



*Parable of the
Prodigal Son*

Sunday, March 27, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year C

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE *Largo from 'New World' Symphony - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance
of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
PUBLIC DOMAIN

vss.1 & 3

ELW #807

- 1 **Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

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.

CHILDREN'S WORD

PSALM 32 *We read responsively*

- L: Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- C: Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- L: While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- C: For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- C: Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- L: You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- C: "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**
- L: Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- C: Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- L: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 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. WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

GLORY TO YOU, LORD.

Congregation reads Bold Print

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."
³**So he told them this parable:** ^{11b} **"There was a man who had two sons.** ¹²**The 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.
¹⁵**So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.** ¹⁶**He 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.

²¹**Then 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;

²⁴**for 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.

²⁷**He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'** ²⁸**Then 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!'

³¹**Then 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.'**"

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON Pastor Julie Rogness

HYMN

Build a Longer Table

vss. 1,2,4 ACS #1062

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Tune ---- 'Now the Green Blade Rises' - #379

- 1 **Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.**
- 2 **Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.
For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.**
- 4 **When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.**

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; 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.

PRAYERS

SHARING THE PEACE & GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING OF GIFTS – OFFERING PRAYER

P: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

C: **Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION – LORD’S PRAYER – COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* vss. 1,2,4 ELW #588
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment giv'n.**
- 2 **There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**
- 4 **'Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING **P:** You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God, majestic and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN *Amazing Grace* vss. 1,2,3 ELW #779
PUBLIC DOMAIN

- 1 **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**
- 2 **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
- 3 **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

DISMISSAL **L:** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie Rogness ASSISTING— MUSICIAN—Annette Thunhorst—Piano/Keyboard
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CALENDAR

Sun/MAR 27	9 AM	WORSHIP-4th Sunday of Lent - In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	5th Grade 1st Communion Class
	10 AM	Sunday School
	7 PM	AA
Wed/MAR 30	6:30 PM	LENTEN WORSHIP w/Communion - In Person & Live-Streamed followed by Coffee & Confirmation/Mentor Sessions
Thu/MAR 31	7 PM	AA
Sun/APR 3	9 AM	WORSHIP-5th Sunday of Lent – In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	5th Grade 1st Communion Class
	11 - 1	KAI Fundraiser at Holden * more information below
	7 PM	AA

CALENDAR

SUN APR 3 - Kenyon Area Internship Annual Fundraiser at Holden Lutheran Church. Free-Will Donations.

Soup Served 11 am to 1:00 pm – Vote for Best Soup – Cake/Pie Auction at 12:30 – & Gift Drawing.

Volunteers Needed: one person to help Candy Herrlich serve soup & several volunteers to help with Set Up, & Clean Up. Volunteers may call Cindy Lewis @ 507-330-1644.

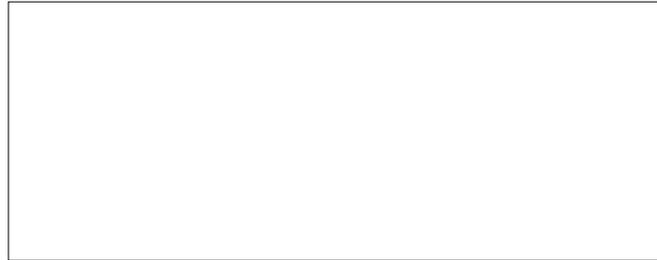
SUN APR 10 - 10 am to Noon – Spring Celebration Brunch sponsored by the FLCW. All are invited.

FLCW REQUEST - If you received a Funeral/ Special Event Mailing – Please Return the Post Card ASAP.

MEALS ON WHEELS - See separate announcement on Pg. 6.

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March 27, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Kenyon Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is available to anyone age 60 and over who are wanting a prepared hot, nutritious meal on a regular basis. Meals are available Sunday through Friday, including holidays. The meals are prepared at Kenyon Senior Living and volunteers deliver them right to your home. Delivery is available to anyone living in Kenyon city limits. The cost per meal is \$7.25. Volunteers provide you with a meal card to use as payment for your meals. Each meal card contains 12 meals, totaling a cost of \$87.00. You pick which days you would like to receive meals and can change it at any time. Meals are typically delivered between 11:15 and 12:15. If you are interested in hearing more about the program, please contact Barb St. John at 507-789-5553.