022; 9:30 am

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

(Please sign the fellowship pads as they are passed)

Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found
and welcomed home.**

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

P: AMEN!

Opening Hymn

Give Me Jesus

ELW #770 (vss. 1-3 & 5)

Prayer of the Day (All)

**God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your
mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table
of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

First Lesson

Joshua 5:9-12

Sylvia Benson

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Special Music

For the Beauty of the Earth

Adult Choir

Shelly Berg, Director / Susan Kruse, flute solo

Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Pastor Greg Johnson

*(Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}“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.

²⁵“Now 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.’”

*(Response after the conclusion: **Praise to you, O Christ.**)*

Children’s Sermon

Sue Johannsen

Sermon

“From Death to Life”

Pastor Greg Johnson

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone

Insert

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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;**