



The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025-10:00am

Lakeside Community Lutheran Church

Webster, Wisconsin

Introduction

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

GATHERING

We gather as God's People
** Please Stand if you are able*

PRELUDE **Come Thou Font Of Every Blessing**

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In ☩ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **Come Thou Font of Every Blessing**

ELW 807

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE **Cry of My Heart**

Medium ♩ = 118
CHORUS

It is the cry of my heart to fol - low You.

3 It is the cry of my heart to be close__ to You.

5 It is the cry of my heart to fol - low

7 all of the days__ of my life.____

9 VERSE

1. Teach me Your ho - ly ways, oh Lord. The
2. O - pen my eyes so I can see

11 So I can walk in Your truth.____
won - der - ful things that You do.____

13 Teach me Your ho - ly ways, oh Lord. And make me
O - pen my heart up more and more, And make me

15 whol - ly de - vot - ed to You.____
whol - ly de - vot - ed to You.____

D.C. al Fine

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray,

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.

CHOIR ANTHEM

You are My All In All

Dennis Jernigan

WORD

We hear God's word

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32: I Turn To You

Refrain

I turn to you in time of trou - ble,

and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Verses

1. Happy is he whose sin is forgiven, whose fault is taken away.
Happy is she whom God shall find of an innocent heart,
in whose soul there is no guile.
2. I kept my sin held deep in my soul, and my frame was wasted away.
Night and day was your hand a weight upon my heart:
I was weak, wracked with fever and alone.
3. Then I acknowledged the pain of my sin, and my guilt I covered not.
I said I confess my fault unto you, and you took away the guilt of my sin.
4. O be glad in our God; exult, you just; rejoice, all you upright of 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Let Your Steadfast Love

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

HOLY GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

So he told them this parable: “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.'"

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

SERMON

Pastor Mary Albing

HYMN OF THE DAY

Softly and Tenderly

ELW 608

*APOSTLE'S 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Response

God, in your mercy,



Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

We share Christ's peace with each other.

MEAL

We are fed and nourished by Jesus' body and blood

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Phillip Gerhing

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Create In Me

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us,

opening your heart to the world.

As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,

deepen our commitment to sharing those

treasures with others,

through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places...

...with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom

and teach us to pray.

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.
All are welcome at God's Table

COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG *Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound* *ELW 623*

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION SONG

Joyfully
Go out___ as peo-ple of God.___ Go out___ as
4
peo-ple of hope,___ Go out___ as peo-ple re - newed.___ Your
7
sins are for - giv'n,___ You are made whole, Now walk in the light of

10 *Fine*
God. You are the peo - ple God made___ as His own.____
14
Made in His im - age, no long - er a - lone.____ His seal is on___ us, His
17 *D.C. al Fine*
Spir - it di - vine,___ Called to be peo - ple of God.____

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

We are sent into mission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

Jerusalem My Destiny
Verse 4

Refrain

I have fixed my eyes on your hills, Je - ru - sa - lem, my
 des - ti - ny! Though I can - not see the end for me, I
 can - not turn a - way. We have set our hearts for the
 way; this jour - ney is our des - ti - ny. Let
 no - one walk a - lone. The jour - ney makes us one.

Verses

1. Oth - er spir - its, less - er gods, have court - ed
 2. See, I leave the past be - hind; a new land
 3. In my thirst, you let me drink the wa - ters
 4. All the worlds I have not seen you o - pen
 5. To the tombs I went to mourn the hope I

me with lies. Here a - mong you
 calls to me. Here a - mong you
 of your life. Here a - mong you
 to my view. Here a - mong you
 thought was gone. Here a - mong you

D.C.

I have found a truth which bids me rise.
 now I find a glimpse of what might be.
 I have met the sa - viour, Je - sus Christ.
 I have found a vi - sion, bright and new.
 I a - woke to un - ex - pect - ed dawn.

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BLESSING

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,
 God the reconciling Spirit,
 ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION SONG

May the Lord Bless You

May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
 May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.
 May the Lord bless you, May the Lord keep you,
 May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

In The Cross Of Christ I Glory David Cherwein

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Thank you to today's participants: **Interim Administrative Pastor:** *Mary Albing*, **Music Director** *Pat Barnett*; **Lakeside Lutheran Church Choir; Producer:** *Margy Rogers*; **Counters:** *Cris & Tony Kallas*; **Altar Guild:** *Jill Schroeder*; **Conveners;** *Mick & Ruth Peterson*; **March Shepherds:** *Mick Peterson, Linda & Dave Spidel*,

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marilyn Anderson, Elaine Davis, Clint Erickson, Anne Gelein, Barb Henderson, Hitomi Henderson, Diane Roberts, Faith Snyder, Mark Snyder, Mildred Speidel, Judy Stratton, Barb Umholtz, and Dorothy VanPykeren. Those fighting addictions; people in crisis; deployed military and families; leaders, children, and areas of conflict throughout the world.

Save The Date: There will be a meeting for April shepherding on Sunday, March 23rd after the church service. Our April committee is very small, so any help would be greatly appreciated.. Thanks!

Please save the date: Saturday, May 31st for Let's Reconnect 2025. We had so much fun last year that we are doing it again this year. All are invited to join us....church members and friends and family. There will be more details to come concerning ticket sales and timing. We look forward to a great turnout

We are currently taking flower orders for the Lakesides Easter Flower Garden. Orders are now being taken for our annual flower garden. If you'd like to participate, please complete a form and include a check made out to "**Lakeside**" with the memo "**Easter Flowers**". Forms can be placed in the offering basket or in the office mailbox.

Please note that our Communion Bread is now Gluten free, so those with Celiac disease and gluten sensitivities can also participate.

Beginning April 6th all our church services can be viewed live on our YouTube channel. To access this go to: <https://www.youtube.com/@lakesidecommunitylutheranc4937> at 10am each Sunday and click on the "Live" icon. Don't log in more than 5 minutes early or it may not work without refreshing your screen. Or go to our church website and follow the instructions there. All services will still be archived for later viewing.

If you have announcements for the bulletin or to add anything to the monthly calendar, please contact Jen Hammond at the church office: aandhlclc@gmail.com or 715-635-7791. Please have them submitted by Monday the following week to be included in the next bulletin.

Church Office Hours:

Bookkeeping - Tuesdays - 9 am – 1 pm

This week at Lakeside: *No ADRC all week*

Monday, 3-31	6 pm - Yoga
Tuesday, 4-1	9 am - Mission Quilters 7 pm- AA/Alanon
Wednesday, 4-2	9 am - Yoga 9:30 am - Bible Study 5:00 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday, 4-3	Fellowship at JoMama's 8 am - Men's Breakfast 9 am - Women's Coffee 9:30 am - Community Quilters
Friday, 4-4	No Events Today
Sunday, 4-6	9 am - Sunday School 9:30 am - Choir Practice 10:00 am Worship with Pastor Peter Johnson

