

came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It 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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Divine Service Setting I-The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 13, 2010
 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 14, 2010
 9:00 am

✠ **The Sacrament of the Altar:** is celebrated today in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As we trust His words and repent of all sin, we proclaim His death until He returns. Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or holds a differing confession is asked first to speak with the Pastor.

✠ Reminders for Those Coming To the Lord's Table....

1. Children (those not yet receiving the Sacrament) are encouraged to approach the Lord's Table with their parent(s), in order to receive a blessing.
2. Women with lipstick are kindly asked to remove it prior to partaking from the common cup.
3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the clear liquid) are prepared for those who have a concern for alcohol consumption.
4. The distribution today will be: **at the Rail**

PRELUDE God So Loved the World Stainer

HYMN Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow **LSB 428**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION **LSB 151**

INTROIT *Ps. 51:2–6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1*

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C **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.**

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

HYMN God Loved the World So That He Gave **LSB 571**

SERMON **Who Are You?** *Isaiah 12:1-6*

APOSTLES' CREED **LSB 159**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each Petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy -OR- **P** Let us pray to the Lord

C Hear our prayer **C** Lord, have mercy

After the final Petition:

P...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OFFERING (5:00) Amazing Grace Men's Ensemble
 (9:00) Amazing Grace Gallery Choir

OFFERTORY **LSB 159-160**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **LSB 160 and following**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive **LSB 609**

Not All the Blood of Beasts **LSB 431**

Chief of Sinners Though I Be **LSB 611**

Glory Be to Jesus **LSB 433**

NUNC DIMITTIS **LSB 165**

CLOSING HYMN Today Your Mercy Calls Us **LSB 915**

POSTLUDE Lift High the Cross

ALL: 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.

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

KYRIE

LSB 152

COLLECT

P 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.

C Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 12:1–6

¹You 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

P [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

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

VERSE

LSB 157

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3a, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. 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