



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Aurora, MN

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Pastor Greg Anderson

PRELUDE

HEARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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HYMN "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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GREETING

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HYMN OF PRAISE Lord God, heavenly king..."

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 SERMON

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The 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.

While 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. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The 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.

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32 (please read responsively)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

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

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

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

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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C: Return to the Lord...

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GOSPEL INTRODUCTION

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C: Glory to you O lord.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 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. A 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. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 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. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But 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! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So 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. 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.' But 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder

son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But 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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But 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.'"

GOSPEL RESPONSE

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C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead" WOV # 737

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 OF INTERCESSION

P: Merciful God, ***C: receive our prayer.***

THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

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

C: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

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SENDING HYMN "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" LBW # 107

DISMISSAL

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POSTLUDE

~Prayer Concerns~

John Nelson, Charlotte and Ken Carlson, Marie Anderson, Louise Ellingson, Glorene Clark, Bill Utley, Tom & Judy Lehtinen

Thank you to those who helped with today's service ~

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist/Piano ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Jill Dickinson

Ushers ~ Honkola Family

Acolyte ~ Ethan Douglas

Contributions

2022 Total budget \$ 84,000

Contributions needed weekly per 2022 budget \$ 1,600.00

Given Sunday March 20, 2022 \$ 1,815.00

~Calendar ~

Tuesday	8:30	Bandage Rolling
Wednesday	****	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	9:30	Quilting
	5:30	Lent Service @ OSLC
Next Sunday	10:30	Worship/HC & Sunday School
		Installation of Pastor Greg Anderson
	11:30	Luncheon

Next Sunday, April 3rd

Pastor Greg Anderson

Organist ~ Diane Boback

Reader ~ Mary Hess

Ushers ~ J Jeffery & M Boback

Acolyte ~ Emily Forrett

~Announcements~

Continuing prayers of strength and healing for John Nelson as he receives 28 days of Radiation treatments, not including Saturday and Sundays. The treatments began on March 9th.

Snow Shoveling List 3/26 – 4/1 Knapper, 4/2 – 4/8 M Boback

Next Sunday, April 3, 2022, the Bishop will be here to officially install Pastor Greg Anderson during worship service at 10:30 a.m. A lunch will be served after the service. This is a very special and happy occasion for Pastor Greg and our congregation. Please plan to attend.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday – April 14th @ 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 17th @ 10:30 a.m.

*Coffee an' prior to worship 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Today, after worship, our Sunday School will be having a Chili Feed and hot dogs for Coffee an'. All proceeds go to the food shelf. Jill Dickinson.

Food Share Month

Please consider helping!!

Northland families, seniors and other individuals continue to suffer from lost jobs and smaller paychecks because of the economic fallout from COVID-19. **BUT YOU CAN HELP FEED YOUR NORTHLAND NEIGHBORS BY GIVING.**

THERE'S ANOTHER WAY YOUR GIFT CAN BE LEVERAGED EVEN FURTHER THIS MONTH. During Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign, if you earmark your monetary gift for our local food shelf it will be eligible for additional matching funds. Our food shelf can stretch your cash donations because of access to discount products and programs.

STRETCH YOUR DONATION



Your \$10



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