

NEW BEGINNINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 30th, 2025 (11:11 am)

ALL THAT IS MINE IS YOURS

Psalm 32

Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (Oldest son)

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were “*still a long way off*,” He saw us and “*felt compassion*” (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making “*him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God*” (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we “*will trust, and will not be afraid*” (Is. 12:2).

WELCOME – (Cam)

GATHERING SONGS

YOUR LOVE IS LIFE TO ME

Breath for my body light for my eyes
All that I need You daily provide
Deep in my being more than my blood
My very existence depends on Your love

Your love is life to me

My truest longing my deepest need

Without it one moment

I don't know where I'd be

Your love is life to me

Moment by moment I am aware
Of Your tender mercies and Your constant care
My hope and my strength through all my days
I see so clearly in so many ways

Your love is a river

Flowing to the sea

And the river runs forever

And it washes over me

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BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name
 In the land that is plentiful
 Where Your streams of abundance flow
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be Your name
 When I'm found in the desert place
 Though I walk through the wilderness
 Blessed be Your name
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
 When the sun's shining down on me
 When the world's all as it should be
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be Your name
 On the road marked with suffering
 Though there's pain in the offering
 Blessed be Your name
You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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AS WE BEGIN and CALLING ON GOD'S NAME (Pastor)

P – In the name of the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

PSALM 91:1-13 – BLESSED ARE THE FORGIVEN (Pastor)

**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.**

**²Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.**

**⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**⁵I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

**⁷You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**⁸I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

**⁹Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle,
or it will not stay near you.**

**¹⁰Many are the sorrows of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

**¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P – Dear God, Father almighty. We come to your presence to acknowledge that we have sinned against you.

C – Dear God, forgive us. We have not been the ones we promised to be. We made things that we are ashamed of. We got back to the same things we promised we would not do. We cannot control our own thoughts, our own will and our own actions. We ask that you forgive us and help us to live a life according to your Word. Because of what Christ has done, forgive us our transgressions. In Your name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS (Pastor)

P – God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered”. (*Psalm 32:1*). In Jesus' name. Amen.

KIDS SONG – SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG

***Sing unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord all the earth
Sing unto the Lord a new song
Sing unto the Lord all the earth***

For God is great
And greatly to be praised
God is great
And greatly to be praised

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KIDS MOMENT (Marilyn)

WORSHIP SONG – OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

***Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You***

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy
*Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy*

*Holy holy holy
I want to see You*

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READING OF OLD TESTAMENT OF ISAIAH 12:1-6 (Andy)

The LORD Is My Strength and My Song

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.**

**²"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."**

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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.**

**⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

**⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."**

READING OF EPISTLE OF 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 (Andy)

¹⁶From 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. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal

through us. We implore 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.

READING OF THE GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32 - (Andy)

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable:

¹¹"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And 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. ¹³Not 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. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in 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 into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"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! ¹⁸I will arise 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 as one of your hired servants."' ²⁰And 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. ²¹And 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 servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And 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.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the

fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

WORSHIP SONG – REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

***Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You***

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King
Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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MESSAGE – ALL THAT IS MINE IS YOURS – Luke 15:1–3, 11–32 (The Older Son)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God who created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus, Son of God, Son of man, the Saviour of the world. By His life, His death, and His resurrection I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of meaningful life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us His gifts and empowering us for service. I believe that the community of believers called the Church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the Sacraments, and all that we do. Amen.

WORSHIP SONG – BECAUSE HE LIVES (AMEN)

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

***Let my song join the one that never ends
(Because He lives)***

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer)

LORD'S PRAYER (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.

RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (Pastor)

**P – The grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST and the love of GOD and the communion of
the HOLY SPIRIT be with you all. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL WORSHIP – AH LORD GOD

Ah Lord God

Thou hast made the heavens

And the earth by Thy great power

Ah Lord God

Thou hast made the heavens

And the earth by Thine outstretched arm

Nothing is too difficult for Thee

Nothing is too difficult for Thee

Great and mighty God

Great in counsel and mighty in deed

Nothing nothing absolutely nothing

Nothing is too difficult for Thee

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